

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-097

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3 REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
4 LABOR TO STUDY THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF
5 POLLUTION AND DEPLETION OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESULTING FROM THE
6 PRESENCE OF DIGITAL ASSET MINING FACILITIES, ALSO KNOWN AS
7 "CRYPTO MINING FACILITIES".
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9 WHEREAS, digital asset mining, also known as "crypto mining", is
10 becoming a cause for concern throughout the State of Arkansas; and
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12 WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to study the impacts of digital
13 asset mining, also known as "crypto mining", on the public health, welfare,
14 and safety of the citizens of the State of Arkansas and the environment,
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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR
18 OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 THAT the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor conduct
21 a study on the impact of pollution and depletion of natural resources
22 resulting from the presence of digital asset mining facilities, also known as
23 "crypto mining facilities", including without limitation noise pollution and
24 its effect on citizens of the State of Arkansas, over-usage and potential
25 depletion of local water systems and other natural resources by digital asset
26 mining facilities, also known as "crypto mining facilities", and the amount
27 of usage of and potential impact on relevant electrical grids utilized by
28 digital asset mining facilities, also known as "crypto mining facilities", in
29 this state.
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31 Respectfully submitted,
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