

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-096

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND
4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY THE BURNING OF CROP RESIDUE.

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6 WHEREAS, the burning of crop residue is a method used by many farmers
7 throughout the state to help prepare fields for the next growing season and
8 to get rid of pests and diseases that could negatively impact future crops;
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11 WHEREAS, the burning of crop residue on farmland can be an important
12 part of a crop management plan for row crops to accomplish specific crop
13 management objectives; and

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15 WHEREAS, while the burning of crop residue can be a valuable tool for
16 farmers, it can also lead to air quality and human health concerns due to the
17 amount of smoke and air particles that can be produced during the crop
18 residue burning process; and

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20 WHEREAS, an analysis of the burning of crop residue and best practices
21 for the management of associated risks would be beneficial for future
22 policymaking,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC
26 DEVELOPMENT OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic
29 Development conduct an interim study of crop residue burning to include
30 without limitation recommendations to improve the use of crop residue burning
31 in the state.

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34 Respectfully submitted,

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