

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

July 21, 2023

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

Items Approved

A. Various Temporary Appropriation Request

1. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – \$61,000,000

B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Direct Federal Awards

1. Department of Health – \$1,743,229
2. Department of Transportation – Rural Area Formula Program – \$1,154,271
3. Department of Transportation – Enhance Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities – \$472,024

State Awards

4. Game and Fish Commission – Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery – \$5,000,000
5. Game and Fish Commission – Shirey Bay Rainey Brake Wildlife Management Area – \$5,000,000
6. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Pharmacists Association – \$3,682,573
7. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Outdoor Recreation Grants Program – \$1,800,000
8. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – State Park Improvements – \$10,000,000
9. Department of Human Services – Assisted Living Facilities – \$2,000,000
10. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – State Hospital – \$10,000,000
11. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Alvarez & Marsal Rural Hospital Contract – \$1,877,800

C. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Request

1. Department of Transportation – \$280,000,000

D. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – \$15,000,000
2. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff – Land Grant – \$2,000,000
3. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Law Enforcement Stipends – Up to \$12,000,000
4. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Drug Task Force – \$2,500,000
5. Department of Finance and Administration – Economic Development Districts – \$120,000
6. Department of Finance and Administration – Pregnancy Help Organization Grants – \$1,000,000
7. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – NCI Designation – \$100,000,000
8. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Matching Funds – \$1,000,000
9. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – Arkansas School Boards Association – \$6,302,497.57
10. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – Arkansas Public School Insurance Trust – \$4,465,275.85
11. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – Bentonville – \$117,928.08

E. Request to Maintain the 2.1% Deduction for State Central Services Fund for FY2024

Items Reviewed

F. Cash Fund Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Finance and Administration – Budget and Management Services – \$400,000
2. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Law Enforcement Stipends – \$11,950,924.19
3. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Matching Funds – \$1,000,000

G. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Request

1. Department of Public Safety – Victims of Crime Act – \$1,021,000

Reports

H. Emergency Action Report

1. Pay Plan Appropriation/Performance Fund Transfers
 - a. Department of Transformation and Shared Services – Geographic Information Systems Office – \$110,492
 - b. Department of Agriculture – \$1,598,554
 - c. Department of Education – Educational Television – \$67,377
 - d. Administrative Office of the Courts – \$83,000
 - e. Department of Labor and Licensing – Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board – \$500
 - f. Department of Labor and Licensing – Contractor’s Licensing Board – \$7,500

- g. Department of Health – Examiners in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology – \$100
 - h. Department of Corrections – \$12,000
 - i. Department of Corrections – Division of Correction – \$700
 - j. Department of Transformation and Shared Services – \$4,000
 - k. Department of Agriculture – \$4,850
 - l. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Commission – \$1,420
 - m. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – \$86,800
- 2. Budget Classification Transfers
 - a. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Conservation Tax – \$500,000 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses
 - b. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Operations and Construction – \$200,000 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses
 - 3. Cash Fund Appropriation
 - a. Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services – Rehabilitation Services – \$90,000
 - 4. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation
 - a. Department of the Military – \$3,500
- I. Semiannual Report
 - 1. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – NCI Designation Trust Fund Report
 - J. Monthly Reports
 - 1. Surplus Income and Distribution Report
 - 2. Budget Stabilization Trust Fund Report
 - 3. Tobacco Settlement Report
 - 4. State Central Services Report
 - 5. American Rescue Plan Act Report

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Frances Cavanaugh