

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: 6/12/26

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

Gise, Emily

TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

"Modernizing Plan Review, Permitting, and Inspections in Oklahoma's Growing Cities"

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

"This interim study would examine how Oklahoma can help its largest cities deliver faster, more predictable, and more transparent plan review, permitting, and inspection processes while considering whether enabling legislation is needed to authorize tools already used in peer states. As infrastructure needs and permitting reform become increasingly important to the state's growth, the study would evaluate the approval processes for housing, small commercial projects, and local infrastructure, where delays and inconsistencies can increase housing costs, slow commercial development, and discourage investment. The study would review current plan review, permitting, and inspection timelines across Oklahoma municipalities and assess how they vary for comparable projects. It would also examine Oklahoma's statutory framework for third-party (private) plan review and inspections, self-certification models that allow licensed engineers and architects to certify routine work, and the professional liability frameworks that support those models. Additionally, the study would explore the role of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission, the distinction between statewide minimum building codes and municipal administration, and the use of permitting technology that provides published timelines and real-time status updates for applicants. Finally, it would consider the broader economic impact of permitting predictability on housing supply, commercial investment, and infrastructure delivery. Suggested participants include municipal Development Services and Public Works leaders, homebuilders, commercial developers, licensed engineers, economic development organizations, and officials from peer states that have modernized their review and inspection processes."

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