



OFFICE OF

No. SB 1046

**THE GOVERNOR**  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 21, 2020  
TIME SIGNED: 4:37 pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTY SEVENTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1046:

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 1046.

I appreciate the willingness of the legislature to craft a proposal to fund SoonerCare 2.0. When I announced SoonerCare 2.0, unemployment rates were at 3.2%. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty within energy markets and commodity prices, unemployment rates are predicted to be as high as 14%. This will not only increase the number of individuals currently enrolled in Medicaid, but will also increase the number of potential enrollees in the expanded population.

Furthermore, Senate Bill 1046 does not fully fund SoonerCare 2.0 in year one, and it does not consider funding for year two.

We must work together to design a healthcare system that is both affordable and sustainable, and that addresses the unique needs of Oklahoma while improving health outcomes.

For the aforementioned reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1046.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

*[Signature]*

By *Becky Welch*

Date/Time *May 21, 2020 4:42pm*

Delivered to the Senate: *5/21/2020 4:40pm*

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE

*A. Canton @ 5:04 pm*