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By: Representative Hinshaw

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH,
WELFARE AND LABOR TO STUDY THE CURRENT FLUORIDATION OF PUBLIC
DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES IN ARKANSAS AND TO DETERMINE ITS
MEASUREABLE EFFECT ON THE DENTAL HEALTH OF THE CITIZENS OF
ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the dental health of all Arkansans is of the utmost concern for the Arkansas General Assembly because it is an important element of the overall health of the children of Arkansas and a major component of health care expenditures in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the fluoridation of public drinking water supplies has provided noticeable dental health benefits to the children of those areas where it was provided for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Board of Health recognizes the value of the fluoridation of public drinking water supplies in the promotion of all around dental health and in measureable reduction of dental health care costs in those areas; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Board of Health has gone on record as supporting the use of extensive education, any type of positive persuasion, and advocates appropriate legislation for obtaining the goal of fluoridation of most of the public drinking water supplies in Arkansas:

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Joint Interim Committee of Public Health, Welfare, and Labor be requested to conduct an interim study of the extent of fluoridation now existing in the public drinking water supplies in Arkansas and the extent to which the overall dental health of the citizenry of Arkansas is aided by fluoridation of public drinking waters; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Joint Interim Committee should have legislation prepared for the Seventy-Eighth Arkansas General Assembly if the study indicates that statewide fluoridation should be encouraged in a significant way to aid the dental health of all Arkansans not served by fluoridation of their drinking water supply.