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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Resolution No. 1055

SUPPORTING THE MODERNIZATION OF THE FEDERAL TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT OF 1976.

Amendment No. 1 to House Resolution No. 1055

Amend House Resolution No. 1055 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 18 through 22, and substitute the following:

"WHEREAS, American consumers deserve to have confidence that the products they buy, when used for their intended purposes, are safe; and

WHEREAS, a federal chemical management program should place protecting the public health, including children's health, as its highest priority and should include strict oversight; and

WHEREAS, a federal chemical management program should preserve America's role as the world's leading innovator and employer in the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce, and use of chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the current chemical management law, the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., was signed into law in 1976 and is now nearly thirty-five (35) years old; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., our ability to understand the impact chemicals have on the human body and the environment has advanced significantly; and

WHEREAS, these advancements in science and technology should be integrated into the federal chemical management program; and

WHEREAS, momentum for modernization of the federal chemical regulatory system is growing in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., should ensure that chemicals are safe for their intended use; require companies that manufacture, import, process, distribute, or use chemicals to provide the United States Environmental Protection Agency with relevant information to the extent necessary for the agency to make safe use determinations; assure that potential risks to children from exposure to chemicals are considered in the assessment of safe use; empower the agency to impose a range of risk management controls to ensure that chemicals are safe



for their intended use; encourage companies and the agency to work together to enhance public access to chemical health and safety information; enable the agency to have the staff, resources, and regulatory tools needed to ensure the safety of chemicals; and ensure that the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., remains a vehicle to promote and encourage technological innovation and the maintenance of a globally competitive industry in the United States; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., should require the agency to systematically prioritize chemicals for the purpose of assessing their safe use, to act expeditiously and efficiently in assessing the safe use of chemicals, and to rely on scientifically valid data and information; and

WHEREAS, a robust federal chemical management system will obviate the need for state governments to adopt different and at times conflicting state regulatory programs that have the potential to have negative impacts on the national economy,

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives encourages the United States Congress to enact legislation that modernizes the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall mail a copy of this resolution to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Baine
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