

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: 5/30/25

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Municipal Land Bank

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

This interim study seeks to examine the implementation, structure, and economic potential of municipal land banks in Oklahoma, with a specific lens on HB1114 and its implications for North Tulsa and similarly disinvested communities across the state.

Purpose and Scope:

1. Understanding Land Bank Models

The study will explore best practices from other states and municipalities that have successfully implemented land banks, including Detroit, Cleveland, and Kansas City. It will review governance structures, acquisition strategies, and community reinvestment outcomes to assess adaptability for Oklahoma cities.

2. Review of HB1114

HB1114, introduced during the 2025 legislative session, proposed enabling legislation for municipal land banks. The study will revisit the bill's language and intent to:

- Clarify the authority counties and municipalities would have under the act
- Address any legal or operational gaps identified during the session
- Define protections for property owners
- Refine potential amendments for reintroduction in 2026

3. Community Development Impact

The study will analyze how municipal land banks can:

- Reduce blight and vacancy
- Stimulate affordable housing and small business development
- Return dormant properties to productive, tax-generating use
- Empower local ownership and community planning

4. Focus Considerations

Special attention will be given to historically under-resourced areas, including North Tulsa, to ensure land bank policies do not displace residents or encourage gentrification. The study will invite testimony from housing advocates, urban planners, and community leaders.

5. Fiscal and Legal Framework

The interim study will also evaluate the funding mechanisms, tax policies, and legal pathways for land bank formation and property transfer, particularly around tax-delinquent properties and abandoned lots.

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