

INTERIM STUDY REPORT

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Illegal Immigration Reform

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In 2007, the Oklahoma Legislature passed HB 1804, a law, mandating State Agencies use E-verify and require E-verify usage from Contractors awarded state contracts. The Chambers of Commerce sued just two sections of HB 1804. After three years in court, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled HB 1804 and E-verify constitutional. The recent U.S. Supreme Court case, Chamber of Commerce v. Whiting ruled that E-verify was constitutional as well as the option to penalize corrupt employers with loss of business license.

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Operates the second largest janitorial service in the area. When ICE audited his employees, found that 115 out of 167 had counterfeit documents. He tracked the employees he fired for having counterfeit documents and found that many of them went to work for his competitors.

Recommends that the government should require businesses to supply their E-verify memorandum of understanding.

Recommends that all employers be required to use E-verify.

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The economy is dependant on Hispanic labor. He also went through an I-9 ICE audit and lost half of his workforce. He now participates in the H2-B work program to employ up to 57 guest workers. This is a cumbersome, bureaucratic process.

Several steps to apply for guest workers.