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By: Representative Tullis

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ASBESTOS IN STATE BUILDINGS AND DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR TREATMENT AND ABATEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE 78th GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, there are currently over 5000 state owned or leased public buildings; and

WHEREAS, there is legislation under consideration in Congress which would regulate asbestos elimination in all non-residential buildings; and

WHEREAS, the legal and financial exposure for the state is alarming in this area where multimillion dollar cases against other entities have been successful;

WHEREAS, the best possible approach is the orderly discovery of the location of friable asbestos and the development of a master plan setting priorities for removal and abatement; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health and State Building Services could provide technical assistance in discovering when state buildings were constructed and locating those with potential asbestos in their construction;

NOW THEREFORE,

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

That as soon as possible after the adjournment of this General Assembly the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor should commence a study to locate friable asbestos in state buildings and develop a master plan for treatment to be presented to the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly.