

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1428.

The Department of Health already employs an individual whose position is funded by federal dollars to address the needs of the Alzheimer's community. This bill would create a duplicative, unfunded position in the Department. The goal of this position is better met by the non-profit community.

As medical needs continue to change, it is unreasonable to expect that a new, taxpayer funded position is created to solely focus on each one. The Department should focus on the health of the people of Oklahoma as a whole.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1428.