

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-099

REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A STUDY CONCERNING POULTRY INTEGRATOR RESPONSIBILITY.

WHEREAS, Arkansas is one of the leading states in the nation in poultry production and is home to numerous companies and businesses that are involved in the poultry industry; and

WHEREAS, poultry is the leading animal agricultural industry in Arkansas, providing over one hundred fifty-seven thousand six hundred thirty-nine (157,639) jobs and fifty percent (50%) of total agriculture cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, due to the important part that poultry plays in the agricultural industry in Arkansas, it is vital that all involved in the poultry industry in the state are held responsible for the health and welfare of the poultry in their care, including without limitation poultry integrators,

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development conduct a study of the responsibility of poultry integrators on the health and welfare of poultry related to nutrition, disease, disease prevention, or other health related concerns, including without limitation recommendations on how to hold negligent poultry integrators responsible for poultry depopulation and disposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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