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Introduced by  
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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE FARMWORKER HOUSING STUDY COMMITTEE; MAKING  
AN APPROPRIATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Joint legislative farmworker housing study  
3 committee; membership; duties

4 A. The joint legislative farmworker housing study committee is  
5 established consisting of the following members:

6 1. Five members of the house of representatives who are appointed by  
7 the speaker of the house of representatives. Not more than three of these  
8 members shall be members of the same political party. The speaker of the  
9 house of representatives shall select one of these members to serve as  
10 cochairperson of the committee.

11 2. Five members of the senate who are appointed by the president of  
12 the senate. Not more than three of these members shall be members of the  
13 same political party. The president of the senate shall select one of these  
14 members to serve as cochairperson of the committee.

15 B. The committee shall:

16 1. Investigate the availability of housing for farmworkers in this  
17 state. This investigation shall include determining the number of seasonal  
18 and migrant farmworkers, the number of available housing facilities,  
19 including whether the housing facilities are for families or individuals, the  
20 structural and safety conditions of the available housing facilities and  
21 health issues relating to the available housing facilities.

22 2. Make recommendations as to the housing needs of farmworkers in this  
23 state, including applicable standards of habitability. The recommendations  
24 may not include any recommendation to make farmers or ranchers responsible  
25 for building housing facilities or for the future operation or maintenance of  
26 housing facilities.

27 3. Recommend to the speaker of the house of representatives and the  
28 president of the senate that the legislature hire a consultant to provide  
29 administrative and technical assistance to the committee.

30 4. Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
31 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of  
32 the senate on or before December 31, 2001. The report shall concentrate on  
33 housing in Aguila, Salome, Harquahala, Wenden, the Yuma area, Douglas, the  
34 Willcox area and Maricopa county. The committee shall provide a copy of this  
35 report to the secretary of state and the Arizona state library, archives and  
36 public records.

37 Sec. 2. Appropriation; purpose; exemption

38 The sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is appropriated from the state general fund in  
39 fiscal year 2001-2002 jointly to the house of representatives and the senate  
40 to hire a consultant to assist the joint legislative farmworker housing study  
41 committee.