



OFFICE OF

No. HB 2743

**THE GOVERNOR**  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 13 2020

TIME SIGNED: 2:30 pm

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTY SEVENTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2743:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have vetoed House Bill 2743.

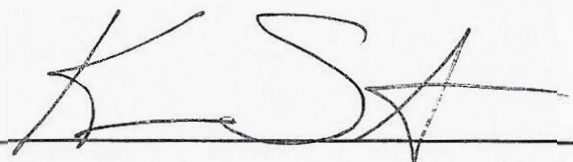
House Bill 2743 would pull \$180,000,000 away from the Rebuilding Oklahoma Access and Driver Safety (ROADS) Fund. This has the potential to cause significant delays in many of the critical infrastructure projects supported by the ROADS Fund, thereby jeopardizing the progress made by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Eight Year Plan.

As Governor, my goal is for Oklahoma to become a Top Ten State. This includes becoming Top Ten in infrastructure, specifically in roads and bridges. House Bill 2743 would force ODOT to unnecessarily take on additional debt through the use of bonds. Because of the State's dedication to the ODOT plan, we are now up to 13th in bridges and improving our roads.

I understand and agree with the use of bonds in limited circumstances. In fact, I previously supported the use of bonds to expedite ODOT projects. However, I cannot support the use of bonds to plug budget holes.

For the aforementioned reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2743.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



By Emily A. Giles  
Date/Time 5/13/20 2:53 pm

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5/13/2020 2:50 pm



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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
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