

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: May 30, 2025
BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

Representative Nick Archer & Representative Preston Stinson

TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

“The Oklahoma Space Renaissance: Lifting Off as America’s Leader in Suborbital Research and Aerospace Manufacturing”

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

To explore how Oklahoma can become a global hub for suborbital aerospace activity and space-based R&D. This study will assess:

- Infrastructure and funding needs for the Oklahoma Spaceport (OSIDA)
- Opportunities in microgravity research, including advanced materials, pharmaceuticals, and bioprinting
- Transitioning Oklahoma’s dominance in aircraft MRO into leadership in propulsion and space manufacturing
- The potential for strategic defense partnerships and dual-use capabilities

This study also seeks to **determine the appropriate level of state investment** required to launch the Oklahoma Space Renaissance. While a \$35 million investment passed the House with broad bipartisan support, this study will assess whether that figure is sufficient or requires adjustment. It could be \$10 million to kickstart key projects—or \$100 million to fully execute the vision.

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