

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Interim study on the practice of allowing Oklahoma racetracks to import full card simulcasts of out of state horse races for wagering purposes at Oklahoma Racetracks and the resulting effects on revenue generated for purses of horses participating in the live racing programs at Oklahoma racetracks.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

In 1996 the legislature adopted language which allowed limited import of full cards of races from out of state tracks for wagering at Oklahoma racetracks. Since that time, a series of amendments have broadened that authority for tracks to the point that an unlimited number of out of state wagers are offered everyday, irrespective of whether the track is conducting live racing or not. With ten years of statistical data available, and major controversies regularly before the Horse Racing Commission over the distribution of horsemens' revenue from simulcasting, which have recently disrupted the running of live meets in Oklahoma, the legislature should review these issues with the intent of seeking a solution that will be fair to all participating breeds in Oklahoma.

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