

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: June 9, 2017

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

A critical examination of factors that contribute to domestic violence fatalities

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

Nationally, 10 million men and women are subjected to physical abuse by their intimate partners every year. Children are eyewitnesses to 90% of these events. These preventable incidents cost the nation over \$8 billion annually in litigation, victims' services, law enforcement services, and business losses. Oklahoma is one of the largest contributors to these statistics, ranking 3rd in the nation for the number of women killed by men in domestic violence situations. Both Oklahoma and Cleveland Counties recorded 6 additional domestic violence fatalities each from 2014 to 2015. This study will focus on the work of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and examine what proactive steps the state has taken to prevent domestic violence death, as well as provide critical information about public policy and prevention.

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