

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL**

DATE: **May 24, 2007**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S): **Rep. Anastasia Pittman**

TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

**Access to medical care for HIV/AIDS patients**

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

- **To study the problems faced by HIV/AIDS patients accessing medical care and the continued increase of HIV/AIDS among certain demographics in the Oklahoma population including the availability and access to HIV/AIDS testing and treatment.**
- **Review programs across the country that have had success in promoting HIV/AIDS testing, lowering HIV/AIDS infection and improved access to treatment programs.**
- **Work with the Dept. of Health to identify funds and proposals for pilot programs that utilizes proven successful and effective strategies to increase testing and access to treatment for HIV/AIDS patients.**
- **Compile a report of findings and recommendations to be presented to the Oklahoma Legislature.**

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