

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: May 23, 2007

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S): Jeannie McDaniel

TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Equal Access to original birth certificates for adult adoptees

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

Prior to 1939 ALL adoptions in Oklahoma were open. I would like to investigate why the State of Oklahoma discriminates against this minority (adult adoptees) by not allowing equal access to their own original birth certificates. Only adult adopted persons are precluded from accessing their own personal history. All other individuals are granted their own original birth certificate and court records, upon request. By state statute, the legislature has made adult adoptees' inquiries inoperative by anticipative action. This is a violation of equal access and discrimination against adult citizens.

IF PRIVATE CITIZENS OR ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO BE NOTIFIED OF MEETING,
LIST NAMES AND ADDRESSES:

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Adoption Honesty (OORAH)
P.O. Box 615
Edmond, OK 73083-0615

OK Post Adoption Support Group
C/O Pat Fluegel
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