



ACOG LEGISLATIVE WATCHLIST 2026

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GUIDING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



- **Preserve and Protect Local Government Authority and Autonomy**
- **Protect Our Communities from Unfunded Mandates and Promote User Friendly Regulatory Reform**
- **Maintain and Enhance Funding for Effective Programs and New Projects that Improve the Quality of Life**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY & AUTONOMY



TAXES

HB 1009 - Steagall
SJR 23 - Bullard

911 & PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1907+ - Alonso-Sandoval
HB 2710+ - Ford
SB 1513 - McIntosh

DATA CENTERS

HB 2992 - Boles
HB 3394 - Clinton
HB 3397 - Clinton
HB 3724 - Shaw
HB 4194 - Chapman
SB 1488 - Sacchieri
SB 1619 - Hamilton

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY

HB 2759+ - Caldwell
HB 2972 - Hays
HB 3083 - Kelley
HB 3435 - Wilk
HB 3727 - Shaw
HB 3902 - Hefner
HB 3913 - Dollens
SB 647+ - Frix
SB 1205 - Daniels
SB 1235 - Rader

SB 1252 - Guthrie
SB 1420 - Mann
SB 1478 - Kirt
SB 1519 - McIntosh
SB 1775 - Pearson
SB 1917 - Bullard
SB 1960 - Guthrie
SB 2155 - Thompson

-  Support
-  Oppose
-  Monitor
- +** Carry Over
- *** Shell Bill



CITIES & TOWNS

HB 3424* - Caldwell

HB 3474* - Strom

HB 3504* - Duel

HB 3894* - Cantrell

HB 3868* - Gann

HB 4187* - Hasenbeck

HB 4446* - Rader

ZONING

SB 2106 - Brooks

SB 2136 - Brooks

SB 2194 - Pugh

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REGULATORY REFORM & UNFUNDED MANDATES



RURAL FIRE

- HB 2989 - Dobrinski
- HB 3083 - Kelley
- HB 3406 - Patzkowsky
- SB 1550 - Paxton

BIOSOLIDS & SOLID WASTE

- HB 3402 - Patzkowsky
- HB 3403 - Patzkowsky
- HB 4413 - Blancett
- SB 1471 - Boren
- SB 1818 - Jett
- SB 1799 - Wingard
- SB 2141 - Grellner

OTHER REGULATORY REFORM

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| HB 3208 - Humphrey | HB 4060 - Alonso-Sandoval |
| HB 3498 - Wilk | HB 4316 - Kendrix |
| HB 3690 - Provenzano | SB 2130 - Murdock |
| HB 3727 - Shaw | SB 708+ - Hines |
| HB 3883 - Cantrell | SB 2046 - Standridge |
| HB 3406 - Patzkowsky | SB 2130 - Murdock |

ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION

- HB 3723 - Shaw
- HB 3060 - Alonso-Sandoval

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MAINTAIN & ENHANCE PROGRAM FUNDING



RURAL FIRE

- HB 1078⁺ - Smith
- HB 1098⁺ - Hardin
- HB 1631⁺ - Sneed
- SB 432⁺ - Frix
- SB 708⁺ - Hines

PUBLIC SAFETY

- HB 2993 - Hardin
- HB 3555 - Eaves
- SB 1513 - McIntosh

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- HB 4286 - Fugate
- SB 1393 - Kirt
- SB 1444 - Kirt
- SB 1471 - Kirt
- SB 1573 - Frix
- SB 1592 - Rosino
- SB 1834 - Reinhardt
- SB 1858 - Frix

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MAINTAIN & ENHANCE PROGRAM FUNDING



TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & FUNDING

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| HB 3882 - Cantrell | SB 1309 - Jech |
| HB 4280 - Miller | SB 1349 - Woods |
| HB 4281 - Miller | SB 1358 - Nice |
| HB 4283 - Miller | SB 1579 - Paxton |

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

- HB 3149 - Menz
- HB 3971 - Menz
- SB 1635 - Jett
- SB 1860 - Standridge
- SB 1954 - Standridge
- SB 1957 - Standridge

WATER RESOURCES

- HB 2976 - Gise
- HB 3191* - Archer
- HB 3475* - Boles
- HB 4011* - Caldwell
- HB 4230 - Kennedy
- SB 92+ - Bullard
- SB 1314 - Jech
- SB 1333 - Hall
- SB 1346 - Woods
- SB 1509 - Jech
- SB 1513 - McIntosh
- SB 1573 - Frix
- SB 1918 - Burns
- SB 1928 - Sacchieri

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APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS 2026

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APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS



RURAL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN (REAP)

REAP provides grants to small communities, towns, counties, and other organizations serving populations under 7,000 that have little or no funding capabilities.

There are currently 538 municipalities in Oklahoma under 7,000 in population (90% of all Oklahoma municipalities).

REAP grants can be used to fund capital improvements for infrastructure and public facilities, road and street construction and equipment for health and public safety.

In FY 2026 the REAP allocation was \$33 million, funded over 460 projects across the state and was also used to leverage almost \$50 million in funding for Community & Economic Development projects in rural communities.

FY 2027 Recommendation: Increase REAP funding by **\$6 million**, which by statute will distribute equal REAP allocations of **\$3.55 million to all 11 Oklahoma Councils of Government (COGs)**. **Fiscal Impact:** **\$6 million** above the current allocation of \$33 million.



RURAL FIRE DEFENSE PROGRAM

The Rural Fire Defense (RFD) Program supports and equips rural fire departments in protecting lives and property of rural Oklahomans. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) contracts through Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC) for the COGs to employ RFD Coordinators who annually certify approximately 875 fire departments across Oklahoma for state operational funding and assist rural fire departments with training, grant writing, inventory and equipment support.

State funding for the RFD program in FY 2026 per COG was \$100,000, which made a huge impact to the program.

FY 2027 Recommendation: Increase the current **\$100,000 to \$125,000 per all 11 Oklahoma COGs** and make it a line item in the State budget through the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry.

Fiscal Impact: An increase of \$275,000 for a total allocation of \$1,375,000.



SUBSTATE PLANNING DISTRICT PROGRAM

The Substate Planning District Program allows Oklahoma's 11 designated Substate Planning Districts (COGs) to provide planning and technical assistance to local governments. Oklahoma COGs are the primary resource for many local governments to apply for federal and state grants, coordinate efforts to develop capacity to attract business investments and job creation and make the delivery of governmental services more effective.

Substate funding has declined from \$50,000 to its current level of \$27,272.72 for FY 2026. Maintaining adequate Substate funding is necessary for COGs to continue to provide essential intergovernmental services to local governments in their Districts.

FY 2026 Recommendation: Increase Substate planning funding to **\$50,000 per all 11 Oklahoma COGs** and make it a line-item in the State budget through the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

Fiscal Impact: **\$250,000** above current allocation of \$300,000.



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