

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

September 19, 2014

Mr. Chairmen:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on September 4, 2014, and after having reviewed the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete.

A. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests - FY15

1. Economic Development Commission - \$3,000,000

B. Items Approved

1. Set-aside Funding Release Request – FY15
 - a. Department of Human Services - \$1,875,000 Transfer from the 89th Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund.
 - b. State Crime Laboratory - \$260,000 Transfer from the 89th Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund.
2. Appropriation Transfer Request – FY15
 - a. Department of Workforce Services - \$55,000,000 Total - \$4,000,000 from Benefits to Advance Repayment; \$51,000,000 from Benefits to Trust Fund Interest / Unemployment Insurance
 - b. State Police - \$491,500 Fund Transfer from Court Awards to ASP Operations; \$491,500 Appropriation from Confiscated Funds Transfer to ASP Operations

C. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests – FY15

1. Science and Technology Authority – Collaborative Research on Plant Biology - \$3,150,000
2. Community Correction – Drug Court Capacity Building Grant – 1 Position
3. Community Correction – Residential Substance Abuse Treatment - \$41,414 – Two Positions
4. Community Correction – Benton HOPE Probation Demonstration Field - \$193,778
5. DHS/Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support – AmeriCorps - \$150,000
6. DHS/Division of Services for the Blind – Vocational Rehab. - \$330,652 – Six Positions
7. Agriculture Department – CPG Forest Health - \$104,410
8. Agriculture Department – CPG National Fire Preparedness - \$194,434
9. Agriculture Department – CPG Shortleaf Restoration - \$547,812
10. Agriculture Department – Western Arkansas Woodland - \$470,000
11. Agriculture Department – Conservation Reserve Program - \$725,363

D. Emergency Transfer Requests – Approved on an Emergency Basis by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State

1. Cash Fund Appropriation Increase Requests – FY15
 - a. Department of Veterans Affairs - \$11,648.28
2. Pay Plan Holding Account Transfer Requests – FY14
 - a. Department of Finance and Administration – ABC Administration - \$5,000
 - b. Department of Veterans Affairs - \$100,000

E. Contracts Between State Agencies

1. Human Services Department – Behavioral Health and University of Arkansas at Little Rock – Amendment 1 in the amount of \$91,000

The Subcommittee reviewed a report on Agency Carry Forward of Funding for FY 2014 to FY2015; and the Quarterly Report of Inter-Agency and Inter-Divisional Match Fund Transfers from Department of Human Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair

Rep. Stephen Meeks, Co-Chair