

**REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON POLICY MAKING
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

December 18, 2015

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Policy Making Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council met Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 272. The members present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

Review of Interim Committee Balances

Representative Hammer, House Co-Chair of the Joint Performance Review Committee (“JPR”) was recognized to discuss the request by JPR for an additional allocation of funds for per diem and mileage for JPR. [Exhibit B].

There was discussion by the Subcommittee members on the request. **Representative Davis made a motion to zero the out of state travel allocation for JPR and reallocate \$12,000 from House Revenue and Tax, \$14,000 from Legislative Facilities, and \$12,000 from the Joint Committee on Economic and Tax Policy Committee. In addition, Representative Davis moved to encourage restricting per diem for non-members attending the Joint Performance Review Committee.**

Representative Ballinger made a substitute motion to reallocate funds from various committees and zero out of state travel funds.

Senator Elliott made a substitute to the substitute motion to defer action until the Policy Making Subcommittee can have more information and ask the full Legislative Council to give final approval of this issue to the Policy Making Subcommittee to take up at its next meeting. The motion was seconded, and, after discussion by the committee, was approved by voice vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Alan Clark, Senate Co-Chair

Representative George B. McGill, House Co-Chair

ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senator Alan Clark
Chair



Representative Kim Hammer
Chair

JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

December 8, 2015

The Honorable Alan Clark and The Honorable George McGill, Co-Chairs
Arkansas Legislative Council - Policy Making Subcommittee
Room 315, State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Request for Additional Funds

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Senator Clark and Representative McGill:

As Co-Chairs of the Joint Performance Review (JPR) Committee, we respectfully request that an agenda item be considered at the next meeting of the ALC-Policy Making Subcommittee concerning an additional allocation of funds in the same amount as originally allotted for in-state per diem, mileage, and expenses for the JPR Committee.

Under Arkansas Code Annotated 10-3-902, the Joint Performance Review Committee shall have the authority and responsibility to:

- (1) Make random and periodic performance review of specific governmental programs and agencies;*
- (2) Conduct investigations into such specific problem areas of the administration of state government as may be brought to the attention of the Joint Performance Review Committee;*
- (3) Refer specific problems regarding the operation of state government to appropriate interim committees of the General Assembly for continuing study;*
- (4) Conduct hearings on citizen complaints and views regarding the operation of state government and serve as a forum for citizens to air their complaints and suggestions regarding the operation of state government;*
- (5) Review the expenditures of the various agencies, departments, and programs of state government to assure that they are being administered in accordance with legislative intent and are being administered in such manner as to provide the taxpayers with the greatest service at the lowest reasonable cost; and*
- (6) Make such reports and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative Council as the Joint Performance Review Committee deems necessary or appropriate to promote more effective and efficient operation of state government.*

Due to the extensive meeting schedule and the broad range of issues reviewed by the JPR Committee, there is high attendance by both Committee members and non-members, which impacts the funds available to the Committee.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,


Representative Kim Hammer,
House of Representatives Co-Chair


Senator Alan Clark,
Senate Co-Chair

cc: Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair, Arkansas Legislative Council
Representative David Branscum, Co-Chair, Arkansas Legislative Council
Ms. Marty Garrity, Secretary, Arkansas Legislative Council
Ms. Jill Thayer, Legal Counsel to the Director, Bureau of Legislative Research

EXHIBIT B

Interim Committee Balances for the Bureau of Legislative Research

(July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016)								
November 30, 2015								
COMMITTEE TITLE	PER DIEM/MILEAGE & EXPENSES			OUT OF STATE TRAVEL				
	BEGINNING	TRANSFER IN/OUT	EXPENDED	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING	EXPENDED	ENDING BALANCE	
ECONOMIC AND TAX POLICY JOINT	24,000.00			24,000.00	-		-	
LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES JOINT	28,000.00			28,000.00	-		-	
SENATE EDUCATION	28,000.00		9,536.46	18,463.54	5,950.00		5,950.00	
SENATE JUDICIARY	14,000.00		4,325.51	9,674.49	5,950.00		5,950.00	
SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR	28,000.00		10,189.99	17,810.01	5,950.00		5,950.00	
SENATE TRANS, TECH, LEGIS AFFAIRS	14,000.00		1,879.70	12,120.30	5,950.00	405.45	5,544.55	
SENATE REVENUE & TAX	14,000.00		915.96	13,084.04	5,950.00		5,950.00	
SENATE AGRI, FORESTRY & ECONOMIC DEV	14,000.00		2,111.46	11,888.54	5,950.00		5,950.00	
SENATE CITY, COUNTY & LOCAL AFFAIRS	14,000.00		1,478.58	12,521.42	5,950.00		5,950.00	
SENATE INSURANCE & COMMERCE	14,000.00		1,404.92	12,595.08	5,950.00		5,950.00	
SENATE STATE AGENCY & GOVT'L AFFAIRS	28,000.00		1,583.41	26,416.59	5,950.00		5,950.00	
JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW	60,000.00		75,457.77	(15,457.77)	25,500.00		25,500.00	
JOINT PUBLIC RETIREMENT & SS PRGM	40,000.00			40,000.00	-		-	
SENATE CHILDREN & YOUTH	20,000.00		3,451.34	16,548.66	8,500.00		8,500.00	
JT ADV COM & TECH	34,000.00		12,628.42	21,371.58	14,450.00		14,450.00	
HOUSE EDUCATION	112,000.00		37,274.79	74,725.21	17,000.00	977.56	16,022.44	
HOUSE JUDICIARY	58,000.00		9,252.44	48,747.56	17,000.00		17,000.00	
HOUSE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR	128,000.00		35,841.73	92,158.27	17,000.00	863.29	16,136.71	
HOUSE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	48,000.00		4,603.35	43,396.65	17,000.00		17,000.00	
HOUSE REVENUE & TAX	64,000.00		1,528.14	62,471.86	17,000.00		17,000.00	
HOUSE AGING & LEGIS AFFAIRS	42,000.00		11,064.25	30,935.75	17,000.00		17,000.00	

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					November 30, 2015			
COMMITTEE TITLE	PER DIEM/MILEAGE & EXPENSES			ENDING BALANCE	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL			ENDING BALANCE
	BEGINNING	TRANSFER IN/OUT	EXPENDED		BEGINNING	EXPENDED		
HOUSE AGRI, FORESTRY & ECONOMIC DEVELP	56,000.00		11,031.41	44,968.59		17,000.00		17,000.00
HOUSE CITY, COUNTY & LOCAL AFFAIRS	50,000.00		5,537.94	44,462.06		17,000.00		17,000.00
HOUSE INSURANCE & COMMERCE	60,000.00		7,162.19	52,837.81		17,000.00	1,180.50	15,819.50
HOUSE STATE AGENCIES & GOVT'L AFFAIRS	88,000.00		2,456.06	85,543.94		17,000.00		17,000.00
UNALLOCATED INTERIM COMMITTEE	339,199.00		89,466.44	249,732.56		5,197.00		5,197.00
GRAND TOTAL	1,419,199.00		340,182.26	1,079,016.74		277,197.00		277,197.00
JOINT ENERGY	65,806.00		4,268.66	61,537.34				

COMMITTEE NAME	EXPENDED
AR Health Insurance Marketplace	\$ 3,904.32
State & Public School Life/Health Task Force	\$ 6,981.13
Task Force Realignment of Higher Education	\$ 6,082.14
Health Reform Task Force	\$ 61,818.52
Health Reform Task Force Drug Subcommittee	\$ 598.01
Task Force Best Practices Special Education	\$ 2,746.78
Task Force Substance Abuse Treatment	\$ 2,192.46
Code Revision Commission	\$ 538.27
Rural Development Conference Fees	\$ 4,604.81
	\$ 89,466.44

COMMITTEE NAME	TRANSPORTATION COST	MEETING ROOM COST	TRAVEL FOR TESTIMONY/SPEAKER	TOTAL
House & Senate Agriculture & Economic Development	\$1,320.00	\$636.25		\$1,956.25
Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force			\$1,465.11	\$1,465.11
Senate Children & Youth AND House Aging, Children Youth			\$855.22	\$855.22
House & Senate State Agencies	\$500.00	\$1,841.34		\$2,341.34
Joint Committee on Energy	\$1,320.00	\$464.75		\$1,784.75
Senate & House Transportation		\$100.00		\$100.00
Legislative Task Force Realignment of Higher Ed			\$915.31	\$915.31
Joint Performance Review			\$1,613.63	\$1,613.63
TOTAL	\$3,140.00	\$3,042.34	\$4,849.27	\$11,031.61