

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (800)
FISCAL YEAR 2016
As Enacted by Act 729 of 2015

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The mission of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to foster, promote, and develop the health, safety and welfare of the wage earners of Arkansas by providing services and enforcing laws to improve working conditions and enhance their opportunities for safe and profitable employment. The DOL has four functional units: Occupational Safety and Health, Labor Standards, Code Enforcement and Public Safety, and Administrative Services.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$7,486,738.

FUNDING SOURCES

The appropriations for the Department of Labor are funded by general revenue, special revenue which includes license, renewal, permit, & inspection fees, federal funds, cash funds, and fund balances.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

STATE OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 148)

This appropriation is used to support the operations of the Department and to meet the matching requirements for the Federal Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA), Mine Safety Health and Administration (MSHA), Revised Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (ROSH) and Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries Grants. This appropriation is funded by general revenue, special revenue from fees collected by the Elevator Safety Program, and non-revenue receipts from blasting certification fees and amusement ride inspections. The total appropriation is \$4,232,210 and includes the following increase:

Regular Salaries & Matching - An increase of \$43,121 to restore one position: Labor Standards Investigator (C116) to satisfy potential workload demands. This request also includes the reclassification of two positions: Systems Coordination Specialists (Grade C123) - one to a Senior Software support Analyst (Grade 123) and the other to a Software Support Analyst (Grade C121). Final request is for the permanent reclassification and continuation of an Editor position (Grade C117) downgraded to a Media Specialist (Grade C116).

BOILER INSPECTION (APPROPRIATION 149)

This appropriation provides the operating costs of the Boiler Inspection Program which permits and inspects all boilers used by private and public entities. The appropriation is funded by fees collected for annual and biennial inspections of boilers and pressure vessels, examinations of operators, quality assurance surveys, ASME code shop service, licensing of installers and repair companies, and consultations.

The appropriation is \$1,006,010 and includes the following increase:

Regular Salaries and Matching - Provides an increase of \$49,124 to hire one (C119 Labor Inspector) to satisfy workload demands, as well as allow flexibility to hire new employees to work alongside veteran employees who will be retiring, which will allow new employees time to meet qualifications for certification.

BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS (APPROPRIATION 2CT)

This appropriation provides operating expenses for the operation of the Electrical Licensing Division which is authorized to adopt rules and regulations, conduct exams for licensure, register electrical apprentices, issue certificates, revoke or suspend licenses or certificates. This appropriation is funded by special revenues from fees collected for license issuance and renewal for electrical contractors, exam, licensure, and renewal of master, journeyman, and industrial maintenance electricians as well as residential master and journeyman electricians and air conditioning electricians.

The appropriation is \$720,777 and includes the following increase:

Regular Salaries and Matching - Provides an increase of \$32,104 for the restoration of one Administrative Specialist II position (Grade C109) to provide additional administrative support throughout the year during peak periods.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions: 99)

Total Authorized Positions FY2016: 99

Total Base Level Positions FY2015: 96

Increase / (Decrease) over Base Level: 3

The increase is the restoration of the following 3 positions that were authorized but unbudgeted:

- 1 - Labor Inspector positions(C119), Labor Standards Investigator (C116), and Administrative Specialist II (C109)

Agency has no Extra Help positions.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.

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