

1                                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3   1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1009

By: Nelson, Ownbey, Sherrer,  
Rousselot and Peterson

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10                   A Resolution directing the Disabilities Issues  
11                   Citizens Advisory Panel to develop recommendations  
12                   for the Department of Human Services to request  
13                   amendments to Community and Homeward Bound waivers;  
14                   and directing distribution.

15                   WHEREAS, each year thousands of Oklahomans with intellectual  
16                   disabilities and their families receive services and support through  
17                   the Department of Human Services allowing them to lead safer,  
18                   healthier, more independent and productive lives; and

19                   WHEREAS, like all people, individuals with developmental and/or  
20                   intellectual disabilities and their families have the same hopes,  
21                   dreams and desires of a life well-lived; and

22                   WHEREAS, in 2012 the 53rd Oklahoma Legislature created four  
23                   Department of Human Services Citizens Advisory Panels to evaluate  
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1 Department programs and administration and develop recommendations  
2 to improve the Department programs and administration; and

3 WHEREAS, the Disability Issues Citizens Advisory Panel evaluates  
4 Department programs that assist Oklahomans with intellectual  
5 disabilities and their families by providing advice, information and  
6 analysis to the Department; and

7 WHEREAS, self-directed services are grounded in the principles  
8 of person-centered planning, which focuses on building a life plan  
9 around an individual's preferences, strengths and abilities and  
10 involving families, friends and professionals in both the planning  
11 and delivery of services as desired by the individual.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
13 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Disabilities Issues Citizens Advisory Panel work with  
15 individuals and families of Oklahomans with intellectual  
16 disabilities to develop recommendations for the Department of Human  
17 Services to request amendments to the Community and Homeward Bound  
18 waivers to allow for self-direction.

19 THAT the Disabilities Issues Citizens Advisory Panel complete  
20 their duties and report their recommendations to the Governor, the  
21 Oklahoma Legislature and the Director of the Department of Human  
22 Services no later than May 15, 2015.

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1            THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Director of the  
2 Department of Human Services and members of the Disabilities Issues  
3 Citizens Advisory Panel.

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5 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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