

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 33

By: Fields of the Senate

and

Murdock of the House

6 A Concurrent Resolution calling on the United States
7 government to reform or revise rules applicable to
8 crop insurance to remove requirements or incentives
9 for irrigators to continue to apply water to crops
past the point of certain failure for that season due
to drought or other conditions; and directing
distribution.

12 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Water for 2060 Advisory Council studied
13 practical solutions for increasing water use efficiency in the crop
14 irrigation sector, the largest water use sector in Oklahoma; and

15 WHEREAS, crop irrigators from the state provided input to the
16 Water for 2060 Advisory Council indicating that current crop
17 insurance rules often encourage or require unnecessary and wasteful
18 application of water to crops well past the point of certain failure
19 in order to "prove out" the irrigator's attempt to raise a crop in
20 drought or other conditions to qualify for an insurance payment; and

21 WHEREAS, as a result of this input from crop irrigators of the
22 state, the Water for 2060 Advisory Council identified crop insurance
23 reform as one way of reducing waste and increasing water use
24 efficiency in support of the state's Water for 2060 goals; and

1 WHEREAS, crop insurance is governed at the federal level and
2 Oklahoma's legislature and agricultural industry have no direct
3 control over the desired modifications to crop insurance rules to
4 end the need for wasting water to prove out attempts at failed
5 crops. Notwithstanding the lack of direct control, Oklahoma is
6 determined to be a leader at the federal level in calling attention
7 to the issue and advocating for crop insurance reform.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
9 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 CONCURRING THEREIN:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma State House of
12 Representatives hereby urge the Legislative and Executive Branches
13 of the United States Government to reform and revise crop insurance
14 rules to remove requirements or incentives to irrigate crops beyond
15 the point of certain failure in order to "prove out" the attempt to
16 raise a crop in order to make an insurance claim.

17 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
18 Congressional Delegation and to the United States Secretary of
19 Agriculture.

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1 Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of March, 2016.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2016.

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10 of Representatives