

HOUSE JOURNAL

Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Legislature

of the State of Oklahoma

Fifty-sixth Legislative Day, Tuesday, May 12, 2026

The House was called to order by Speaker Hilbert.

The roll was called with 32 Members present.

The following Members were excused: Adams, Blancett, Caldwell (Trey), Chapman, Clinton, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Deck, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Dollens, Eaves, Ford, Gann, George, Gise, Grego, Hall, Hardin, Harris, Hasenbeck, Hildebrant, Hill, Jenkins, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lowe, Luttrell, Marti, May, Maynard, Miller, Moore, Munson, Newton, Norwood, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Provenzano, Roberts, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Shaw, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stewart, Stinson, Strom, Tedford, Timmons, Travis, Waldron, West (Kevin), West (Rick), Wilk, Wolfley, Woolley, Worthen.—67.

Vacancy: District 92, District 99.—2.

The House convened for the purpose of opening the Clerk's desk.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Ronnie Wilson, House Chaplain.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Advising of his approval of **HBs 1185, 1687, 2137, 2153, 2166, 2749, 2959, 2961, 2979, 3413 and 3431** on May 11, 2026.

Advising of his veto of **HB 1752** on May 11, 2026. The veto message reads as follows:

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. **1752**:

By: Harris of the House and Jech of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **1752**.

This bill would carve out a special exemption for the Attorney General and the District Attorneys Council from the central purchasing process for motor vehicles. My administration has already made clear, through law and executive action, that state agencies should be intentional, disciplined, and transparent in how they purchase and maintain vehicles. Creating an exception for selected offices invites exactly the kind of fragmented fleet management and unchecked purchasing that the State has worked to correct.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **1752**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Advising of his approval of **HBs 3298, 3462, 3467, 3498, 3501, 3581, 3644, 3649, 3650, 3661, 3673, 3718, 3764, 3767, 3781, 3800, 3831, 3834, 3941, 3970, 3979, 3980, 3981, 3986, 4095, 4104, 4113, 4142, 4143, 4237, 4268, 4275, 4298, 4302, 4322, 4338, 4359, 4427 and 4428** on May 12, 2026.

Advising of his approval of **HB 3000** on May 12, 2026.

I have signed enrolled House Bill No. **3000** and have caused the same to be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State.

For years I have criticized Oklahoma's bloated bureaucracy and called for consolidation of the hundreds of state boards, commissions, and advisory councils. I have consistently vetoed bills that extend unnecessary boards without meaningful reform, including HB 1030 last session, which would have extended the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

House Bill **3000** is different. It extends the Board while establishing a framework to consolidate license processing within Service Oklahoma, free up staff to strengthen facility inspections, reduce unnecessary barriers to license reinstatement, and eliminate the Advisory Board on Massage Therapy.

I applaud Representative Kendrix and Senator Bergstrom for carrying a bill that does more than rubber-stamp another sunset extension. House Bill **3000** is a step toward a leaner, more accountable state government.

Advising of his approval of **HB 3369** on May 12, 2026.

Today I signed House Bill **3369**, a commonsense correction for Oklahoma's food truck operators. Last year, I vetoed House Bill 2459 in part because it imposed costly, unnecessary fire suppression mandates on small businesses. The Legislature overrode that veto, but time has proven those concerns right. House Bill **3369** fixes part of that mistake by allowing alternative fire-extinguishing systems and easing inspection requirements. This is a win for small businesses, common sense, and the Oklahomans working hard to earn a living.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 11, of the Oklahoma Constitution, Enrolled **HBs 3265** and **4408** have become law without the Governor's signature and have been filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State on May 12, 2026.

Advising of his veto of **HB 3443** on May 12, 2026. The veto message reads as follows:

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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. **3443**:

By: Wilk of the House and Frix of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3443**.

This bill would raise fifteen (15) different permit fees collected by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation ("ODOT"). Over the course of my administration, I have consistently opposed raising fees on consumers and businesses to raise revenue. These fee increases inevitably become back-door tax increases on consumers and businesses.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3443**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Advising of his veto of **HB 3500** on May 12, 2026. The veto message reads as follows:

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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. **3500**:

By: Duel of the House and Howard of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3500**.

Under current law, Oklahoma has a clear brightline rule: a beneficiary must file the required paperwork within nine months of the property owner's death, or the property returns to the estate. **HB 3500** replaces that certainty with a probate-driven process that depends on creditor deadlines, beneficiary notices, possible publication, and additional waiting periods, which will cloud title and invite litigation over who owns the property.

Oklahoma is already one of only two states that require beneficiaries to formally accept a transfer-on-death deed. If we are going to reform this area of law, we should move toward the 30-state majority that does not require acceptance at all, not create a more complicated process. Transfer-on-death deeds are supposed to keep families out of probate, not create more disputes, costs, and uncertainty.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3500**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Advising of his veto of **HB 3660** on May 12, 2026. The veto message reads as follows:

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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. **3660**:

By: Dempsey of the House and Murdoch of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3660**.

This bill would legalize natural organic reduction, sometimes referred to as “human composting.” This bill raises questions about moral and human dignity that go beyond ordinary burial practices. Reducing human remains into soil for reuse crosses a line that many Oklahomans believe should be approached with far greater caution.

The way a society treats the dead reflects how it understands the dignity of human life. In my view, this legislation moves too far toward treating the human body as material to be repurposed, rather than remains to be reverently laid to rest. Human beings are made in God’s image, and our laws should reflect that dignity even in death.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3660**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Advising of his veto of **HB 3972** on May 12, 2026. The veto message reads as follows:

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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. **3972**:

By: Caldwell (Trey) of the House and Kern of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3972**.

House Bill **3972** would require the State to pay a county for lost revenue after the State's purchase of a major asset.

If the Legislature creates a rule that the purchase of state property must account for local tax consequences, it will make the State less flexible and make it harder to make prudent decisions about public assets. The State should not be pigeonholed into not purchasing property it needs simply because a local tax base may change.

It could also create expectations that the State must compensate counties whenever a state purchase affects local revenues, even when the acquisition serves a broader statewide purpose.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3972**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Advising of his veto of **HB 4294** on May 12, 2026. The veto message reads as follows:

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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. **4294**:

By: Pae of the House and Stanley of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **4294**.

This measure would require private health insurers to provide coverage for individuals diagnosed with a particular condition and pay for costly medical devices. I am concerned that this type of top-down unfunded mandate interferes with the free market and shifts the cost onto all policyholders, making it harder to keep health insurance affordable for Oklahoma families.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **4294**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Advising of his veto of **HB 4326** on May 12, 2026. The veto message reads as follows:

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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. **4326**:

By: Moore of the House and Seifried of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **4326**.

Oklahoma's Promise was created with a simple mission: students from lower-income households who work hard and meet certain requirements should have the opportunity to earn a college education tuition-free. Over time, however, the program has been expanded again and again to carve out special eligibility categories for favored groups. This bill continues that trend by expanding eligibility contrary to the program's original intent.

If every profession with an important public service role receives its own carveout, the next requests will understandably come from countless others who also sacrifice for our state. Oklahoma taxpayers deserve a program with one clear and consistent income-based standard — not a growing checkered-board statute where eligibility depends on which group secured a special exception at the Capitol.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **4326**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Advising of his veto of **HB 4484** on May 12, 2026. The veto message reads as follows:

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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. **4484**:

By: Townley of the House and Rader of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **4484**.

House Bill **4484** bill authorizes Oklahoma Corporation Commission employees to utilize state-owned vehicles for travel between their residence and field locations. This measure expands the use of state resources beyond what is necessary to accomplish the agency's mission.

State government must remain a careful steward of taxpayer dollars. Oklahoma already provides a mechanism for reimbursing state employees who use their personal vehicles for official state business.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **4484**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Speaker Hilbert moved that the House stand adjourned to reconvene at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026, which was the order.

Pursuant to the motion of Speaker Hilbert, the House was adjourned at 1:35 p.m., to reconvene Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.