

## Interim Studies

### Priority 1

#### Need to provide information, presentation and attend

**HIS2118-Rep. Danny Williams, Rep. Sherri Conley, Rep. Avery Frix:** Looking for opportunities to include students that have dropped out of high school, college, or votech without achieving a degree and recruiting them with an educational offering that can be delivered to their home or a local institution. Evaluating all the current distance learning in K-12, vocational and higher ed and exploring ways to maximize those offerings. **(Academic Affairs, Debbie Blanke)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Technology Committee. Debbie Blanke, Tom McKeon & Pres. Goodson (TCC) are presenting (25-30 mins) on current status of Online Education, Overview of Reach Higher and Open Educational Resources (OER). Von Royal will also be available Scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23 at 10 am.

**HIS2123- Rep. Jon Echols:** Making Oklahoma a Top 10 state for college attendance and graduation percentage, to explore methods of improving college attendance and graduation rates that ranks the state of Oklahoma in the top 10. **(SPA Edurne Lopez)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Higher Education and Career Tech Committee. Removed from agenda.

**HIS2132-Rep. Toni Hasenbeck:** Study the lack of connectivity in school libraries and how to repair the issues. **(OneNet Von Royal)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Technology Committee. Removed from agenda.

**HIS2143-Rep. Tammy West:** A study of higher education and engineering, aerospace engineering in particular and national security. **(SPA Edurne Lopez)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Higher education and Career Tech Committee. Removed from committee agenda. Removed from agenda.

**HIS2148-Rep. Logan Phillips:** In-depth look at state-owned broadband infrastructure assets in order to understand the scope of mission of broadband assets. **(OneNet)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Technology Committee. OneNet has been invited to be present and answer any potential questions. Held on Monday Sept. 20 at 10 am.

**HIS2152-Rep. Daniel Pae:** Discuss successful examples and research-based practices of civics education in Oklahoma at the secondary and collegiate/career tech levels. Study Objectives 1) Learn from educators, parents, and students about how they're currently teaching civics and Government and how state government is addressed in Oklahoma History. 2) Understand what federal resources could be utilized (i.e. Civics Secures Democracy Act). 3) Explore and brainstorm policy proposals to further improve civics education in Oklahoma. 4) Initiate discussion about how to strengthen comprehensive civics education that builds the skills, knowledge, and disposition to be informed, active citizens.

**(Academic Affairs, Debbie Blanke)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Higher Education and Career Tech Committee. forheld on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 1 pm.

**HIS2156-Rep. Melissa Provenzano, Senator Mary Boren:** Study the use of FASFA in Oklahoma and how to increase it or use it on the A\_F report card as the 5<sup>th</sup> indicator. (Made a Joint Study with Senate)

**Update:** Assigned to House Higher Education and Career Tech Committee. FASFA information has been requested from Sheri Mauck. Rep. Provenzano has asked us to present about our work and resources in FASFA completion (10 min). Scheduled for Monday, Sept. 27 at 9:30 am.

**HIS2181 Rep. John Waldron:** This study would examine the numbers of teachers recruited by each pathway into our public schools to recommend improvements in teacher recruitment. It would also examine retirement rates and reasons teachers are leaving the profession to identify areas for improvement in teacher retention.

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Held on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 8:30 am.

**HIS2189 Rep. Rhonda Baker:** Explanatory Comments: **A joint study with Sen. Adam Pugh SIS2159:** Education post-Covid's effects on learning outcomes and possible solutions related to post-Covid education in Oklahoma to see how Covid has affected learning outcomes and what can be done to bring students back up to level. This study will look at K-12 and college freshman, where it is anticipated there will be remediation levels needed. **(Debbie Blanke)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Request for information has been made, Data will not exist at the time of meeting Higher Ed will present (30 min presentation 30 min Q&A) on Remediation history and mitigation of remediation, Covid's impact and institutional experiences with co-requisite remediation and math pathways. President Stafford from NEO has been asked to present regarding campus specific data. Scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 at 8:00 am.

**HIS2195 Rep. Sean Roberts, Rep Wendi Stearman, Rep. Justin Humphrey:** The purpose of this interim study is to study and understand "blind" college applications that omit race, gender, and ethnicity until after making a decision to accept or deny the applicant. This is a proposal that people from both sides of the isle should be able to agree on. **(Kyle Foster)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Higher Education and Career Tech Committee. Removed from agenda.

**HIS21126: Rep. Brian Hill:** Oklahoma's economic diversification and the growing workforce gap. Including: An assessment of our education systems- K12, higher education, and career tech. Consider the foundation of the curriculum, standards, and evaluation mechanisms in comparison to industry needs. **(Workforce, Debbie Blanke)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Business and Commerce Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday October 12 at 1 p.m.

**SIS2129 Sen. Young:** Historically Black Colleges and Universities funding **(Overarching)**

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee. Scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 9 am.

**SIS2132 Sen. David:** To evaluate the effectiveness of Oklahoma's current tuition assistance program for National Guard service members **(Sheri Mauck)**

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Veterans and Military Affairs Committee

**SIS2134 Sen. Boren:** Supporting pregnant women and expectant fathers in high school, career tech, and college with improved accommodations. **(Debbie Blanke)**

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Met with Sen. Boren Reviewed survey that Academic Affairs prepared. Scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 2:30 pm.

**SIS2150 Sen J.A. Dossett:** Teaching certification scholarship program: directing priority status for ESL teacher candidates. **(Scholarships, Goldie Thompson)**

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 at 1 pm.

**SIS2151 Sen. J.A. Dossett:** Teaching certification scholarship program: directing priority status for SPED teacher candidates **(Scholarships, Goldie Thompson)**

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 at 1 pm.

## **Priority 2**

### **Need to attend in case there are questions**

**HIS2114-Rep. Sheila Dills:** A Review of contract agreements and best practices for charter school sponsors.

**Update:** Assigned to General Government Committee. Scheduled for Monday, Oct. 4 at 1:30 pm.

**HIS2124-Rep. Mike Osburn:** The proposal for this interim study will be to examine the implementation of both a market-based pay scale system for state employees as well as a merit-based pay for performance bonus system. The state of Tennessee began using both a market-based salary system and a merit-based bonus system in 2012 and have fully implemented both by 2019. A review of those policies can address how the state of Oklahoma can improve state employee compensation and ensure that the retention of quality employees increases.

**Update:** Assigned to House Rules Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 at 8:30 am.

**HIS2126 –Rep. Avery Frix:** A study on pension plans in anticipation of legislation that would convert the OTRS to a defined contribution plan. To look at detailed information regarding the specific impact of TRS economic impact as well as the other DB pension systems. **(Budget)**

**Update:** Assigned to House Banking Financial Services and Pensions Committee. Sheri Mauck has been contacted for information. Study scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 4 at 9 am.

**HIS2169 Rep. Toni Hasenbeck:** Taking a closer look at keeping female athletes in a competitive environment that is safe. Policies of the NCAA and OSSAA Regarding Women's Sports.

**Update:** Assigned to House States Rights Committee.

**HIS2171 Rep. Mark Vancuren:** This Interim Study will look at the feasibility of instituting a new athletic conference consisting of all of the Oklahoma Division 2 Universities. Currently, there are 11 Division 2 Universities in Oklahoma competing in 3 different Athletic Conferences.

**Update:** Assigned to House Higher Education and Career Tech Committee. Held on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 9am.

**HIS2193-Rep. Rhonda Baker** A study regarding innovative approaches to education human capital. Oklahoma, like most states, faces an acute teacher shortage. This study will look at how other states have attempted to address the teacher shortage through changes in certification law and/or investing in programs aiming to reward highly effective teachers. This study will also encompass teacher certification and teacher quality.

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Scheduled for Monday, Oct. 11 at 1:30 pm.

**HIS21116 Rep Sherrie Conley:** Improving Student Outcomes Through Meaningful Professional Development and Improving Teacher Retention (**Goldie Thompson**)

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 14 at 8:30 pm.

**SIS2126 Sen. Paxton:** Costs and effectiveness of the state's pension boards, their administrations, and looking at the feasibility of consolidating those boards and administrations

**Update:** Assigned to Senate General Government Committee.

**SIS2158 Sen. Pugh:** Teacher credentialing and certification.

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 at 2:30 pm.

**SIS2162 Sen. Julia Kirt:** Empowered transitions for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities from school to adulthood

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Legislation that will affect OK Promise may be discussed. Scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 9 am.

**SIS2169 Sen. Garvin:** Study on graduation rates, attendance rates, school achievement, and student success, comparing between public, charter, online, and private schools. (**SPA Edurne Lopez**)

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Education Committee.

### **Priority 3**

#### **Need to be aware of and monitor**

**HIS2109-Rep. Carl Newton:** A study in why schools are not getting their Ad Valorem tax from the oil and gas industry.

**Update:** Assigned to House Appropriations and Budget Committee. Held on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 am.

**HIS2122-Rep. Jon Echols:** Study to determine efficient implementation of the Opportunity Scholarship Expansion.

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 8:30 pm.

**HIS 2151 Rep. Kyle Hilbert:** This study will examine districts that have used their federal COVID relief funds to ensure student success during this academic year. The study will highlight successful innovative

programs and explore opportunities to expand and continue these programs beyond the availability of federal relief funds via the public school.

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 1:30 pm.

**HIS2158-Rep. Mark Lawson, Emily Virgin, Kevin Wallace:** Oklahoma has made a commitment to moving into the top 10 states in the country, specifically in education, criminal justice, financial sustainability, Human Services, and “customer service,” job growth, and more. Each of these areas impacts families and children primarily, whether in employment and business development or in education and human potential. This study examines how these goals are contingent on and reflective of our annual budget process and exposes opportunities to deliver a state budget in line with our moral and public commitments. (Combined with HIS2179)

**Update:** Assigned to House Appropriations and Budget Committee. Held Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 9 am. "What I hope to convey today is that our child welfare policy can incorporate, alongside other parts of our social policy framework, economic and concrete supports to have in place as an adjunctive strategy, both from a prevention for work and family support and intervention along that continuum so that we're meeting family needs and addressing root causes, said Claire Anderson, a senior policy fellow at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.

**HIS2163 Rep. Kevin West:** Exploring options for attracting firearms and ammunition manufacturing to move to Oklahoma. Identifying potential roadblocks and obstacles and exploring how to eliminate or reduce them.

**Update:** Assigned to House Business and Commerce Committee. Scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 1:30 p.m.

**HIS2182 Rep. Mike Osburn:** This study will seek to determine, for legislative consideration, the merits and drawbacks to consolidating certain functions of the three core state healthcare agencies (ODMHSAS, OHCA and OSDH) under one centralized health entity. The study will also provide the legislature with a proposed structure for the new entity as well as a possible timeline for enactment.

**Update:** Assigned to House Rules Committee. Scheduled for Monday, October 11 at 1 pm.

**HIS2188 Rep. Rhonda Baker:** A study related to computer science education in Oklahoma. This study would explain what computer science education looks like at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday Oct. 5 at 1:30 pm.

**HIS21104 Rep. Ronny Johns, Rep. John Talley:** Education Support Professional Wages. This study would look at the prevalence of education support professionals making minimum wage in our public-school districts. We will also consider other laws and policies impacting education support professionals' ability to make financial ends meet, such as not receiving pay on days when school is closed for inclement weather.

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Scheduled for Monday, Oct. 11 at 8:30 am.

**HIS21111 Rep. Andy Fugate, Rep. John Waldron:** Federal Impact Aid and Public Schools.

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 12 at 3 pm.

**HIS21117 Rep Sherrie Conley:** Evaluating Oklahoma’s Capacity to Enhance Student Outcomes through the MTSS Framework.

**Update:** Assigned to House Common Education Committee. Scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 14 at 1:30 pm.

**HIS21118 Rep. Sherrie Conley, Rep Danny Williams:** Revisiting the Parental Rights of Oklahoma: Evaluating the Protections of Parents and Caregivers. With the current attack on parental rights, this study will investigate the need to make modifications to the existing Oklahoma Parent’s Rights Act. The focus will be on health, education and other government agencies and the push to take away the decision-making rights of parents or other caregivers.

**Update:** Assigned to House Children Youth and Family Services Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 8 am.

**SIS2103 Sen. Bullard:** The Possibilities of Teacher Qualitative Pay

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee. Scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 1:30 pm.

**SIS2107 Sen. Rosino:** Study to ensure state use is working as designed

**Update:** Assigned to Senate General Government Committee. Scheduled for Monday, Oct. 18 at 9 am.

**SIS2141 Sen. Weaver:** Transparency in budgeting

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee

**SIS2146 Sen. Hicks:** What is preventing Oklahomans from returning to the workforce after the pandemic

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee. Scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 9:30

**SIS2160 Sen. Kirt, Sen. Hall:** The Big Picture: film and media arts for K-12 students

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 12:30 pm.

**SIS2163 Sen. Floyd:** Legislative/budget transparency

**Update:** Assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee