

ACOG LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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- **February 2, 2026 – Second Regular Session of the 60th Oklahoma Legislature Begins**
- **February 19, 2026 – Deadline for HBs out of Policy Committees & Appropriations Subcommittees**
- **March 6, 2026 – Deadline for House Bills (HBs) out of Oversight, Admin Rules, Appropriations & Rules Committee**
- **March 26, 2026 – Deadline for Third Reading & Final Passage of Bills from Chamber of Origin**
- **April 9, 2026 – Deadline for Senate Bills (SBs) out of Policy Committees & Appropriation Committees**
- **April 23, 2026 – Deadline for SBs out of Oversight, Admin Rules, Appropriations & Rules Committees**
- **May 7, 2026 – Deadline for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills from Opposite Chamber**
- **May 29, 2026 – Sine Die Adjournment**

- 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**

ACTIVE LEGISLATIVE WATCHLIST



TAXES

- HB 3319 - Eaves
- HB 4178 - Staires
- HB 4304 - Worthen
- SB 1390 - Jech

911 & PUBLIC SAFETY

- HB 1907⁺ - Alonso-Sandoval
- HB 2710⁺ - Ford

DATA CENTERS

- HB 2992 - Boles
- HB 3724 - Shaw
- SB 1488 - Sacchieri
- SB 1619 - Hamilton

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| HB 3435 - Wilk | SB 1775 - Pearson |
| SB 1205 - Daniels | SB 1917 - Bullard |
| SB 1235 - Rader | SB 1960 - Guthrie |
| SB 1252 - Guthrie | SB 2060 - Haste |
| SB 1420 - Mann | SB 2155 - Thompson |
| SB 1288 - Gillespie | |
| SB 1478 - Kirt | |
| SB 1519 - McIntosh | |
| SB 1552 - Kirt | |

- 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 647+ - Frix
- SB 2106 - Brooks
- SB 2136 - Brooks

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RURAL FIRE

- HB 3404 - Grego
- HB 3406 - Patzkowsky
- SB 1550 - Paxton

BIOSOLIDS & SOLID WASTE

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

OTHER REGULATORY REFORM

- HB 3883 - Cantrell
- HB 4060 - Alonso-Sandoval
- HB 4303 - Blair
- HB 4316 - Kendrix
- SB 2130 - Murdock
- SB 2046 - Standridge

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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

RURAL FIRE

- SB 432⁺ - Frix

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & FUNDING

- HB 3882 - Cantrell
- HB 4280 - Miller
- HB 4281 - Miller
- SB 1309 - Jech
- SB 1349 - Woods
- SB 1358 - Nice

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

- SB 1635 - Jett
- SB 1860 - Standridge
- SB 1954 - Standridge
- SB 1957 - Standridge

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- Oppose
- Monitor
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WATER RESOURCES

- HB 2976 - Gise
- 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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-  Oppose
-  Monitor
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DORMANT LEGISLATION



TAXES

HB 1009 - Steagall

SJR 23 - Bullard

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY

HB 2759⁺ - Caldwell

HB 2972 - Hays

HB 3727 - Shaw

HB 3902 - Hefner

HB 3913 - Dollens

DATA CENTERS



HB 3392 - Clinton

HB 3394 - Clinton

HB 3397 - Clinton

HB 3917 - Dollens

HB 4194 - Chapman

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

RURAL FIRE

HB 2989 - Dobrinski

HB 3083 - Kelley

BIOSOLIDS & OTHER SUBSTANCES

HB 3402 - Patzkowsky

HB 4413 - Blancett

ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION

HB 3723 - Shaw

HB 3060 - Alonso-Sandoval

OTHER REGULATORY REFORM

HB 3208 - Humphrey

HB 3690 - Provenzano

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

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 4286 - Fugate

PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 2993 - Hardin

HB 3555 - Eaves

RURAL FIRE

HB 1078⁺ - Smith

HB 1098⁺ - Hardin

HB 1631⁺ - Sneed

SB 708⁺ - Hines

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & FUNDING

HB 4283 - Miller

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

HB 3149 - Menz

HB 3971 - Menz

WATER RESOURCES

HB 3191* - Archer

HB 3475* - Boles

HB 4011* - Caldwell

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- Monitor
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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.



QUESTIONS?

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