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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024) FLOOR SUBSTITUTE 3 FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1510 4 By: Hall and Boren of the Senate 5 and 6 Archer of the House 7 8 9 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE 10 An Act relating to state government; amending Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5, Chapter 231, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023, Sections 12002, 12003, 12004 and 11 12005), which relate to the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022; modifying definitions; 12 modifying procedures with respect to funds managed by 1.3 state governmental entities; providing for authority of Treasurer to make certain determinations; 14 requiring notice procedures; requiring termination of contracts under certain conditions; prescribing conditions pursuant to which contract termination 15 required; prescribing procedures for divestment; 16 providing certain exceptions; prescribing reporting requirements with respect to timing of divestment; 17 authorizing cessation of divestment process; prescribing procedures for state government entities 18 with respect to cessation of divestment actions; prescribing standards for evaluation of certain 19 financial companies; modifying reporting requirements; providing for reports to be submitted 20 to certain public officials; and declaring an emergency. 2.1 22 23

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

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SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 231, O.S.L. 2 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 12002), is amended to read as

Section 12002. A. As used in the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022:

follows:

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- 1. "Boycott energy targeted company" means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company:
 - a. engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of <u>timber</u>, <u>mining</u>, <u>agriculture</u>, or fossil-fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law, or
 - b. does business with a company described by subparagraph a of this paragraph;
- 2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations, that exists to make a profit;
 - 3. "Treasurer" means the State Treasurer or their designee;

4. "Direct holdings" means, with respect to a financial company, all securities of that financial company held directly by a state governmental entity in an account or fund in which a state governmental entity owns all shares or interests "Divestment from certain funds" or "divest from certain funds" means removing all public money from any investments in funds that are held, managed, or advised by a listed financial company;

- 5. "Financial company" means a publicly traded company that is engaged in financial services, or banking, or that is an investment company;
- 6. "Indirect holdings" means, with respect to a financial company, all securities of that financial company held in an account or fund, such as a mutual fund, managed by one or more persons not employed by a state governmental entity, in which the state governmental entity owns shares or interests together with other investors not subject to the provisions of this act. The term does not include money invested under a plan described by Section 401(k) or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- 7. 6. "Listed financial company" means a company that is a financial company and is listed by the Treasurer; and
- 8. 7. "State governmental entity" means all any state retirement systems system;
- 8. "Materially negative financial impact" means a materially negative financial impact on the state governmental entity,

including with respect to investment risk or returns. For goods or

services related to investments, any increased fees or costs less

than five-hundredths of one percent (0.05%) per year of the net

asset value of the applicable state retirement system shall not

constitute a materially negative financial impact. A state

governmental entity's administrative costs shall not be included in

any estimation of costs;

9. "Ordinary business purpose" means a purpose directly related to financial return or financial risk mitigation. It does not include any purpose to further environmental, social, political, or ideological interests. A company may reasonably be determined to have taken an action with a purpose to further environmental,

social, political, or ideological interests based upon evidence indicating such a purpose, including, but not limited to:

- a. prospectuses, statements, explanations, reports,

 communications with portfolio companies, shareholder

 votes by the company, or commitments, or
- b. participation in, affiliation with, or status as a signatory to, any coalition, initiative, joint statement of principles, or agreement, to act or to endeavor to act in furtherance of environmental, social, political, or ideological interests; and
- 10. "Public money" means all proceeds, assets, and income in the custody or under the management, administration, or control of

the State of Oklahoma or any state board, agency, commission, or instrumentality, or of a person acting on behalf of the state or any state board, agency, commission, or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, money held in trust or invested for a person other than the state and money held or invested by tax-qualified pension plans established pursuant to Section 401 et seq. of Title 26 of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

- With respect to actions taken in compliance with the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022, including all good-faith determinations regarding financial companies as required by this act, a state governmental entity and the Treasurer are exempt from any conflicting statutory or common law obligations including any obligations with respect to making investments, divesting divestment from any investment, certain funds, terminating any contracts with financial companies, preparing or maintaining any list of financial companies, or choosing asset managers, investment funds, or investments for the state governmental entity's securities portfolios.
- In a cause of action based on an action, inaction, decision, divestment, investment, financial company communication, report, or other determination made or taken in connection with the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022, the state shall indemnify and hold harmless for actual damages, court costs, and attorney fees adjudged against, and defend:

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- 1. An employee, a member of the governing body, or any other officer of a state governmental entity;
 - 2. A contractor of a state governmental entity;
- 3. A former employee, a former member of the governing body, or any other former officer of a state governmental entity who was an employee, member of the governing body, or other officer when the act or omission on which the damages are based occurred;
- 4. A former contractor of a state governmental entity who was a contractor when the act or omission on which the damages are based occurred; and
 - 5. A state governmental entity.

D. 1. A person, including a member, retiree, or beneficiary of a retirement system to which the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022 applies, an association, a research firm, a financial company, or any other person shall not sue or pursue a private cause of action against the state, a state governmental entity, a current or former employee, a member of the governing body, or any other officer of a state governmental entity, or a contractor of a state governmental entity, for any claim or cause of action, including breach of fiduciary duty, or for violation of any constitutional, statutory, or regulatory requirement in connection with any action, inaction, decision, divestment, investment, financial company communication, report, or other determination made or taken in connection with this act.

2. A person who files suit against the state, a state governmental entity, an employee, a member of the governing body, or any other officer of a state governmental entity, or a contractor of a state governmental entity, is liable for paying the costs and attorney fees of a person sued in violation of this section.

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- 3. A state governmental entity shall not be subject to any requirement of this act if the state governmental entity determines, and the Treasurer agrees, that clear and convincing evidence shows that such requirement would be lead to a materially negative financial impact inconsistent with its fiduciary responsibility with respect to the investment of entity assets or other duties imposed by law relating to the investment of entity assets.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 231, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 12003), is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 12003. A. 1. The Treasurer shall prepare and maintain and provide to each state governmental entity a list of financial companies that boycott energy targeted companies. In maintaining the list, the Treasurer may:
 - in a. review and rely, as appropriate in the Treasurer's judgment, on publicly available information regarding financial companies including information provided by the state, nonprofit organizations, research firms,

international organizations, and governmental
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- b. request written verification from a financial company that it does not boycott energy targeted companies and rely, as appropriate in the Treasurer's judgment and without conducting further investigation, research, or inquiry, on a financial company's written response to the request.
- 2. A financial company that fails to provide to the Treasurer a written verification under subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of this subsection before the sixty-first day after receiving the request from the Treasurer is may be, as appropriate in the Treasurer's judgment, presumed to be boycotting energy targeted companies.
- 3. The Treasurer shall update the list annually or more often as the Treasurer considers necessary, but not more often than quarterly, based on information from, among other sources, those listed in subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of this subsection.
- 4. Not later than the thirtieth day after the date the list of financial companies that boycott energy targeted companies is first provided or updated, the Treasurer shall file the list with the presiding officer of each house of the Legislature and the Attorney General and post the list on a publicly available Internet website.
- 5. The Treasurer may retain third-party consultants to assist in the implementation of the provisions of this act.

B. Not later than the thirtieth day after the date a state governmental entity receives the list provided under paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, the state governmental entity shall notify the Treasurer of any contract the state governmental entity has with any of the listed financial companies in which the state governmental entity owns direct holdings or indirect holdings, and of any funds in which the state governmental entity is invested that are held, managed, or advised by a listed financial company.

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- C. 1. For each listed financial company identified under paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, the state governmental entity shall send a written notice:
 - a. informing the financial company of its status as a listed financial company,
 - b. warning the financial company that it may become subject to <u>contractual termination and</u> divestment <u>from</u> <u>certain funds</u> by state governmental entities after the expiration of the period described by paragraph 2 of this subsection, and
 - c. offering the financial company the opportunity to clarify its activities related to companies described by paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section Section 12002 of this title.
- 2. Not later than the ninetieth day after the date the financial company receives notice under paragraph 1 of this

subsection, the financial company shall cease boycotting energy targeted companies to avoid qualifying for contractual termination and divestment from certain funds by state governmental entities.

- 3. If, during the time provided by paragraph 2 of this subsection, the financial company ceases boycotting energy targeted companies, and notifies the Treasurer in writing of the cessation, the Treasurer shall, as appropriate in the Treasurer's judgment, remove the financial company from the list maintained under paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, and this subsection will no longer apply to the financial company unless it resumes boycotting energy targeted companies. The Treasurer also shall notify any state governmental entities who provided notice pursuant to subsection B of this section of the financial company's removal from the list.
- 4. If, after the time provided by paragraph 2 of this subsection expires, the financial company continues to boycott energy companies, the state governmental entity has not received confirmation from the Treasurer that the financial company has been removed from the list, the state governmental entity shall sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of the financial company, except securities described by subsection E of this section, terminate any contract with the listed financial company and divest from certain funds according to the schedule provided under subsection D of this section.

D. 1. A state governmental entity required to sell, redeem,

divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of a listed

financial company terminate any contract with a listed financial

company or divest from certain funds shall comply with the following schedule:

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- divestment from certain funds shall be removed from the state governmental entity's assets under management occur not later than the one-hundred-eightieth day after the date the financial company receives notice pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section unless the state governmental entity determines, based on a good-faith exercise of its fiduciary discretion and subject to subparagraph b of this subsection, that a later date is more prudent, and
- b. one hundred percent (100%) of those assets shall be removed from the state governmental entity's assets under management divestment from certain funds shall occur, and any contract with a listed financial company shall be terminated not later than the three-hundred-sixtieth day after the date the financial company receives notice pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section.

2. If a financial company that ceased boycotting energy targeted companies after receiving notice pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section resumes its boycott, the state governmental entity shall notify the Treasurer and shall send a written notice to the financial company informing it that the state governmental entity will sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of the financial company terminate any contract with the listed financial company and divest from certain funds according to the schedule in paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section.

- 3. Except as provided by paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section, a A state governmental entity may delay the schedule for contractual termination and divestment from certain funds under that this subsection only to the extent that the state governmental entity determines, in the state governmental entity's good-faith judgment, and consistent with the entity's fiduciary duty, that the contractual termination or divestment from listed financial companies will likely result in a loss in value or a benchmark deviation described by paragraph 1 of subsection F of this section certain funds would result in the selection of a replacement financial company that would have a materially negative financial impact.
- 4. If a state governmental entity delays the schedule for contractual termination or divestment from certain funds, the state

governmental entity shall submit a report to the Treasurer, the presiding officer of each house of the Legislature, and the Attorney General stating the reasons and justification for the delay in contractual termination or divestment from certain funds by the state governmental entity from listed financial companies. report shall include documentation supporting its determination that the divestment would result in a loss in value or a benchmark deviation described by paragraph 1 of subsection F of this section including objective numerical estimates contractual termination or divestment from certain funds would result in the selection of a replacement financial company that would have a materially negative financial impact. The state governmental entity shall update the report every six (6) months until the divestment from certain funds has been completed, and provide the report every six (6) months to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall evaluate any reports provided under this paragraph within a reasonable time and provide a copy of the report and the Treasurer's evaluation to the presiding officer of each house of the Legislature and the Attorney General.

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E. A state governmental entity is not required to divest from any indirect holdings in actively or passively managed investment funds or private equity funds. The state governmental entity shall submit letters to the managers of each investment fund containing listed financial companies requesting that they remove those financial companies from the fund or create a similar actively or

passively managed fund with indirect holdings devoid of listed financial companies. If a manager creates a similar fund with substantially the same management fees and same level of investment risk and anticipated return, the state governmental entity may replace all applicable investments with investments in the similar fund in a time frame consistent with prudent fiduciary standards but not later than the four-hundred-fiftieth day after the date the fund is created.

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- F. 1. A state governmental entity may cease terminating any contracts with and divesting from certain funds of one or more listed financial companies only if clear and convincing evidence shows that:
 - a. the state governmental entity has suffered or will

 suffer a loss in the value of assets under management

 by the state governmental entity as a result of having

 to divest from listed financial companies under this

 subsection, or
 - b. an individual portfolio that uses a benchmark-aware
 strategy would be subject to an aggregate expected
 deviation from its benchmark as a result of having to
 divest from listed financial companies under this
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the requirements of subsection D of this section would require the selection of a company that would have a materially negative

financial impact, provided that the state governmental entity complies with the following requirements:

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- a. documents its determination, along with evidence

 supporting its determination, including a description

 of the services of at least three alternative

 companies consulted that includes a comparison of

 those alternatives and a description of whether those

 alternatives boycott targeted companies,
- b. includes such documentation and evidence in its minutes or other publicly available medium,
- c. publicly posts a permanent notice seeking a company
 that would not boycott targeted companies, and
- d. limits the contract duration to no more than a year
 and re-evaluates its determination at least annually
 pursuant to requirements a through c of this
 paragraph.
- 2. A state governmental entity may cease terminating any contracts with a listed financial company and divesting from certain funds held, managed, or advised by a listed financial company as provided by this section only to the extent necessary to ensure that the state governmental entity does not suffer a loss in value or deviate from its benchmark as described by paragraph 1 of this subsection avoid the selection of a company that would have a materially negative impact.

3. Before a state governmental entity may cease terminating any contracts with a listed financial company and divesting from certain funds of a listed financial company under this section, the state governmental entity shall provide a written report to the Treasurer, the presiding officer of each house of the Legislature, and the Attorney General setting forth the reason and justification, supported by clear and convincing evidence, for deciding to cease divestment from certain funds or to remain invested in a listed financial company. The Treasurer shall evaluate the report within a reasonable time and provide a copy of the report and the Treasurer's evaluation to the presiding officer of each house of the Legislature and the Attorney General. The state governmental entity shall update the report required by this subsection semiannually, as applicable.

- 4. This section does not apply to reinvestment in a financial company that is no longer a listed financial company If a financial company was once a listed financial company but is no longer a listed financial company, it shall not be considered a listed financial company for the purposes of this section.
- G. Except as provided in subsection F of this section, a state governmental entity shall not acquire securities of a listed financial company.

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SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 231, O.S.L.

2 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 12004), is amended to read as

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4 Section 12004. A. Not later than January 1 of each year, each
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state governmental entity shall file a publicly available report
with the Treasurer, the presiding officer of each house of the
Legislature, and the Attorney General that:

- 1. Identifies securities sold, redeemed, divested, or withdrawn any contracts terminated and any divestment from certain funds made in compliance with subsection D of Section 3 12003 of this act title; and
- 2. Identifies prohibited contracts or investments under subsection \mp E of Section $\frac{3}{2}$ 12003 of this $\frac{1}{2}$ and
- 3. Summarizes any changes made under subsection E of Section 3

 of this act title.

The Treasurer shall evaluate any reports provided under this section within a reasonable time and provide a copy of the report and the Treasurer's evaluation to the presiding officer of each house of the Legislature and the Attorney General.

- B. The Attorney General may bring any action necessary to enforce the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022.
- 22 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 231, O.S.L.
- 23 | 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 12005), is amended to read as

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Section 12005. A. As used in this section only of the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022, "governmental entity" means a state agency or political subdivision of this state.

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- B. 1. Except for paragraph 4 of this subsection, this section applies only to a contract that:
 - a. is between a governmental entity and a company with ten or more full-time employees, and
 - b. will pay a company One Hundred Thousand Dollars

 (\$100,000.00) or more over the term of the contract

 that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds

 of the governmental entity; provided, however, the

 provisions of this paragraph shall apply separately to

 all companies in a multiple party contract.
- 2. Except as provided by paragraph 4 of this subsection, a governmental entity shall not enter into, renew or amend a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:
 - a. does not boycott energy targeted companies, and
 - b. will not boycott energy targeted companies during the term of the contract, including any extensions of the contract.
- 3. Except as provided by paragraph 4 of this subsection, a governmental entity shall not enter into, renew, amend, or remain a

party to a contract for goods or services with a listed financial company under Section $\frac{3}{2}$ 12003 of this $\frac{3}{2}$ title.

- 4. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this subsection shall not apply to:
 - a. a governmental entity that determines the requirements of paragraphs 2 or 3 of this subsection are inconsistent with the governmental entity's constitutional or statutory duties related to the issuance, incurrence, or management of debt obligations or the deposit, custody, management, borrowing, or investment of funds, and
 - b. a contract for which a governmental body entity

 determines that clear and convincing evidence shows

 under those paragraphs the supplies or services to be

 provided are not otherwise reasonably available from a

 company that is not a listed financial company under

 Section 3 12003 of this act title.

Any governmental entity making such a determination under subparagraph a or b of this paragraph must comply with the requirements for state governmental entities under paragraph 1 of subsection E of Section 12003 of this title.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

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declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
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