

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 28, 2024

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1252

5 By: Burns and Bullard of the
6 Senate

7 and

8 Humphrey of the House

9 **[state parks - Hugo Lake Park - Oklahoma Tourism and
10 Recreation Department - fiscal operations - tort
11 claims - succession - promulgation of rules -
12 codification - effective date]**

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2229.1C of Title 74, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. By January 1, 2025, all properties held in fee title, lease
19 or otherwise, including interests in land, real estate options, or
20 real estate contracts designated for Hugo Lake Park are hereby
21 transferred to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

22 B. Appropriate conveyances and other documents shall be
23 executed by January 1, 2025, to effectuate the transfer of Hugo Lake
24 Park.

1 C. The Department shall establish appropriate funds and
2 accounts, including a revolving fund in the Office of Management and
3 Enterprise Services, for servicing the fiscal operations of the
4 park. Such funds and accounts shall be subject to the direct
5 supervision, management, and control of the Department.

6 D. The Department shall not be responsible for any claims
7 arising under The Governmental Tort Claims Act accrued prior to
8 January 1, 2025, claims arising from any other actions accrued prior
9 to January 1, 2025, or tort claims arising prior to January 1, 2025,
10 for which no claim has accrued upon the date of transfer. The
11 Department shall not be responsible for any claims arising out of
12 construction begun before January 1, 2025, at Hugo Lake Park.

13 E. 1. The Department shall succeed to any contractual rights
14 and responsibilities of the previous operators of Hugo Lake Park,
15 including but not limited to:

16 a. any responsibilities for payment of rents or other
17 obligations, and

18 b. any responsibilities related to contractual agreements
19 with nonprofit organizations.

20 2. The Department may enter into one or more contracts for
21 management services of the state park. The duties and benefits
22 arising under any contract for management services of any part of
23 the previous operators that is in effect on January 1, 2025, shall
24 be assigned to the Department. The contract may be renewable at the

1 option of the Department but not to exceed a cumulative period of
2 fifty (50) years.

3 F. The Department shall promulgate the rules necessary for the
4 transfer of property from Hugo Lake Park to the Oklahoma state park
5 system.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
8 February 28, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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