

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2019-132

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL  
4 AFFAIRS CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY REGARDING THE PRIVATIZATION OF  
5 ELECTRONIC WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ARKANSAS.  
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7 WHEREAS, electronic waste continues to grow due to the increased  
8 manufacture and usage of various electronic devices; and  
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10 WHEREAS, many of these electronic devices have components that are  
11 potentially hazardous if disposed of improperly; and  
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13 WHEREAS, while many communities in Arkansas offer electronic waste  
14 collection centers or events, the amount of electronic waste entering into  
15 the state's solid waste stream continues to pose threats to both the health  
16 of the residents of Arkansas and the environment,  
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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS OF  
20 THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY:  
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22 THAT the House Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs conduct a  
23 study regarding the privatization of electronic waste management in Arkansas.  
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25 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT the study include electronic waste  
26 management program goals, including without limitation electronic materials  
27 that enter the solid waste stream; the products to be included in an  
28 electronic waste management program; the hierarchy of source reduction,  
29 reuse, recycling, and disposal; and the existing manufacturer and retailer  
30 "take back" programs.  
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32 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT the House Committee on City, County, and  
33 Local Affairs engage with stakeholders, including without limitation  
34 manufacturers, retailers, consumers, state agencies, local governments,  
35 haulers, and recyclers in determining best practices for electronic waste  
36 management.

1 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT the study review and analyze the electronic  
2 waste management programs utilized in other states for best practices related  
3 to definitions, requirements, and roles and responsibilities of those  
4 electronic waste management programs.  
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6 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT the study review existing electronic waste  
7 management programs to recommend additional legislation, rules, policies, and  
8 oversight functions for privatizing electronic waste management.  
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10 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT the study review and analyze the impact of  
11 requiring state agencies to purchase electronics only from retailers or  
12 manufacturers with established "take back" programs and to use certified  
13 electronic recyclers.  
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15 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT the study consider designating a statewide  
16 stewardship organization to coordinate electronic waste management programs  
17 for retailers and manufacturers.  
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20 Respectfully submitted,  
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