

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1001

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution relating to expenditure of federal
9 funds; making findings; and expressing legislative
10 intent.

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12 WHEREAS, Congress passed three tranches of Elementary and
13 Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds for schools in the
14 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) as well
15 as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) totaling Two Billion Three
16 Hundred Nineteen Million Five Hundred Seventy One Thousand Seven
17 Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$2,319,571,799.00); and

18 WHEREAS, Oklahoma passed and signed into law Enrolled House Bill
19 No. 2932 stating unless expressly authorized by the Legislature, no
20 agency, board, commission, department, council, instrumentality, or
21 other entity organized within the executive branch of state
22 government shall utilize the federal funds from the Coronavirus Aid,
23 Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) in a manner that will or
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1 likely will lead to increased demand for state-appropriated funds or
2 any other state funds; and

3 WHEREAS, Oklahoma schools received each of their ESSER
4 allocations outside of the recurring state and federal
5 appropriations process.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 OF THE 2ND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

8 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives strongly encourages
9 local school districts to exercise extreme caution before expending
10 one-time ESSER funds on any recurring expense.

11 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives affirms its
12 commitment to HB 2932 in not approving projects that will incur
13 recurring expenses on future legislatures with funding received from
14 the ARPA as well as the CARES Act.

15 THAT school districts, agency, boards, commissions, departments,
16 councils, instrumentalities, or other entities organized within the
17 executive branch of state government should look to Enrolled House
18 Bill No. 2932 as a guiding principle for one-time funds received
19 from ARPA as well as the CARES Act.

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