

# ACOG LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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# LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES – MAY 2023



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# MAJOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



## PUBLIC SAFETY: OKLAHOMA 911 MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

ACOG conditionally **supported** **HB 1590** (Grego, Murdock) which will fund the cutting-edge Next Generation 911 technology for the state and increase the monthly 911 telephone fee from .75 cents to \$1.25 for any device that dials 911.

The original language in **HB 1590** set the Oklahoma 911 Management Authority as the sole expert and provider of 911 telecommunicator training across the state. After many visits with the House author, Rep. Grego, and the Senate author, Sen. Murdock, both legislators and ACOG compromised on amended language in the bill to read in Section 1 B, to read: “The Oklahoma 911 Management Authority shall create, maintain, and certify a list of qualified online and in person training programs that include the basic requirements for a 911 emergency 911 telecommunicator *as well as coordinate and collaborate with local and regional 911 training authorities.*”

**HB 1590 (with amended language from ACOG) was signed by the Governor on May 17.**

## COMPREHENSIVE TAX REFORM

While ACOG, in principle, is in favor of a fair and reasonable taxation policy, our municipal member governments are highly concerned that removal of the state sales tax on groceries will precipitate a political movement to eliminate the municipal sales tax on groceries, as well.

Due to Oklahoma cities being predominately dependent on sales tax revenue for operations and the only state in the U.S. that does not allow municipalities access to ad valorem tax revenues which places our cities at a distinctive economic disadvantage in comparison to municipalities in other states. **Therefore, ACOG is requesting that the Legislature take a comprehensive approach to tax reform and relief by addressing all potential revenue components, including sales and ad valorem tax and income tax structure for the state.**

**As of May 25, no tax cut is included in the proposed budget.**

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS



## RURAL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN (REAP)

### FY24 Recommendation

Increase REAP funding by **\$14 million**, which by statute will distribute equal REAP allocations of **\$4 million** to all 11 Oklahoma Councils of Government (COGs).

**Fiscal Impact:** \$14 million above FY23 allocation of **\$30 million**.

**Proposed FY24 Budget:** REAP program allocated \$30 million – ACOG is still working on this item

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## RURAL FIRE DEFENSE (RFD) + WET HYDRANT PROGRAM (WHP)

### FY 2024 Recommendation

**RFD:** Increase Rural Fire Defense Coordinator Contracts to **\$100,000** per all 11 Oklahoma COGs.

**WHP:** **\$250,000** for the pilot program to purchase distribution hydrants.

### Fiscal Impact

**RFD:** **\$300,000** above current allocation of **\$800,000**.

**WHP:** **\$250,000** to purchase **70-80 hydrants** statewide.

Proposed FY24 Budget: OK Dept. of Agriculture/Forestry receiving funds; however, further clarification is needed to determine where funding will be allocated.

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## SUBSTATE PLANNING DISTRICT PROGRAM

### FY24 Recommendation

Increase Substate planning funding to \$50,000 per each of the 11 Oklahoma COGs and make it a line-item in the State budget through the Department of Commerce.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$402,600 above current allocation of \$147,400.

**Proposed FY24 Budget:** Not included. ACOG is still working on this item.

# DORMANT BILLS

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## FIREARM BILLS

**HB 1001** - Olsen  
**HB 1021** - Olsen  
**HB 1782** - Williams

## OTA BILLS

**HB 2262** - Sterling  
**HB 2264** - Sterling  
**HB 2606** - Humphrey  
**HB 2728** - Menz

## MARIJUANA BILLS

**HB 1014** - Olsen  
**HB 2797** - Stinson

## LOCAL AUTHORITY BILLS

**HB 2191** - K. West  
**HB 2786** - Munson  
**SB 495** - McCortney

## TAX RELIEF BILLS




**HB 1275\*** - McCall  
**HB 1276\*** - McCall  
**HB 1444** - Provenzano  
**HB 2086** - Echols  
**HB 2234** - Lawson  
**HB 2447** - May

## 911 & PUBLIC SAFETY BILLS

**SB 492** - Paxton

## WATER RESOURCES BILLS

**HB 2313** - Hilbert  
**SB 165** - Dahm  
**SB 659** - Murdock

 Support  
 Oppose  
 Monitor  
\*Shell Bill



## AIR QUALITY BILLS

HB 1330 - Strom  
HB 1892 - Cantrell  
HB 2099 - Bennett  
HB 2245\* - Dobrinski

## SAFETY BILLS

HB 1022 - Olsen

## REAP PROGRAM BILLS

HB 2508 - Fugate

## OPEN MEETING ACT BILLS

HB 2399 - Kannady

- Monitor last minute bills and budget requests
- Encourage Board members to reach out to their legislators about REAP, Rural Fire and Substate funding
- Special Session begins June 12 with the purpose of overriding some of the 40 bills that Governor Stitt vetoed during the regular Session. A list of those bills has not been made public.

# QUESTIONS?

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