



OFFICE OF

No. HB 1985

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

April 16, 2013

TIME SIGNED: 4:21pm

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. 1985:

This 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 1985.

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.

While the impact on Oklahoma ports due to the reopening of the Panama Canal is an important issue worthy of review, this issue can be addressed by establishing the Oklahoma Port Task Force through executive order, rather than passing legislation and adding statutory provisions to our already lengthy legal code. Creation of this task force through an executive order will ensure the task force is productive, fully serves its purpose, and has a final end date.

This legislation also inadvertently creates an additional financial burden to state agencies by requiring them to provide mileage reimbursements to task force members.

House Bill 1985 is not consistent with my commitment to reducing the size and cost of state government.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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By Collette A. Hauck
Date/Time 4/16/13 5:58pm

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