

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND SMALL INDUSTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS FACING SMALL BUSINESSES AND SMALL INDUSTRIES IN ARKANSAS AND IDENTIFYING WAYS IN WHICH THE STATE MAY ASSIST IN ADDRESSING THOSE PROBLEMS.

WHEREAS, small businesses and small industries are by far the largest employers in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and small industries do not have a common voice in dealing with the General Assembly or State agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult for the owners and operators of many small businesses and small industries to travel to Little Rock to testify before the committees of the General Assembly during regular sessions; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that small businesses and small industries are the heart of Arkansas employment and therefore the Arkansas economy, it is vital that the General Assembly obtain as much input as possible from our small businesses and small industries; and

WHEREAS, the best mechanism for accomplishing this goal is for the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development to establish a special subcommittee on small business and small industry to conduct hearings around the State prior to the next regular session,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development is hereby requested to establish a special subcommittee on small business and small industry for the purpose of identifying problems facing small businesses and small industries in Arkansas and identifying ways in which the State may assist in addressing those problems.