

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-097

REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR TO STUDY THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF POLLUTION AND DEPLETION OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESULTING FROM THE PRESENCE OF DIGITAL ASSET MINING FACILITIES, ALSO KNOWN AS "CRYPTO MINING FACILITIES".

WHEREAS, digital asset mining, also known as "crypto mining", is becoming a cause for concern throughout the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to study the impacts of digital asset mining, also known as "crypto mining", on the public health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the State of Arkansas and the environment,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor conduct a study on the impact of pollution and depletion of natural resources resulting from the presence of digital asset mining facilities, also known as "crypto mining facilities", including without limitation noise pollution and its effect on citizens of the State of Arkansas, over-usage and potential depletion of local water systems and other natural resources by digital asset mining facilities, also known as "crypto mining facilities", and the amount of usage of and potential impact on relevant electrical grids utilized by digital asset mining facilities, also known as "crypto mining facilities", in this state.

Respectfully submitted,

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