

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: 6/26/2025

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

Rep. Rob Hall

TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Impact of Food Safety Laws and Regulations on a Healthy Food Supply

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

We have a health crisis in our state. The rates of chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer are at all-time highs and still rising. One of the root causes of our health crisis is unhealthy food. One of the root causes of unhealthy food is a food safety paradigm that focuses solely on preventing foodborne illness, which incentivizes highly processed and preservative-laden foods, which leads to an increase in chronic diseases.

This study will make the case for a new food safety paradigm with a dual mandate: 1) Managing the acute risks of foodborne illness & 2) Managing the chronic risks of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and other diseases and disorders. This dual mandate would ensure more natural, healthful food offerings are not preemptively excluded from the marketplace because of misguided food safety laws and regulations.

This study will explore legislative and regulatory changes that would make sense under this dual mandate. The ultimate goal is a more healthy, happy, and free society where citizens can balance both the acute and chronic risks of their food as they see fit.

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