

**REPORT OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW (PEER)
OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

August 21, 2015

Mr. Chairmen:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on August 18, 2015, and after having reviewed the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete.

A. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests - FY16

1. Parks & Tourism – History Commission - \$28,550
2. Economic Development Commission–Rural Services - \$30,000
3. Economic Development Commission-Rural Services - \$500,000
4. Governor’s Mansion - \$200,000

B. Items Approved

1. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Requests – FY16
 - a. Department of Workforce Services – \$5,000,000 Appropriation Transfer from Unemployment Benefits and Expenses-Cash to UI Trust Fund Interest / Unemployment Insurance.
2. Set-aside Funding Release Requests-FY16
 - a. Arkansas Waterways Commission-Three Rivers Study - \$700,000
 - b. Governor’s Mansion - \$200,000
 - c. Department of Correction (Ester Unit) - \$7,400,000
 - d. Department of Correction (Out of State) - \$2,638,656
 - e. Economic Development Commission-Science & Technology (AR Acceleration Fund) - \$2,100,000
 - f. Economic Development Commission-Science & Technology (AR EPSCOR II) - \$800,000

C. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request

1. Governor’s Office - \$36,000 Fund Transfer from Operations to Professional Fees
2. Department of Finance & Administration-Building Authority, Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund to Arkansas Workers’ Compensation Commission - \$450,000

D. Budget Classification Transfer Requests – FY16

1. Department of Veterans Affairs - \$45,675 to Professional Fees line item from Operating Expenses.
2. Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board - \$35,000 to Operating Expenses line item from Professional Fees.

E. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests - FY16

1. Disability Determination for Social Security, Cooperative Disability Program - \$485,000
2. Office of Health Information Technology, Interoperable Exchange Expansion Initiative - \$2,684,650
3. Geological Survey, Historic Rare Books Library Project - \$14,315
4. Attorney General, Cooperative Disability Investigations Unit - \$391,459 – Three Positions

F. Contracts Between State Agencies

1. School for the Deaf with Board of Trustees, UAMS / Pediatrics, Amendment 2 in the amount of \$13,875.50
2. Department of Human Services - Child Care-Early Childhood Education with UAMS, Amendment 6 in the amount of \$349,881
3. Department of Human Services – County Operations with U of A Community College at Hope – in the amount of \$79,737.96
4. Department of Human Services – Developmental Disabilities with UAMS Department of Pediatrics in the amount of \$79,245

The Subcommittee also received the Department of Human Services – Inter-Agency and Inter-Divisional Match Fund Transfers and the Office of Attorney General – Cash Settlement Funds Reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair

Rep. David Meeks, Co-Chair