

## **Past Oklahoma 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies that had an impact on the State**

### **School Reform**

- 1999 Ideas introduced in Oklahoma 2000 study “Improving Oklahoma Schools” became part of Governor’s agenda for school reform.
- 1991 Oklahoma 2000’s examination of HB 1017 was instrumental in the successful campaign to retain the provisions of this innovative legislation.
- 1985 Oklahoma 2000 recognized Oklahoma’s innovative efforts at improving the state’s teacher corps.

### **Per Capita Personal Income**

- 1997-98 Oklahoma 2000’s examination of PCPI focused the spotlight on the problems of low relative PCPI and provided policy options that became part of the Governor’s agenda.

### **Tax Limitations**

- 1994-96 Oklahoma 2000’s two-year study of the limits imposed by SQ 640 outlined several consequences of this measure, e.g., increasing dependence on fee income and the growing use of innovative bond instruments.

### **Constitutional Revision**

- 1984, 1988 Oklahoma 2000’s four studies on the Oklahoma Constitution  
1990, 2000 have been widely used in the debate over how to improve the constitution as an economic development policy instrument.

### **Workers’ Compensation**

- 1982, 1985 Oklahoma 2000’s studies recognized the economic development aspects of this issue early in the debate over workers’ reform

### **Right- to-Work**

- 1985 First examination of the Right-to-Work issue.

### **Lawsuit Reform**

- 1986 First examination of tort reform.
- 2004, 2005 Oklahoma 21<sup>st</sup> Century’s studies conclude that since the first study in 1986, Oklahoma has not made any significant liability-reducing reforms and has not kept up with other states. Because of this, Oklahoma may have reduced its competitive productivity advantage and it is likely that Oklahoma’s relative ranking by corporations in terms of the cost of its liability system to producers will deteriorate.