

ACOG LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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April 2026



- 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 4304 - Worthen

SB 1390 - Jech

911 & PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1907⁺ - Alonso-Sandoval

HB 2710⁺ - Ford

DATA CENTERS

HB 2992 - Boles

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY


SB 1775 - Pearson

SB 2060 - Haste - signed by Governor

SB 2155 - Thompson

ZONING

SB 647⁺ - Frix

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

RURAL FIRE

HB 3406 - Patzkowsky

BIOSOLIDS & SOLID WASTE


HB 3403 - Patzkowsky

OTHER REGULATORY REFORM

HB 4303 - Blair - signed by Governor

HB 4316 - Kendrix

SB 2130 - Murdock

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

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & FUNDING



HB 3882 - Cantrell

SB 1309 - Jech

WATER RESOURCES

SB 1346 - Woods

SB 1509 - Jech

-  Support
-  Oppose
-  Monitor
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-  Shell Bill

DORMANT LEGISLATION



TAXES

- HB 3319 - Eaves
- HB 4178 - Staires
- HB 1009 - Steagall
- SJR 23 - Bullard

DATA CENTERS

- HB 3392 - Clinton
- HB 3394 - Clinton
- HB 3397 - Clinton
- HB 3724 - Shaw
- HB 3917 - Dollens
- HB 4194 - Chapman
- SB 1488 - Sacchieri
- SB 1619 - Hamilton

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| HB 2759 ⁺ - Caldwell | SB 1252 - Guthrie |
| HB 2972 - Hays | SB 1420 - Mann |
| HB 3435 - Wilk | SB 1288 - Gillespie |
| HB 3727 - Shaw | SB 1478 - Kirt |
| HB 3902 - Hefner | SB 1519 - McIntosh |
| HB 3913 - Dollens | SB 1552 - Kirt |
| SB 1205 - Daniels | SB 1917 - Bullard |
| SB 1235 - Rader | SB 1960 - Guthrie |

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CITIES & TOWNS

- HB 3424* - Caldwell
- HB 3474* - Strom
- HB 3504* - Duel
- HB 3894* - Cantrell
- HB 3868* - Gann
- HB 4187* - Hasenbeck
- HB 4446* - Rader

RURAL FIRE

- HB 2989 - Dobrinski
- HB 3083 - Kelley
- HB 3404 - Grego
- SB 1550 - Paxton

BIOSOLIDS & OTHER SUBSTANCES

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

OTHER REGULATORY REFORM

- HB 3208 - Humphrey
- HB 3690 - Provenzano
- HB 3883 - Cantrell
- HB 4060 - Alonso-Sandoval
- SB 2046 - Standridge

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ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION

HB 3723 - Shaw

HB 3060 - Alonso-Sandoval

ZONING

SB 2106 - Brooks

SB 2136 - Brooks

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

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

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

HB 3149 - Menz

SB 1860 - Standridge

HB 3971 - Menz

SB 1954 - Standridge

SB 1635 - Jett

SB 1957 - Standridge

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & FUNDING

HB 4283 - Miller

HB 4280 - Miller

HB 4281 - Miller

SB 1349 - Woods

SB 1358 - Nice

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- Oppose
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PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 2993 - Hardin

HB 3555 - Eaves

RURAL FIRE

HB 1078⁺ - Smith

HB 1098⁺ - Hardin

HB 1631⁺ - Sneed

SB 432⁺ - Frix

SB 708⁺ - Hines

WATER RESOURCES

HB 3191* - Archer

HB 3475* - Boles

HB 4011* - Caldwell

HB 2976 - Gise

HB 4230 - Kennedy

SB 92⁺ - Bullard

SB 1314 - Jech

SB 1333 - Hall

SB 1513 - McIntosh

SB 1573 - Frix

SB 1918 - Burns

SB 1928 - Murdock

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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)**. **FY 27 Allocation:** Stayed at \$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.

FY Allocation: Stayed at \$100,000 per COG.

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.

FY 27 Allocation: Awaiting information.



QUESTIONS?

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