

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 HOUSE BILL 1150

                                  By: Grego

7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   An Act relating to environment and natural resources;  
9                   amending 27A O.S. 2011, Section 3-3-114, which  
10                  relates to conservation cost-share program; expanding  
11                  definition; and providing an effective date.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14           SECTION 1.        AMENDATORY        27A O.S. 2011, Section 3-3-114, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           Section 3-3-114. A. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is  
17 hereby authorized to establish and administer a conservation cost-  
18 share program as funds become available. The conservation cost-  
19 share program shall provide monies to eligible persons for the  
20 purpose of implementing conservation or best management practices on  
21 such eligible land as described in conservation management plans  
22 according to rules promulgated by the Commission.

23           B. The Commission shall promulgate rules governing the cost-  
24 share program.

1 C. To implement the program, the Commission shall require  
2 conservation districts to enter into contracts for ~~approved~~ eligible  
3 projects on eligible land detailing the eligible person's  
4 responsibilities.

5 D. For purposes of the conservation cost-share program:

6 1. "Eligible person" means any individual, partnership,  
7 corporation, legally recognized Indian tribe, estate, or trust who  
8 as an owner, lessee, tenant, or operator participates in the care  
9 and/or management of land within a conservation district;

10 2. "Eligible land" means:

- 11 a. privately owned land within the state,
- 12 b. land owned by the state or a political subdivision of  
13 the state,
- 14 c. land owned by corporations which are partly owned by  
15 the United States,
- 16 d. land temporarily owned by the United States or a  
17 corporation wholly owned by it, which were not  
18 acquired or reserved for conservation purposes,  
19 including lands administered by the Farm Service  
20 Agency, the U.S. Department of Defense, or by any  
21 other government agency,
- 22 e. any cropland farmed by private persons which is owned  
23 by the United States or a corporation wholly owned by  
24 it, and

1 f. noncropland owned by the United States on which  
2 practices are performed by private persons where such  
3 practices directly conserve or benefit nearby or  
4 adjoining privately owned lands of the persons  
5 performing the practices and such persons maintain and  
6 use such federally owned noncropland under agreement  
7 with the federal agency having jurisdiction thereof;  
8 and

9 3. "Eligible projects" means conservation practices determined  
10 to be needed by a conservation district to:

- 11 a. improve or protect water quality, ~~or~~  
12 b. reduce soil erosion, ~~or~~  
13 c. accomplish both the objectives described in  
14 subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph, or  
15 d. reduce feral swine population by use of electronic hog  
16 traps.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
20 dated 02/11/2019 - DO PASS.  
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