

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: 6-20-24

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

Representative Neil Hays

TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Review of vapor product access and use

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

I am writing to respectfully request an interim study committee to review vapor product access and use before the House Alcohol, Tobacco, and Substances Committee.

There have been several legislative proposals in recent years, including HB 3971 during the 2024 legislative session, that would have created a de facto ban on flavored vapor products.

These proposals would directly jeopardize the businesses that Oklahoma taxpayers have built and are still building, not to mention the consumers who are reliant upon vapor products as an alternative to smoking deadly cigarettes. In other jurisdictions which have enacted such provisions, they have seen a direct increase in cigarette sales and youth cigarette smoking.

We believe an interim study committee would be helpful in creating a balanced discussion around the vapor products industry, its participants, and how sustained access to and responsible

adult use of flavored vaping products is critical to protecting Oklahoma small businesses and Oklahoma public health.

Respectfully,
Rep. Neil Hays

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