

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: May 30, 2025

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

Representative Nick Archer

TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Foster Care Payments

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

The purpose of this interim study is to examine the adequacy and fiscal structure of Oklahoma's foster care reimbursement system. While House Bill 2030 advanced through the House with near-unanimous support and passed unanimously in the Senate subcommittee, it ultimately failed to receive a Senate floor hearing due to the \$5 rate increase's projected fiscal impact.

This study will revisit that \$5 per diem increase proposal to determine whether that number reflects the true cost of quality foster care—or whether a different amount is warranted. The study will also assess whether a tiered or targeted reimbursement model may better support foster families, reduce placement disruptions, and address high-need children more effectively.

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