

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1728 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Anthony Moore

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1728

By: Moore

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to invasive salt cedars; creating the Salt Cedar Eradication Act; defining terms; creating certain program; directing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to oversee and implement the program along with cooperation from certain state agencies; authorizing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to utilize certain funds; stating purpose of program; listing certain duties; authorizing the promulgation of rules and procedures; requiring certain annual report; creating the Salt Cedar Eradication Revolving Fund; providing for content of fund; providing for deposits and expenditures; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-8-201 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Salt Cedar Eradication Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-8-202 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this act:

1. "Eligible Landowners" means private, tribal, and public landowners in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin;

2. "Eradication" means the removal or substantial reduction of salt cedar populations to a level where they no longer pose a significant threat; and

3. "Salt Cedar" means all species within the genus Tamarix identified as invasive or noxious in Oklahoma.

B. There is hereby created a program to control and eradicate invasive salt cedar species in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin and is to be administered by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission in collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. To accomplish the goals listed in this section, the Commission is authorized to use the funds available in the Salt Cedar Eradication Program Revolving Fund established in Section 3 of this act. The purpose of the program is to manage and eradicate invasive salt cedar species in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin, to enhance water resources, restore native ecosystems, and protect agricultural productivity.

1 C. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission, in collaboration with  
2 the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the  
3 Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall establish and oversee the Salt  
4 Cedar Eradication Program which shall include:

5 1. Conducting surveys to identify and map salt cedar  
6 infestations in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin;

7 2. Developing and implementing science-based eradication  
8 strategies, including mechanical removal, chemical treatments, and  
9 biological controls;

10 3. Providing technical and financial assistance to eligible  
11 landowners; and

12 4. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of eradication  
13 efforts.

14 D. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall establish  
15 guidelines for participation, including cost-sharing arrangements  
16 and reimbursement opportunities.

17 E. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is authorized to  
18 promulgate any rules and procedures to effectuate the provisions of  
19 this act.

20 F. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall submit an annual  
21 report to the Governor, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
22 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State  
23 Senate, and to the chairs of the appropriation chairs of the  
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1 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate  
2 outlining the following:

- 3 1. Progress of eradication efforts;
- 4 2. Expenditures and funding needs; and
- 5 3. Recommendations for continued salt cedar management.

6 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-8-203 of Title 27A, unless  
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
10 for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be designated the "Salt  
11 Cedar Eradication Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing  
12 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of  
13 all monies received by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food,  
14 and Forestry from appropriations, federal grants or funds, municipal  
15 contributions, private contributions, and any other sources,  
16 including interest earned from the income in the fund, that are  
17 designated for deposit to such fund or designated for duties  
18 associated with removal and eradication of salt cedars in Oklahoma  
19 counties within the Upper Red River Basin. All monies accruing to  
20 the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted  
21 and expended by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to perform the  
22 duties imposed on the Department by law. Expenditures from said  
23 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
24 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the

1 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
2 payment.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

4 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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