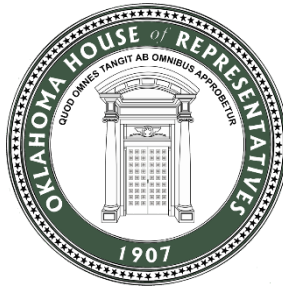


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Dear Neighbor,

The first half of the 60th Session of the Oklahoma House of Representatives has drawn to a close. Below are key pieces of legislation I am proud to say I authored or worked on to help become law, as well as key updates and points of information.

Health and Mental Health

HB1389: (Provenzano and Stanley) Expansion of Diagnostic Mammogram coverage. This bill adds contrast-enhanced mammograms and molecular breast imaging to the definition of diagnostic examination for breast cancer. Requires that all health benefit plans include coverage with no out of pocket cost for diagnostic and supplemental examinations for breast cancer. This bill was supported overwhelmingly across party lines and by both chambers. It takes effect November 1st.

Government Transparency and Accountability

SB652: Elections - Consolidates the number of elections in any year and establishes a fixed election calendar (long overdue!)

HB1392: (Provenzano and Pederson) Shores up funding for the County Treasurer's office, whose budget had not increased since 1962.

Jobs

SB662 Requires the **Oklahoma Workforce Commission** to implement programs to develop the workforce in high-demand or critical occupations, expand work-based learning opportunities, and grow innovation in public schools for workforce success. Of note: With AI (Artificial Intelligence) growth on the horizon, we must plan now for the jobs of tomorrow.

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health

As a member of the Select Committee charged with investigating the financial mismanagement of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health, we ultimately determined that **the Commissioner had failed to properly account for several million dollars in state funding** appropriated to the agency for services. With a vote of no confidence by the legislature on the last day of session, the Commissioner was removed. In partnership with the LOFT commission and the State Auditor, it was determined that **31 million in supplemental funding was needed** to meet payroll at the ODMH, with the understanding that the Select Committee would continue to meet and research the cause of the shortfall. Governor Stitt has appointed Rear Adm. Gregory Slavonic as Interim Commissioner.

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Education

SB364: Ends corporal punishment in schools for students with disabilities.

SB1129: Cell phones in school: Requires school boards to adopt a **cell phone policy restricting in-classroom use** on school campuses for one year, then allows for school districts to evaluate success of the effort.

HB1727: Allows **children of teachers** to qualify for **Oklahoma's Promise Scholarship**, provided the teacher has worked in public schools for at least 10 years.

Incoming House Democratic Leader

I am honored to become the next Leader-elect of the House Democratic caucus. When the current Leader completes her term, I will step into this new role.

As the next Leader, this means putting in the work to advocate for Oklahomans across the state. It means working across the aisle and standing up for our citizens.

I look forward to telling the story of what it means to be an Oklahoma Democrat. It's a common-sense message: we believe in good jobs, strong communities and personal freedom. Oklahomans are practical, independent and strong. We believe that there's room for everyone here to build a life for themselves, and everyone deserves a seat at the kitchen table.

As I move into this new role I look forward to serving Oklahomans across our state as I continue to serve the residents of House District 79.

Your Feedback Matters

What issues matter most to you? What are your top concerns, and what supports would you like to see coming from the Oklahoma State Capitol?

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Thank you for the honor of serving as your Oklahoma State House Representative!

Sincerely,



Representative Melissa Provenzano
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Up next: Legislative Town Halls this fall. Sign up for my e-newsletter or watch social media for dates and locations!

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