

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-211

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY THE
4 FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING THE TITLING, REGISTRATION, LICENSURE, AND
5 LIMITED ON-ROAD USE OF FUEL-EFFICIENT WORK-SITE UTILITY VEHICLES.
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7 WHEREAS, petroleum fuel costs have risen dramatically over the past six
8 (6) months, causing the cost of business overhead to increase and impacting
9 the profitability and viability of businesses in the state; and
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11 WHEREAS, in response to the rising costs of petroleum fuel, businesses
12 are seeking ways to reduce their use of fuel; and
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14 WHEREAS, agriculture and livestock-based businesses, which are an
15 essential part of Arkansas's economy, have found that using small, import
16 trucks as work-site utility vehicles, instead of using traditional full-sized
17 trucks, have saved the businesses as much as eighty percent (80%) in fuel
18 costs; and
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20 WHEREAS, currently, Arkansas Code § 27-14-705(b)(2) requires a person
21 applying for the registration and certificate of title of a vehicle to
22 provide a certificate of origin from the manufacturer and prohibits the
23 issuance of a license and certificate of title if the certificate of origin
24 is not provided; and
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26 WHEREAS, the work-site utility vehicles do not come with certificates
27 of origin and only come with export certificates, and therefore cannot be
28 titled, registered, and licensed in Arkansas; and
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30 WHEREAS, on-road use of a vehicle that has not been titled, registered,
31 and licensed is prohibited under the laws of the state; and
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33 WHEREAS, other states, including Kansas and Montana, allow work-site
34 utility vehicles and other alternative, more fuel-efficient vehicles to be
35 titled, registered, and licensed,
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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH
3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council requests the House Committee on
6 Public Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology
7 and Legislative Affairs study the feasibility of allowing the titling,
8 registration, licensing, and limited on-road use of fuel-efficient, work-site
9 utility vehicles.

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11 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED, that the Arkansas Legislative Council requests
12 the House Committee on Public Transportation and the Senate Committee on
13 Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs seek input from all
14 stakeholders in the public and private sector with knowledge about the
15 feasibility of allowing the titling, registration, licensing, and limited on-
16 road use of fuel-efficient, work-site utility vehicles, including:

- 17 (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the Revenue Division
18 of the Department of Finance and Administration;
- 19 (2) The Assistant Commissioner of Revenue for Operations and
20 Administration of the Department of Finance and Administration;
- 21 (3) The Administrator of the Office of Motor Vehicle of the
22 Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration;
- 23 (4) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police;
- 24 (5) The Director of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation
25 Department;
- 26 (6) Business owners who use the vehicles, or who are considering
27 the use of work-site utility vehicles, including farmers and ranchers;
- 28 (7) Business owners and representatives who sell work-site
29 utility vehicles; and
- 30 (8) Any other party with information relevant to this issue.

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32 Respectfully submitted,
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35 Representative Scott Sullivan
36 District 21

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