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No. HB 2608

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., April 26, 2023

TIME SIGNED: 2:09 pm

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTY-NINTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2608:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2608.

Oklahoma law already requires sex offenders to register with the Department of Corrections and several local law enforcement authorities having jurisdiction in the area where the person resides or intends to reside, including the municipal police department and county sheriff, as well the police or security department of an institution of higher learning at which sex offenders are enrolled.

While the intent behind Enrolled House Bill 2608—that Indian sex offenders who register with a federally recognized Indian nation or tribe in Oklahoma *must* also register with all other local law enforcement authority enumerated in 57 O.S. § 583—is well meaning, the actual effect and assuredly unintended consequences are significant. The plain, amendatory language would have all sex offenders—Indian and non-Indian alike—additionally register, in person, with tribal law enforcement if the person resides or intends to reside or stay within “the jurisdictional boundaries of the federally recognized Indian nation or tribe[.]” The problems are at least two-fold. First, Oklahoma citizens should not be required to register with and/or effectively submit to the jurisdiction of law enforcement that has no jurisdiction over them. Second, given the continued uncertainty and disagreements associated with what is meant by “jurisdictional boundaries of the federally recognized Indian nation or tribe,” the amendatory language would create additional confusion and likely cause more unnecessary disagreements.

To be clear, I stand ready to engage in good faith discussions about any real need for additional sex offender registration requirements. Enrolled House Bill 2608 simply goes too far and creates ambiguities.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2608

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Delivered to HOUSE: *Sumner*
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HOUSE:
By *Cecilia A. Hatcher*
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No. HB 2819

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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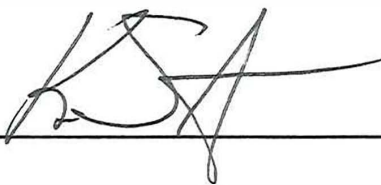
ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2819:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2819.

Enrolled House Bill 2819 would extend the sunset date for an advisory council for which the Office has historically had significant difficulty securing nominations for prospective council members. When at all prudent, I aim to decrease government by, in part, sunsetting boards, commissions, and councils that are no longer necessary or duplicative. The areas addressed by the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education are adequately addressed by the State Department of Education, which will continue its effort to promote educational opportunities and improvement of the quality of education for all Oklahoma students. The sunsetting of this council is an appropriate opportunity to shrink government.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2819.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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By Celene H. Houchens
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No. HB 2661

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., April 26, 2023

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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2661:


Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2661.


Two sessions ago, legislation was enacted that temporarily increased accumulation limits for annual leave and allowed state employees to carry over certain unused annual leave due to the Covid-19 pandemic until the end of fiscal year 2022. Enrolled House Bill 2661 would extend this benefit through the end of fiscal year 2024, more than three years after the Covid-19 state of emergency was lifted. Continuing to permit the carry-over of pandemic related leave would negatively impact taxpayers and create a continuing fiscal burden on state agencies.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2661.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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No. HB 2863

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

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TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2863:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2863.

Enrolled House Bill 2863 would create the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority ("the Authority") to provide for an effective and efficient administration of the Oklahoma State University's College of Veterinary Medicine's educational programs and to ensure a dependable source of funding.

As a champion of government efficiency, I wholeheartedly support the effective and efficient administration of government and quasigovernment programs. However, among the many powers and duties the bill gives to the Authority is the power to make and issue bonds up to \$50,000,000.00. Even for a good cause, I cannot allow the taxpaying public to foot the Authority's bill, especially where there is little to no oversight, as is the case here.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2863.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Delivered to HOUSE: James Curry
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By Christie H. Hausher
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No. HB 2820

THE GOVERNOR
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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2820:

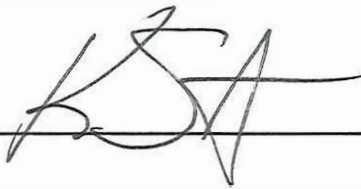
Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2820.

Enrolled House Bill 2820 would re-create the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority ("OETA") to continue until July 1, 2026 pursuant to the state's sunset law.

The OETA oversees the provision of educational television systems and services provided by and through various educational and cultural agencies. Although the OETA may have played a principal role in the provision of educational television services at one time, today the OETA's long-term, strategic value is at best unclear, if not outright imagined.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2820.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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