

Executive Action – Veto

HB1066 Principal Author(s): Monson, Angela; Sadler, Al Expands the definition of "licensed mental health professional" to include licensed marital and family therapists as defined in Section 1923.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes.; Effective Date: 11/01/96. 04/29/96 Governor Action - Veto

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE: (04/29/96) This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me, I have VETOED HB1066. This bill diminishes the current safeguards to assure the protection of the public and the mentally ill from potentially inaccurate mental health evaluation by underqualified persons.

HB2239 Principal Author(s): Bell, Jack; Erwin, Randall L. Modifies language relating to fishing and game licenses.; Effective Date: 11/01/96. 04/29/96 Governor Action - Veto

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE: (04/29/96) This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the powers vested in me, I have VETOED HB2239. This bill encourages infringement on personal property rights of citizens. In addition, the provisions of this legislation could result in an adverse effect on certain streams in our state.

HB2360 Principal Author(s): Henry, Brad; Weaver, Robert E.; Directs the Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Tax Commission to conduct a study relating to the regulation and licensing of jet ski and boat operators in the state; requires a report of the findings to be submitted to the Speaker of the House, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor.; Effective Date: 11/01/96. 04/09/96, Governor Action - Veto.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE: (04/09/96) This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me, I have VETOED HB2360 because the provisions of this bill would limit which state agencies would be eligible to be involved in efforts to address a problem that involves several areas of state concern including not only the need for regulatory fees and regulation of water safety, but also potentially environmental concerns and the Oklahoma tourism industry. Limiting participation could result in less than accurate and complete recommendations for resolution of the problem to be addressed.

HB2408 Principal Author(s): Beutler, Randy; Harrison, J. Berry; Modifies language relating to Rural Water, Sewer, Gas, and Solid Waste Management Districts Act.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE: (05/22/96) This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me, I have VETOED HB2408. This exception to the nepotism laws would send a wrong message to the citizens of this state. Every effort is being made to instill confidence in the quality and integrity of government employees. Once one exception is made, although it is probably well intentioned, there would be the inescapable potential for opening the floodgates for other exceptions, equally well intentioned. If not strictly adhered to, our nepotism laws could become meaningless. Creating exceptions to nepotism laws sends the wrong message.

HB2621 (05/07/96) Principal Author(s): Dickerson, Larry; Paulk, William; Enacts the State Employees Fair Labor Relations Act. 05/07/96, Governor Action - Veto. **GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE:** (05/08/96) This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me, I have VETOED HB2621. It has been necessary on more than one occasion for me to Veto provisions of law which grant individual private entities special privileges not available to all private entities. HB2621 grants the right to use state property for non-state purposes by a non-governmental entity. Such requirement violates constitutional restrictions. Currently, there exists private entities that have state employee members and that appear and lobby for state employees. State employees can join or no, and participate or not as they choose. By this action a state employee will not be prevented from participating in these or other types of private organizations.

HB2707 Principal Author(s): Monson, Angela; Roberts, Larry D.; States that prior to Jan. 1, 1997 the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System shall establish rules and procedures enabling any participating employer to also participate in the Oklahoma Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan; restricts multiple deferred compensation plans.; Effective Date: 07/01/96 Emergency. 04/23/96, Governor Action - Veto.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE: (04/23/96) This is to advise you that on this date pursuant to the authority vested in me, I have VETOED HB2707. This bill places an unnecessarily restrictive limit on the ability of local governmental entities to participate in deferred compensation plans. In addition, there is an additional cost to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System which has not been contemplated in the submitted proposed budget placed.

HB2822 Principal Author(s): Hamilton, James E.; Haney, Enoch Kelly; Hobson, Cal; Steidley, Dwayne; Authorizes the Department of Corrections to spend \$1,000,000 of the interest earned from investment of the proceeds of specified bonds for the payment of specified infrastructure repairs.; Emergency. 04/01/96, Governor Action - Line Item Veto.

GOVERNOR'S (LINE ITEM) VETO MESSAGE: (04/01/96) This is to advise you that on this date pursuant to the authority vested in me, I have VETOED one section in HB2822 because the item in this bill appropriating funds for "...addressing additional needs in the Appellate Program..." lacks sufficient details to support the amount stated. The item vetoed is found in Section 14 of the bill.

HB2982 Principal Author(s): Cain, Bernest; Thomas, Tommy Abolishes the Oklahoma Basic Health Benefits Board. Transfers authority of OK Basic Health Benefits Board to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority after July 1, 1996. Provides for membership of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board.; Effective Date: 09/01/96. 04/29/96 Governor Action - Veto **GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE:** (04/29/96) This is to advise you that, pursuant to the powers vested in me, I have VETOED HB2982. This bill fails to address the problem of the violation of Section 1 of Article IV of the Oklahoma Constitution. The current law

provides for a majority of legislative appointment to an executive board which performs administrative duties. This bill does not correct that constitutional infirmity.

SB 876 Principal Author(s): Culver, Bob Ed; Rozell, Herb; Authorizes the Scenic Rivers Commission to acquire additional property for the development and maintenance of scenic river areas. It requires the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to give certain public notice; removing requirement for obsolete Commission rules; modifying Scenic Rivers Commission election procedures and appointments. 05/07/96, Governor Action - Veto.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE: (05/07/96) This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me, I have VETOED SB 876. This bill fails to address the problem of the violation of the Oklahoma Constitution that provides for legislative appointments to an executive board which performs administrative duties. This bill does not correct that constitutional infirmity.

SB 987 Principal Author(s): Adair, Larry; Stipe, Gene; Provides exception for the Department of Transportation pursuant to disclosure of terms of bids. Requires the department to publish all engineering estimates at least 10 days prior to the bid submission closing date. Effective Date: 07/01/96; 05/01/96 Governor Action - Veto.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE: (05/01/96) This is to advise you that, pursuant to the powers vested in me, I have VETOED SB987. The procedure provided for in this bill creates an exception, applicable only to the Department of Transportation, to the safeguards relating to the bidding process in this State. The awarding of multi-million tax dollar contracts by a state agency is a serious responsibility which must be carefully regulated and monitored. It is in the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers of this state to keep in place all procedures which assure an equitable and ethical bidding process.

SB 988 Principal Author(s): Dunegan, James; Stipe, Gene; Requires the Dept. of Transportation to issue permits for multi-state oversize and overweight vehicles. Designates specific routes for vehicles operating under such permits. 05/07/96, Governor Action - Veto.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE: (05/07/96) This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me, I have VETOED SB 988. This bill violates the provisions of the Oklahoma Constitution that delegates authority to regulate certain types of truck permits to a private non-governmental entity. This legislation mandates the Department of Transportation to accept truck weight load limits set by the private entity without regard to concerns about the effect such limits may have on Oklahoma streets, roads, bridges, and highways. Current law authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into regional truck permit agreements when it is practical and feasible for the state.