

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

January 16, 2026

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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 Requests

1. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Education Freedom Account Program - \$32,000,000
2. Department of Public Safety – State Crime Laboratory – Supplies - \$476,000
3. Department of Finance and Administration – Assessment Coordination Division – Cost Increases – \$90,000

B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

1. Department of Health – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity – Return Funds - \$1

C. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Education Freedom Account Program - \$32,000,000
2. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – Used Tire Program - \$2,500,000

Item to Recommend Approval to ALC-Personnel

D. Reallocation of Resources Request

1. Department of Human Services

Items for Review

E. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request

1. Department of Shared Administrative Services – Division of Building Authority – Sustainability Revolving Loan Fund - \$1,357,050

F. Cash Fund Appropriation Request

1. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Teacher Shortage - \$2,427,847
2. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Outdoor Recreation – All Kids Bike Program - \$750,000
3. Department of Public Safety – State Crime Laboratory – Toxicology Test and Sexual Assault Kit Outsourcing - \$74,800
4. Department of Veterans Affairs – State Veterans Cemeteries Division – Headstones and General Maintenance - \$40,000
5. Department of Health – Board of Podiatric Medicine – Licensee Investigations - \$2,000

G. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Request

1. Department of Veterans Affairs – Cemetery Expansion - \$5,593,296
2. Department of Agriculture – Maumelle Water Excellence - \$7,000,000 – **Held for full Legislative Council this Friday and request the Department of Agriculture would consider removing the purchase of property in Perry County from its request which would therefore limit the purchase of property in the Maumelle Watershed using the federal grant monies to property solely located in Pulaski County. This motion would allow the agency time to resubmit the request to include only the property in Pulaski County**
3. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Rural Health Transformation Program – \$6,350,000

H. Pay Plan Appropriation Request

1. Department of Veterans Affairs - \$133,000

I. Semiannual Report

1. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences NCI 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 Fund Report
5. Educational Adequacy Fund Report with Quarterly Public School Fund Balance
6. Medicaid Trust Fund Report
7. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Report

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Jeff Wardlaw