



OFFICE OF

No. SB 907

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., May 13, 20 13

TIME SIGNED: 4:41 pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
FIRST SESSION OF THE
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 907:

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 Senate Bill 907. Senate Bill 907 would create the Joint Legislative Committee on Accountability; this Committee would be comprised of both House of Representatives and Senate appointees selected by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, respectively. Senate Bill 907 would permit the Committee to undertake a review of executive branch entities and then request a performance audit of any executive entity with the State Auditor and Inspector.

While I agree that it is important to consistently gauge the performance of state agencies and to maintain an additional layer of oversight over those agencies, this mechanism is *currently* available to the Legislature through several avenues including a gubernatorial audit request; the Joint Committee on Accountability, a legislative body which can request executive agency audits pursuant to 62 O.S. § 45.8; the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget and Program Oversight, a legislative body which can request executive agency audits pursuant to 62 O.S. § 45.9; the Legislative Services Bureau, a legislative body which can request executive agency audits pursuant to 74 O.S. § 452.4; and special audits which can currently be requested by the Speaker of the House and/or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate pursuant to 74 O.S. § 213.

Senate Bill 907 creates a duplication of efforts because the Legislature currently has the ability to request executive agency audits through numerous avenues. This legislation is not consistent with my commitment to create a more streamlined and efficient state government.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Date/Time 5-13-13 5:29 pm

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