

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 31

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the Opportunity
8 Grant program; requesting the United States Congress
9 to enact certain proposals; and directing
10 distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives Committee on
12 the Budget released a report entitled "Expanding Opportunity in
13 America" in June 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, the report proposed the use of Opportunity Grants to
15 streamline government functions and reconfigure the delivery of
16 public assistance in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, the proposal would permit states to consolidate various
18 forms of public assistance into a single payment to recipients,
19 providing flexibility to recipients and social service providers;
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21 WHEREAS, the proposal would permit states to use state-based
22 best practices to reform their social services networks; and
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1 WHEREAS, the proposal recommends policies to reduce complexity
2 in the social safety net and increase economic opportunity for
3 Americans receiving public assistance; and

4 WHEREAS, the proposal would encourage innovation in the delivery
5 of social services by state governments.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
7 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports federal policies
10 that increase state-level oversight of public assistance programs.

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the United States
12 Congress to deliberate and approve the Opportunity Grant proposal.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the United
14 States House of Representatives Committee on the Budget.

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