

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-173

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3 REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR TO STUDY  
4 THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF POLLUTION RAISED BY GRAVEL AND  
5 DIRT ROADS.  
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7 WHEREAS, gravel and dirt roads threaten public health and the  
8 environment by sending up dust that may interfere with breathing and that may  
9 settle as sediment in waterways and reservoirs that are used for drinking  
10 water; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the amount of dust and the chemical contents of dust rising  
13 from gravel and dirt roads are not well understood; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Arkansas possesses many miles of gravel and dirt roads across  
16 a broad spectrum of habitats and environments; and  
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18 WHEREAS, proper maintenance of gravel and dirt roads could  
19 substantially reduce pollution; and  
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21 WHEREAS, conservation districts are already committed to curbing  
22 pollution and could work efficiently with environmental experts to better  
23 protect gravel and dirt roads; and  
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25 WHEREAS, public education concerning the potentials for pollution from  
26 gravel and dirt roads and scientifically tested methods for maintaining  
27 gravel and dirt roads could contribute substantially to improving the quality  
28 of life in Arkansas,  
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30 NOW THEREFORE,

31 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR  
32 OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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34 THAT the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study  
35 the public health and environmental impacts of pollution raised by gravel and  
36 dirt roads.

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Respectfully submitted,

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