



OFFICE OF

No. HB 1701

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 17, 2013

TIME SIGNED: 10:36 AM

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIRST SESSION OF THE
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 1701:

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 1701.

The State of Oklahoma currently has hundreds of agencies, boards, and commissions. One of my focuses since taking office has been to streamline government, reduce the number of entities, and to create a more efficient and accountable state government.

House Bill 1701 would continue the existence of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advisory Council. The Council is charged with reviewing the state's rules and policies related to the operation and funding of domestic violence and sexual assault programs in this state.

Currently, the Office of the Attorney General already has a unit tasked with the mission of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advisory Council. This unit will continue to perform its role without any additional legislation and without adding statutory provisions to our already lengthy legal code. Therefore, House Bill 1701 is duplicative and is not consistent with my commitment to reducing the size and cost of state government.

It should be noted that this veto in no way diminishes the seriousness of the threat represented by domestic violence and sexual assault. My administration is committed to reducing these crimes and protecting Oklahomans from violence. These problems are and can continue to be addressed, however, without the creation of new and duplicative advisory councils.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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