

DEQ 2017 LEGISLATION UPDATE

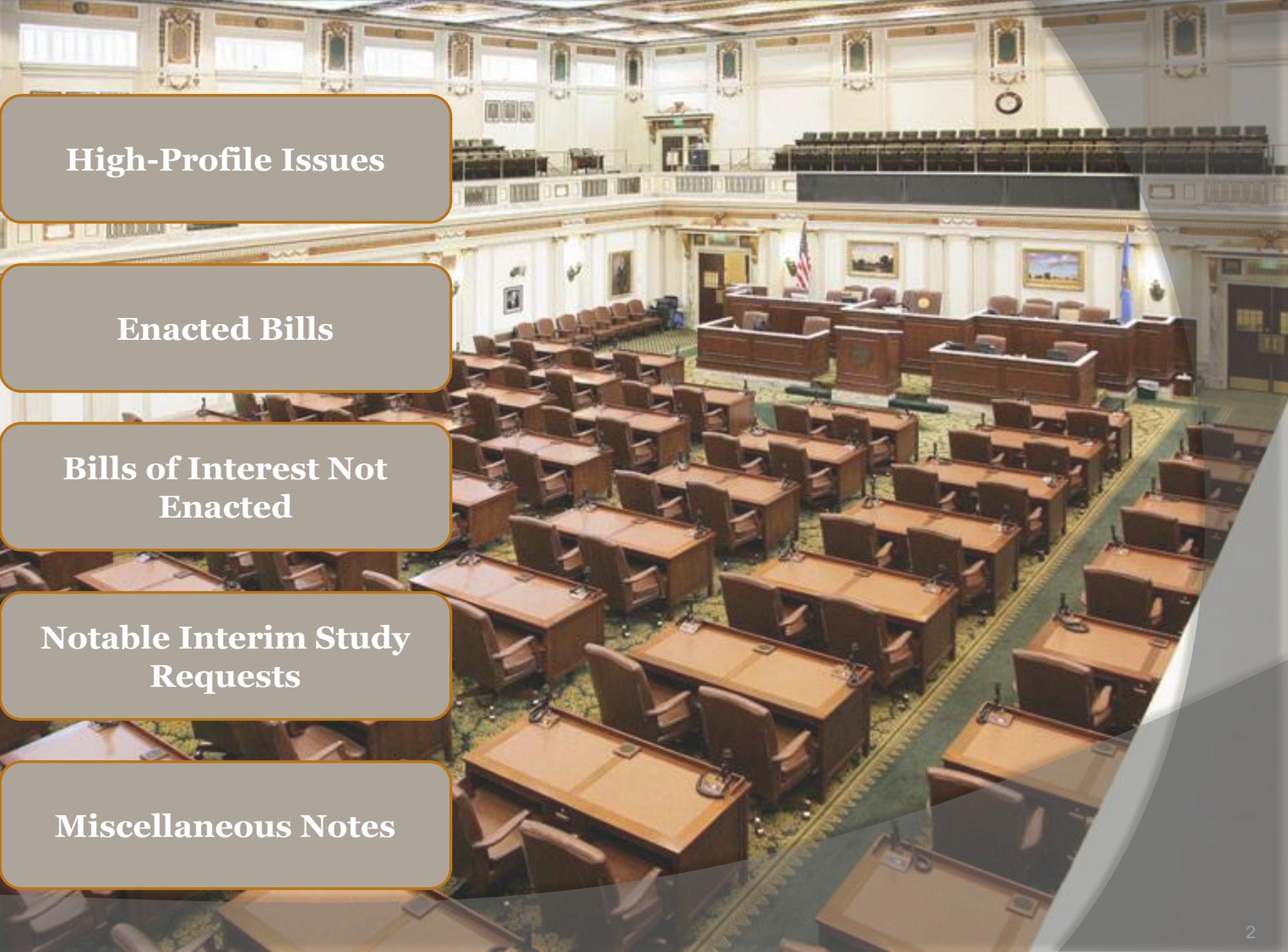
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High-Profile Issues

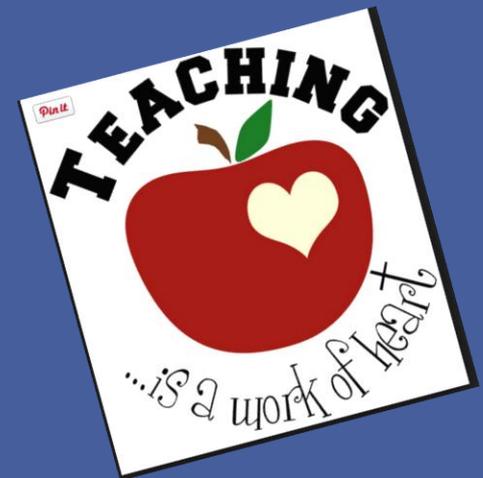
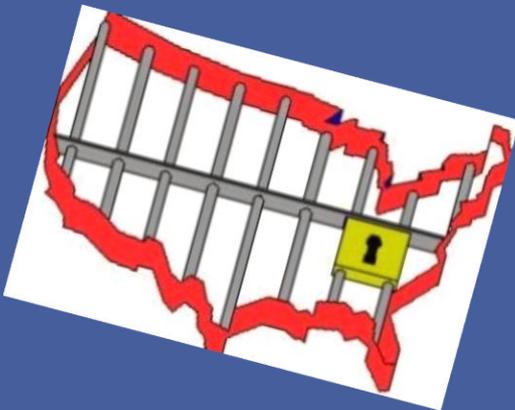
Enacted Bills

**Bills of Interest Not
Enacted**

**Notable Interim Study
Requests**

Miscellaneous Notes

HIGH-PROFILE ISSUES



ENACTED BILLS

DEQ Request Bills

HB 1492 (eff. 11/01/17)

- ❖ Allows State Fire Marshal to name a designee to participate in the Oklahoma Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission (OHMERC)

HB 1485 (eff. 5/22/17)

- ❖ Authorizes DEQ to permit and oversee pilot-scale aquifer storage and recovery projects
- ❖ Authorizes wastewater systems to enter into a single contract for design and construction (design-build)

Other Environmental Bills

SB 426 (eff. 11/01/17)

- ❖ Used Tire Act amendments (mainly directed at getting large agricultural tires into the system)

SB 287 (eff. 11/01/17)

- ❖ Authorizes OCC (and DEQ) to obtain NPDES delegation for oil- and gas-related discharges

Government Operations Measures

HB 1845 (eff. 3/02/17)

- ❖ REAL ID

HB 2311 (eff. 7/01/17)

- ❖ Agency Performance & Accountability Commission (agency performance audits)

SB 403 (eff. 11/01/17)

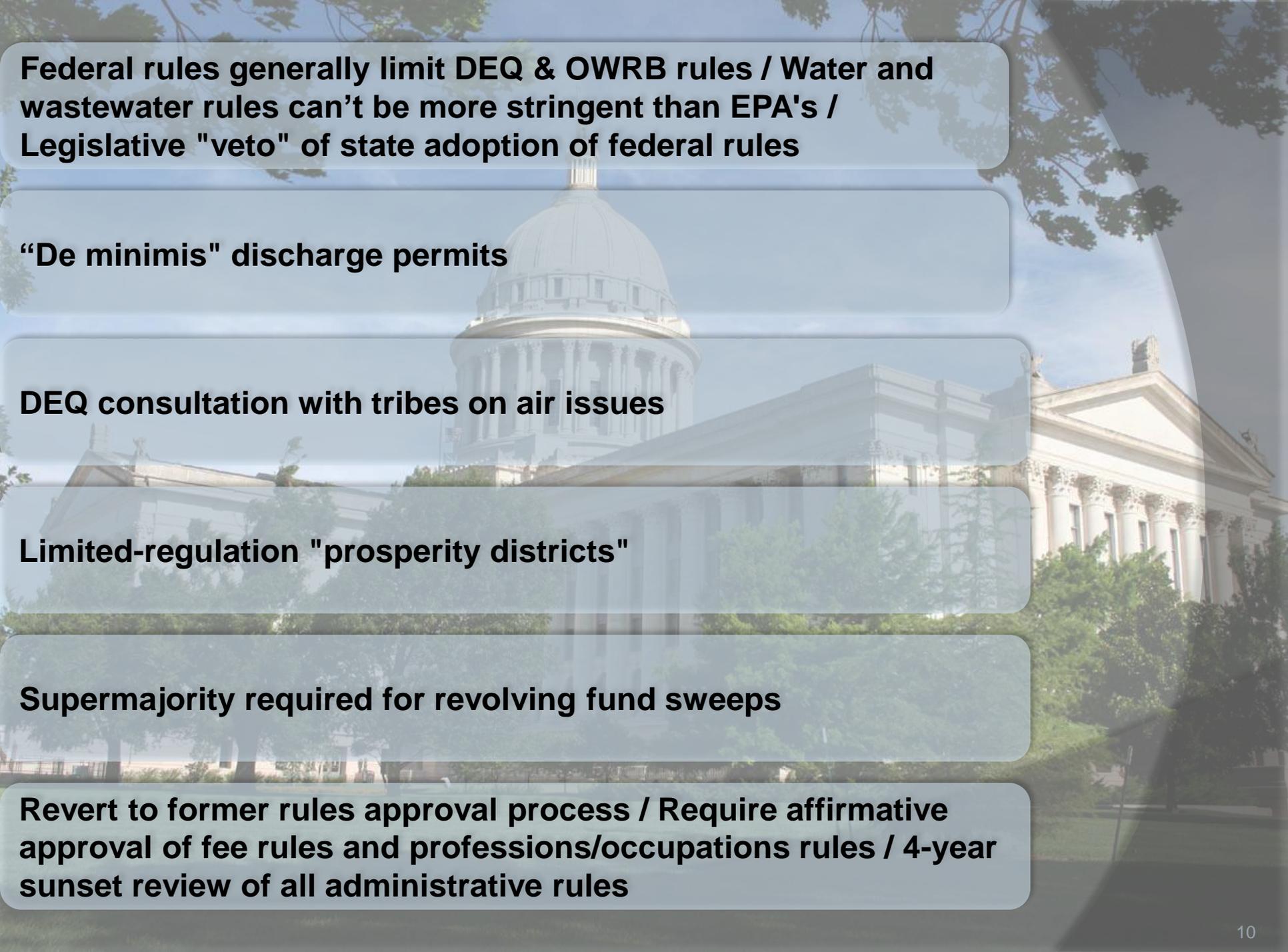
- ❖ Website and email public meeting notices allowed, in lieu of posted notices

SB 860 (general appropriations, eff. 7/01/17) and other budget-related bills

Governor's Declaration Regarding Agency Rules (6/13/17)

- ❖ All pending DEQ rules approved, along with all but a handful of rules of other agencies

**BILLS OF INTEREST
NOT ENACTED**



Federal rules generally limit DEQ & OWRB rules / Water and wastewater rules can't be more stringent than EPA's / Legislative "veto" of state adoption of federal rules

"De minimis" discharge permits

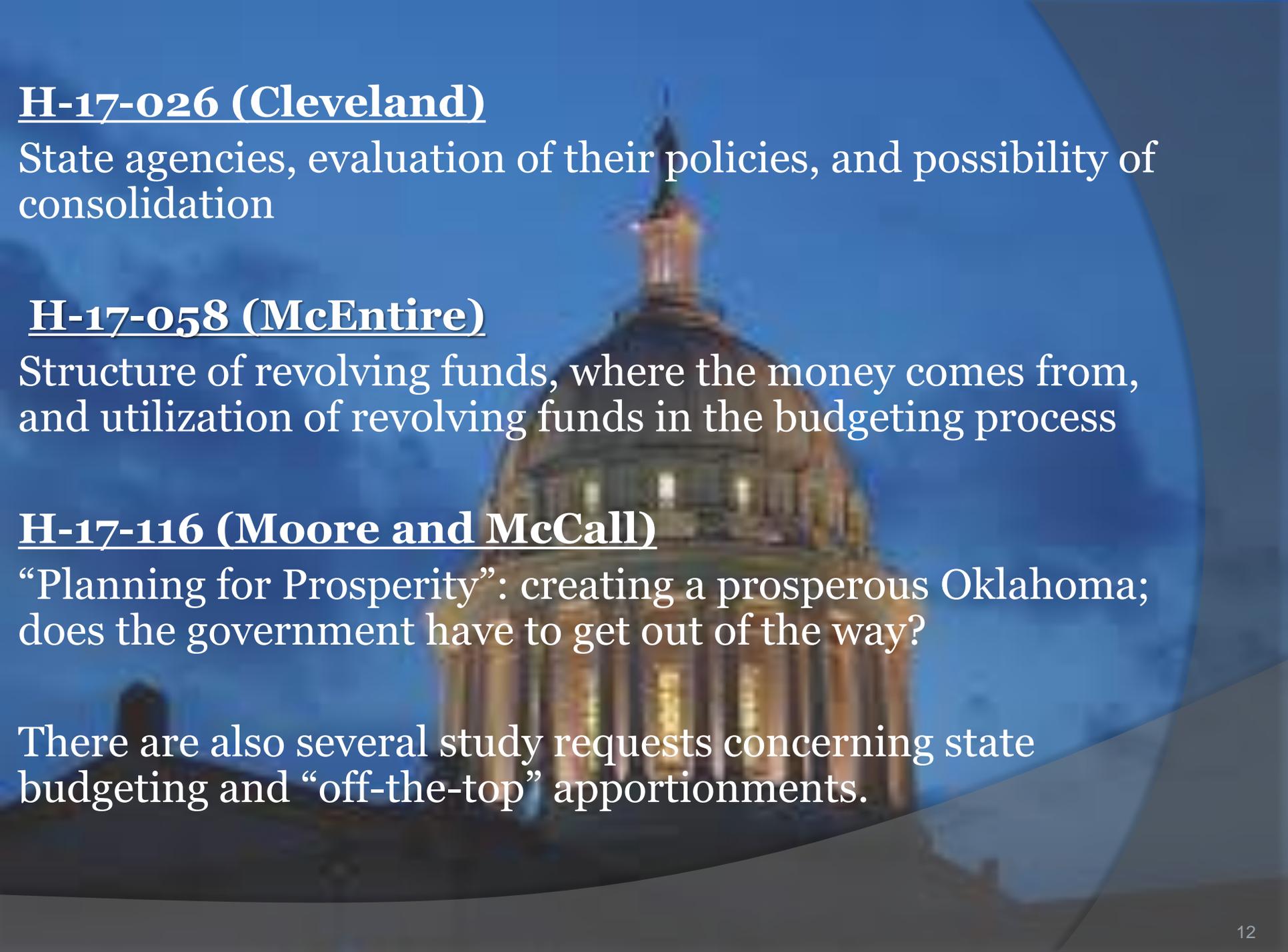
DEQ consultation with tribes on air issues

Limited-regulation "prosperity districts"

Supermajority required for revolving fund sweeps

Revert to former rules approval process / Require affirmative approval of fee rules and professions/occupations rules / 4-year sunset review of all administrative rules

NOTABLE HOUSE INTERIM STUDY REQUESTS



H-17-026 (Cleveland)

State agencies, evaluation of their policies, and possibility of consolidation

H-17-058 (McEntire)

Structure of revolving funds, where the money comes from, and utilization of revolving funds in the budgeting process

H-17-116 (Moore and McCall)

“Planning for Prosperity”: creating a prosperous Oklahoma; does the government have to get out of the way?

There are also several study requests concerning state budgeting and “off-the-top” apportionments.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES



There will be seven special elections to fill legislative seats vacated due to resignations.

The “Republican Platform Caucus,” an unofficial group composed of some Republican members of the House, was formed in early May. Announced focus areas: state budget, no new taxes, limited government, free enterprise, and protecting the unborn and the elderly.

Formation of “House Republican Leadership Policy Working Groups” was announced by House leadership on June 13th. Areas of attention include agency consolidation, budget reform, business development and regulatory environment, education, health care, public safety, and transportation.

There are already seven announced candidates for Governor in the 2018 election (four Republicans, three Democrats).

QUESTIONS

