

A JOINT RESOLUTION imposing a moratorium on waste tire grants.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has sought solutions to waste tires and orphan waste tire landfills by encouraging the recycling of tires through grants under KRS 224.50.878; and

WHEREAS, several grants were made to schools, local governments, and private organizations to build new running surfaces, playground decks, and roads using shredded or recycled tires; and

WHEREAS, environmental groups, hospitals, doctors, universities, and the United States Protection Agency have expressed new concerns about the chemicals found in tire shreds; and

WHEREAS, Mount Sinai Children's Environmental Health Center stated there is a potential air and water contamination from tire shreds and that exposure by children and the unborn can cause birth defects, neurologic and developmental deficits, and even cancer; and

WHEREAS, chemicals causing the most concern include carbon black, arsenic, cadmium, and benzene; and

WHEREAS, tire shreds also contain phthalates, which are known hormonal disruptors; polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), which cause cancer and increase the chance of birth defects; and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which can cause asthma, eye and throat irritation, and various types of cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Energy and Environmental cabinet shall not issue any grants authorized by KRS 224.50-878 until the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Centers for Disease Control completes a comprehensive study of the safety of using recycled tire materials that conclusively states that recycled tire materials pose no threat to health, human safety, or the environment.

➔Section 2. The cabinet shall prepare a list of all grant recipients and the location of their facilities and all public facilities using recycled tire materials, which shall be publicly available by request under the Kentucky Open Records Act.

➔Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Secretary Leonard Peters, Energy and Environment Cabinet, 500 Mero Street, 5th Floor Capitol Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.