

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

November 21, 2025

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

Items for Approval

- A. Various Temporary Appropriation Request
 - 1. University of Arkansas – Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts – Operational Needs – \$3,029,043 – **Hold for full Legislative Council**
- B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests
 - 1. Department of Health – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity – Return Funds – \$139,543
 - 2. Department of Health – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity – Return Funds II – \$1
- C. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Requests
 - 1. Department of Transportation – Quarterly Funding – \$280,000,000
 - 2. Department of Public Safety – State Crime Laboratory – Motor Vehicle Crash Toxicology Testing – \$347,500
 - 3. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – Highway Safety – \$0 Reallocation
 - 4. Department of Agriculture – State Forest Action Plan – \$759,728
 - 5. Department of Agriculture – State Fire Assistance – \$416,526
 - 6. Department of Agriculture – Nursery and Orchard Improvement – \$500,000
 - 7. Department of Agriculture – Volunteer Fire Assistance – \$78,008
 - 8. Department of Agriculture – Temporary Bridge Program – \$600,000
 - 9. Department of Agriculture – Community Wildfire Defense Grant – \$75,999
 - 10. Department of Agriculture – Gulf Hypoxia Grant – \$2,514,116
- D. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request
 - 1. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – High Risk Pregnancy, IDHI Stroke Program, and Following Baby Back Home Program – \$2,900,000

Items for Review

- E. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request
 - 1. Public Defender Commission – Commission for Parent Counsel – Extra Help – \$16,000 from Legal Services/Refunds-Reimbursement to Extra Help
- F. Cash Fund Appropriation Request
 - 1. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – High Risk Pregnancy, IDHI Stroke Program, and Following Baby Back Home Program – \$2,900,000
- G. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests
 - 1. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – Continuity of Care Following Incarceration – \$1,171,865
 - 2. Office of the Attorney General – Medicaid Fraud Control Unit – \$112,500
 - 3. Department of Health – Ending the HIV Epidemic – \$2,861,852
 - 4. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Land and Water Conservation Fund – Cossatot River Boating Access – \$86,000
 - 5. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Land and Water Conservation Fund – Snowden Waterfowl Rest Area – \$410,000
 - 6. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Land and Water Conservation Fund – Queen Wilhelmina State Park – \$326,000
 - 7. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Land and Water Conservation Fund – Trusten Holder Wildlife Management Area – \$450,000
 - 8. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Land and Water Conservation Fund – Crowley’s Ridge State Park – \$425,577.26
 - 9. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Land and Water Conservation Fund – Hobbs State Park – \$2,197,095.12
 - 10. Department of Public Safety – Victims of Crime Act – \$345,212
 - 11. Department of Finance and Administration – Budget and Management Services – Project Safe Neighborhoods – Western – \$108,599
 - 12. Department of Finance and Administration – Budget and Management Services – Project Safe Neighborhoods – Western II – \$114,940
 - 13. Department of Finance and Administration – Budget and Management Services – Project Safe Neighborhoods – Eastern – \$150,632
 - 14. Department of Finance and Administration – Budget and Management Services – Project Safe Neighborhoods – Eastern II – \$160,179
 - 15. Department of Labor and Licensing – Appraisers Board – Regulatory Agency Support – \$38,169
 - 16. Department of Agriculture – Maumelle Water Excellence – \$7,000,000 – **Hold for full Legislative Council**
 - 17. Department of Agriculture – Forestry Assistance Grant – \$925,000

Reports

- H. Emergency Actions
 - 1. October 30, 2025
 - a. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer – Department of Finance and Administration – Arkansas Food Bank – \$500,000
 - b. Cash Fund Appropriation – Department of Finance and Administration – Arkansas Food Bank – \$500,000

2. November 7, 2025
 - a. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer – Department of Finance and Administration – Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance – \$500,000
 - b. Cash Fund Appropriation – Department of Finance and Administration – Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance – \$500,000
- I. Quarterly Reports
 1. Department of Human Services Interagency Match Fund Transfer Report
 2. Office of Attorney General Cash Settlement Fund Report
 3. Division of State Police Asset Forfeiture Expenditures Report
 4. Department of Finance and Administration Federal Grants Report
- J. Monthly Reports
 1. Surplus Income and Distribution Report
 2. Budget Stabilization Trust Fund Report
 3. Tobacco Settlement Report
 4. State Central Services Fund Report
 5. Educational Adequacy Fund Report
 6. Medicaid Trust Fund Report
 7. Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act Report

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Jeff Wardlaw