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2 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-096
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4 REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND
5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY THE BURNING OF CROP RESIDUE.
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7 WHEREAS, the burning of crop residue is a method used by many farmers
8 throughout the state to help prepare fields for the next growing season and
9 to get rid of pests and diseases that could negatively impact future crops;
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12 WHEREAS, the burning of crop residue on farmland can be an important
13 part of a crop management plan for row crops to accomplish specific crop
14 management objectives; and
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16 WHEREAS, while the burning of crop residue can be a valuable tool for
17 farmers, it can also lead to air quality and human health concerns due to the
18 amount of smoke and air particles that can be produced during the crop
19 residue burning process; and
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21 WHEREAS, an analysis of the burning of crop residue and best practices
22 for the management of associated risks would be beneficial for future
23 policymaking,
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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC
27 DEVELOPMENT OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 THAT the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic
30 Development conduct an interim study of crop residue burning to include
31 without limitation recommendations to improve the use of crop residue burning
32 in the state.
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35 Respectfully submitted,
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