DEQ 2015 LEGISLATION UPDATE

Environmental Federation of Oklahoma

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High-Profile Issues

Enacted Bills

Bills of Interest Not Enacted

Notable Interim Study Requests

HIGH-PROFILE ISSUES

Budget
70%
45
25%
30%
45%

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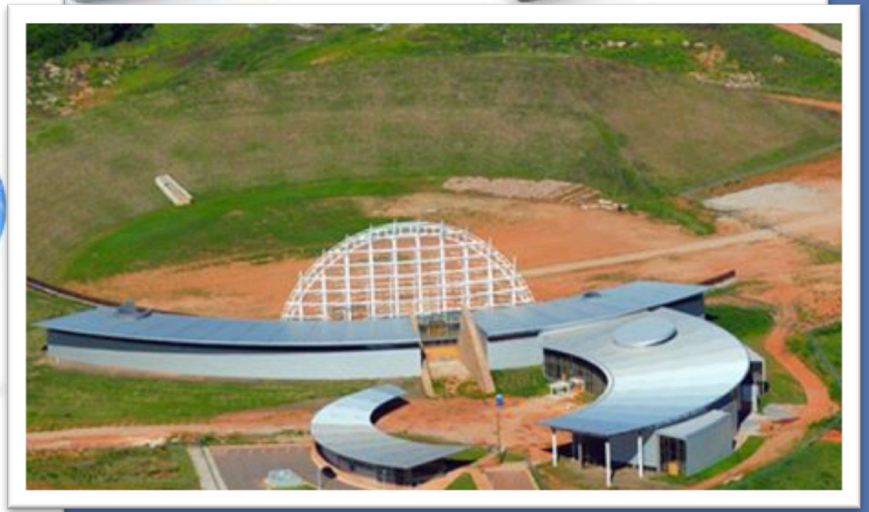
MATHEMATICS
PHYSICS



ENACTED BILLS

DEQ Request Bills

HB 1450 (eff. 11/01/15)

- DEQ Chief Engineer can sign Tier I and Tier II permits

SB 208 (eff. 8/20/15)

- Reduce state fee for injection of drinking water treatment residuals

Other Environmental Bills

HB 1826 (eff. 5/06/15)

- A DEQ permit is not required for use of splash pad water for irrigation purposes if local government has enforceable controls in place

SB 482 (eff. 4/28/15)

- Temporary staging of hazardous waste awaiting analysis is not deemed disposal

SB 658 (eff. 4/20/15)

- Department of Labor designated as primary regulator of asbestos abatement

Energy-Related Bills

SB 808 (eff. 8/20/15)

- Additional restrictions and requirements on wind energy facilities

SB 809 (eff. 8/20/15)

- Limit local control of oil & gas operations

Government Operations Measures

HB 2242 (eff. 07/01/15)

- General appropriations

SB 189 (eff. 07/01/15)

- "Performance-informed" state budgeting

Governor's Declaration Regarding Agency Rules (6/08/15)

- All pending DEQ rules approved, along with most rules of most agencies

BILLS OF INTEREST NOT ENACTED

Environmental Trust Revolving Fund (DEQ request bill)

Clean Air Act 111 plans subject to approval of Attorney General (vetoed, replaced with Executive Order)

Disapprove proposed DEQ rules on laboratory accreditation and sampling ports on landfill gas monitors

Eastern Red Cedar Registry Office in DEQ

Oppose EPA/Corps of Engineers “Waters of the United States” rule

Legislature can amend administrative rules

Legislators can formally ask agencies for their legal authority (vetoed)

State agencies must affirmatively publicize the amount and nature of federal funds they receive (vetoed)

Website posting of all agencies' MOAs (vetoed)

State agency fee moratorium until 2018

Five-year state agency hiring freeze

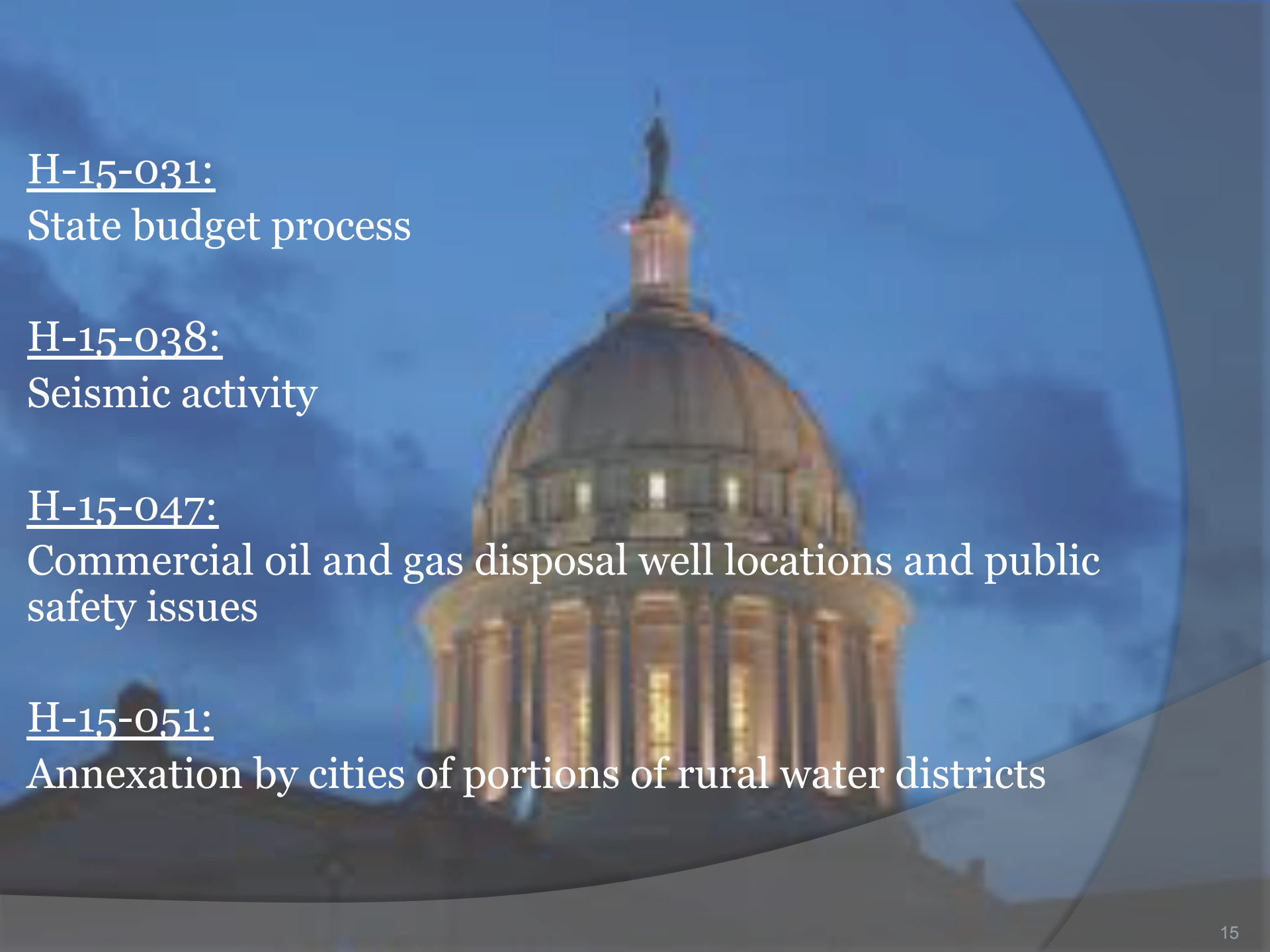
NOTABLE INTERIM STUDY REQUESTS

H-15-005/H 15-021:
Drought conditions and ways to potentially redistribute water from eastern to western Oklahoma

H-15-007:
The administrative rules process

H-15-025:
Regulatory reform – the impact on businesses of specific regulations from multiple and overlapping jurisdictions

H-15-027:
State costs to comply with federal regulations (ODOT, DEQ, HCA, DHS)

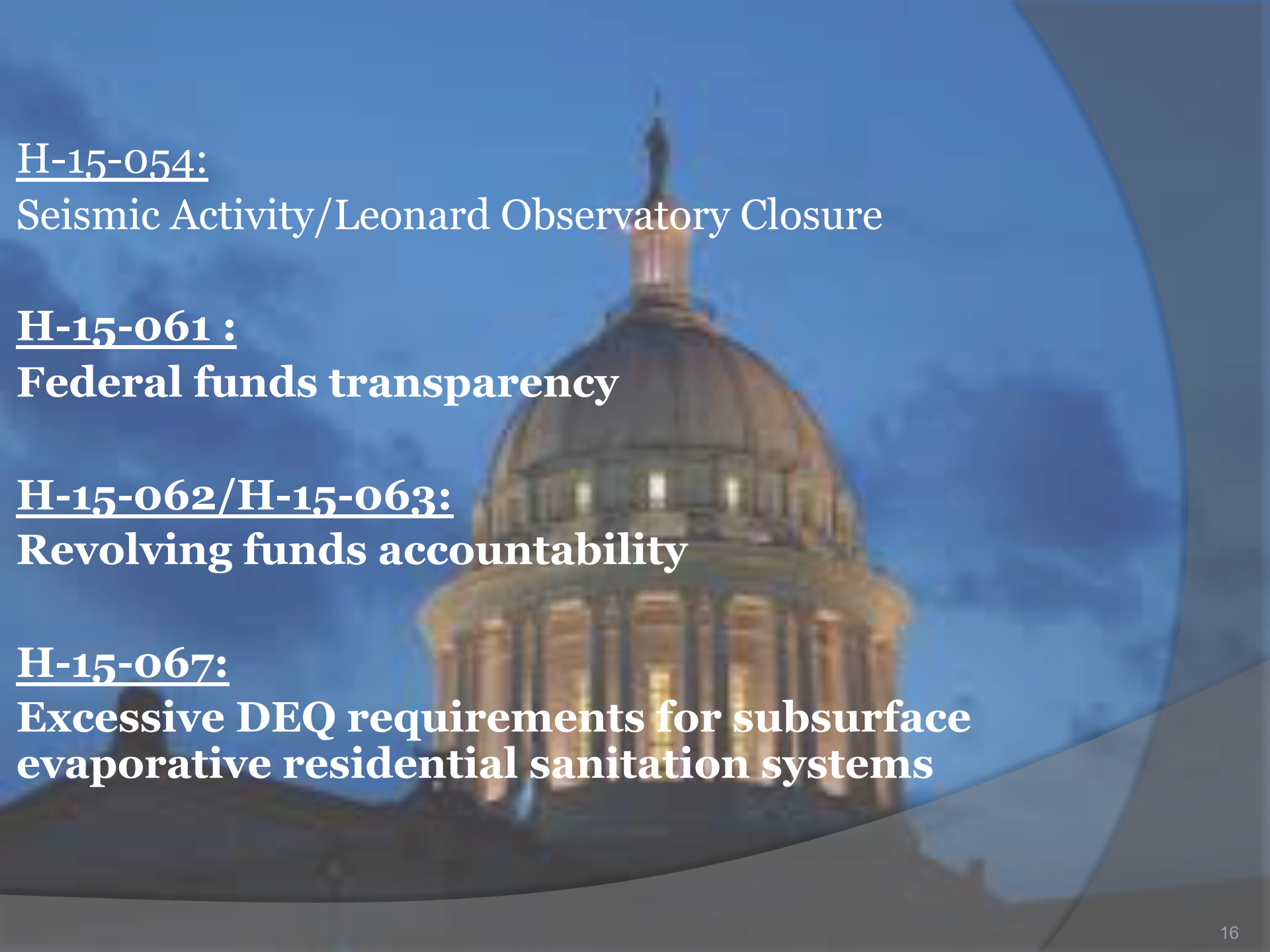


H-15-031:
State budget process

H-15-038:
Seismic activity

H-15-047:
Commercial oil and gas disposal well locations and public safety issues

H-15-051:
Annexation by cities of portions of rural water districts

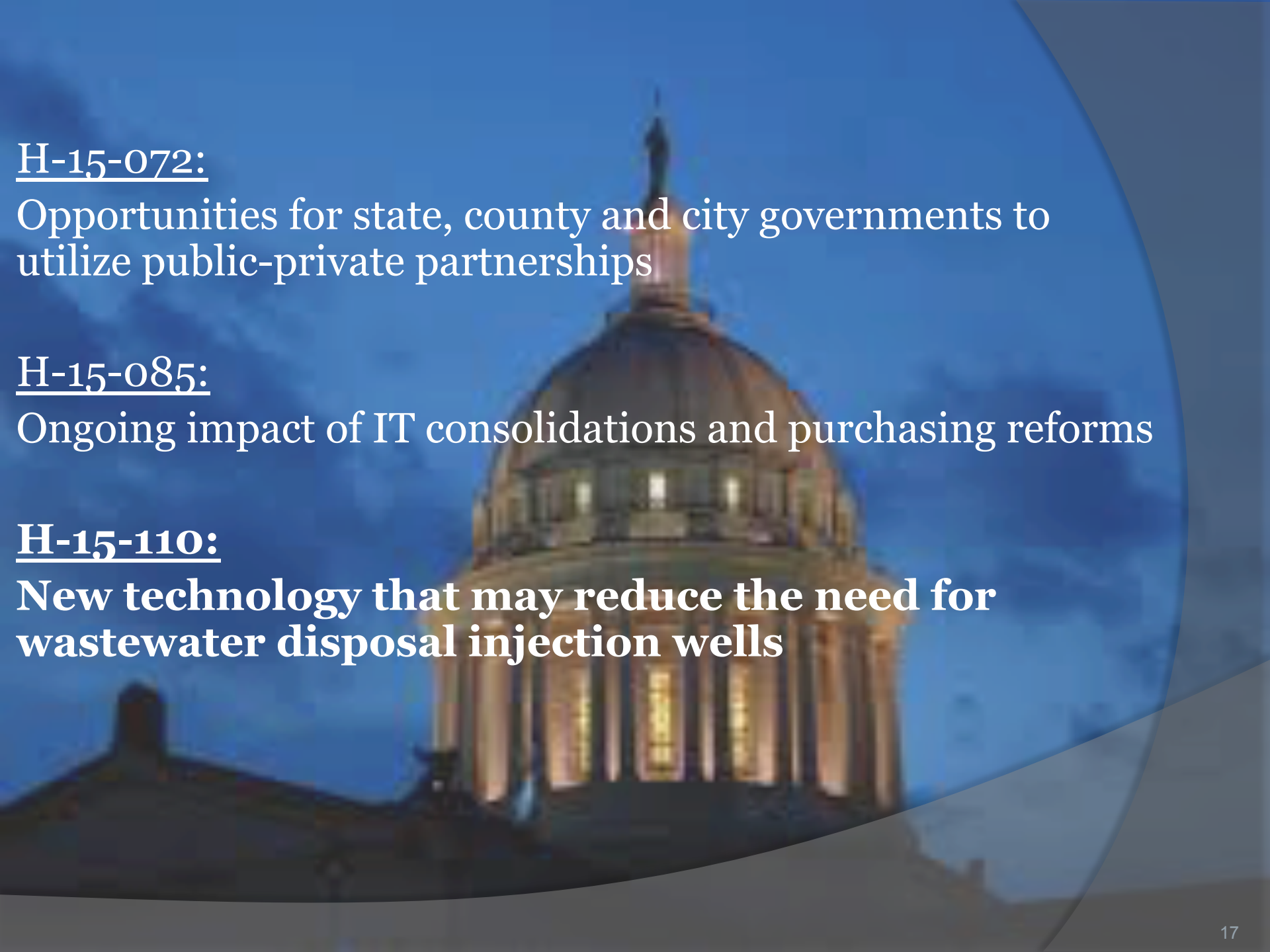


H-15-054:
Seismic Activity/Leonard Observatory Closure

H-15-061 :
Federal funds transparency

H-15-062/H-15-063:
Revolving funds accountability

H-15-067:
Excessive DEQ requirements for subsurface evaporative residential sanitation systems



H-15-072:

Opportunities for state, county and city governments to utilize public-private partnerships

H-15-085:

Ongoing impact of IT consolidations and purchasing reforms

H-15-110:

New technology that may reduce the need for wastewater disposal injection wells

QUESTIONS