

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-109

REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A STUDY CONCERNING THE BENEFITS OF COUNTY FAIRS, DISTRICT FAIRS, AND YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWS.

WHEREAS, every year, county fairs, district fairs, and livestock shows take place all across Arkansas, with thousands of Arkansans attending the events; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly appropriates money for a fair funding program within the Department of Agriculture to assist in these events across the state; and

WHEREAS, there is a compelling state interest in ensuring that the benefit of these events be fully understood by the General Assembly in order to make decisions regarding future funding needs and other issues related to county fairs, district fairs, and youth livestock shows,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development a study concerning the benefits of county fairs, district fairs, and youth livestock shows.

BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that when conducting the study, the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development invite stakeholders to provide input, including without limitation requesting the participation of county fair associations, livestock associations, and representatives from the Arkansas Youth Expo.

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