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HJR 1129

No. _____

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., June 8, 2012

TIME SIGNED: 4:02 PM

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

ENROLLED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1129:

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 Joint Resolution 1129.

House Joint Resolution 1129 disapproves Oklahoma Department of Agriculture rules that I previously approved on March 30, 2012. These rules: create a \$50 fee for inspection of new pens holding farmed deer; require herd owners to report deaths of farmed deer within 48 hours; and clarify the Department's authority to adjust, suspend, or revoke a herd status if poor quality samples are routinely submitted from a farm. HJR 1129 disapproves these provisions, thereby preventing the rules from taking effect.

Currently, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture inspects deer pen additions for free. There are several expenses, including fuel cost and travel time for inspectors, incurred by the Department to provide this service. This fee allows the Department to offset some of these expenses.

These rules also address the Department's authority to monitor farmed deer by requiring deaths of farmed deer to be quickly reported and allowing the Department to adjust a herd's status if poor samples are routinely provided. Oversight of this area prevents the spread of disease and protects the farmed cervidae industry as well as Oklahoma's native deer population.

I stand by my previous decision to approve these rules because they are good public policy and beneficial to our business community and the citizens of Oklahoma.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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By Collette H. Hawes

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