

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

April 20, 2018

Mr. Chairmen:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, and after having reviewed the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

A. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests – FY18

1. Secretary of State - \$100,000
2. Department of Arkansas Heritage-Historic Preservation Program - \$7,944.64
3. Department of Parks and Tourism - \$1,200
4. National Park College - \$5,000,000

B. Item for Approval

Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request – FY18

- a. Arkansas Department of Transportation – Highway Improvement Plan - \$8,700,000 from the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund

C. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Requests – FY18

1. Department of Higher Education – \$220,000 Appropriation Transfer from Higher Education Opportunity Grant to Governor's Scholars
2. Secretary of State - \$1,215,000 Appropriation Transfer to Election Expenses from Regular Salaries in the amount of \$900,000; from Extra Help in the amount of \$70,000; from Personal Services Matching in the amount of \$225,000 and from Overtime in the amount of \$20,000.

D. Budget Classification Transfer Requests – FY18

1. Administrative Office of the Courts - \$10,000 to Conference and Travel Expense from Profession Fees
2. Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System - \$350,000 to Operating Expenses from Professional Fees
3. Ethics Commission - \$10,000 to Capital Outlay from Operating Expenses
4. Minority Health Commission-Minority Health Initiative - \$44,000 to Conference and Travel Expense from Operating Expenses

E. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests – FY18

1. Arkansas State Police – Criminal Investigation Division - \$26,423
2. Crime Information Center/VINE 3 - \$551,000
3. Department of Human Services – Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education-USDA Nutrition Programs - \$108,385 – 9 Positions

4. Disability Determination for Social Security Disability - \$360,000
5. Secretary of State – Help America Vote Act - \$4,475,015

F. Pay Plan Holding Account Transfer

1. Claims Commission - \$29,000
2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission - \$29,400
3. Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology - \$10,569
4. School for the Deaf - \$170,000
5. Department of Education – AETN - \$95,000
6. School for the Blind - \$12,500
7. Administrative Office of the Courts - \$314,658
8. Tobacco Control Board - \$45,000
9. Psychology Board - \$5,700
10. Board of Examiners in Counseling - \$14,000
11. Geological Survey - \$5,500
12. Crime Laboratory - \$67,400
13. Auctioneers Licensing Board - \$5,500
14. Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training - \$305,100
15. Agriculture Department - \$301,679
16. Board of Dental Examiners - \$1,400
17. Veterinary Medical Examiners Board - \$1,650
18. Manufactured Home Commission - \$2,600
19. Department of Career Education - \$7,500
20. Department of Arkansas Heritage - \$92,000

G. Item Approved on an Emergency Basis – See Attachment 1

Pay Plan Holding Account Transfer Request-FY18
--Department of Parks and Tourism - \$4,070,000

The Subcommittee was also presented the

The Certification of Adequate Funds and Appropriation for the Institutions of Higher Education;
Office of the Treasurer – Professional Fees Expenditure Report for January thru March 2018;
Department of Human Services Inter-Agency and Inter-Divisional Match Fund Transfers for
Second Quarter FY18;
Office of Attorney General Cash Settlement Fund Report for October-December, 2017; and the
Arkansas State Police Asset Forfeiture Expenditures for FY18

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Bruce Maloch and Representative
David Meeks

ALC Report For Emergency Review of Pay Plan Request

March 27, 2018

On March 27, 2018, Senator Bill Sample and Representative Jim Dotson, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council, and Senator Bruce Maloch and Representative David Meeks, Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee, received written notification from Larry Walther, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, requesting Emergency Review of a Pay Plan Appropriation Request.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, on March 27, 2018 the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and PEER Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency review of the Pay Plan request was necessary to enable the agency to perform essential services. As such, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and the Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee may act on behalf of the Legislative Council in regard to this request, and state herein that this request shall be filed as reviewed and reported to the Legislative Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with Rule 16.

Below is a summary of the Pay Plan request that was given emergency review.

Pay Plan Appropriation Request – FY18
Department of Parks & Tourism - \$4,070,000

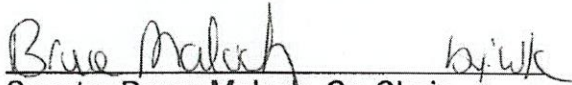
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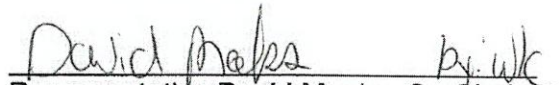
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March 27, 2018

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RE: Emergency Action Procedures Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

This is to inform you that there is an item for Legislative Council review that requires your immediate attention. Because of the time-sensitive nature of these item, the Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests an expedited review.

This item is a request for Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriation. The request is needed to meet the March 30, 2018 payroll and the remaining payroll obligations for the fiscal year for the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism.

I ask that you please institute emergency action procedures for consideration of these matters and sign them out of Committee per Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry W. Walther". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Larry W. Walther
Director

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**REQUEST FOR SALARY and/or
PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING APPROPRIATION
Fiscal Year 2018**

Agency 0900 - Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds Center</u>	<u>Commitment Item</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation</u>
SPT0100	500	501:00:00	\$950,000
SPT0100	500	501:00:03	\$725,000
SBA0100	502	501:00:00	\$20,000
TDT9200	504	501:00:03	\$35,000
MPT0100	579	501:00:03	\$20,000
NPT0104	986	501:00:00	\$1,400,000
NPT0104	986	501:00:03	\$920,000

TOTAL \$4,070,000

Reason for requested increase:

Additional Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching is requested due to the impact of the Pay Plan Implementation, Act 365 of 2017 and the retirement rate increase to 14.75% from 14.50%.

Agency # _____