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**State of Arkansas**

March 15, 2024

Honorable Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Honorable Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
One Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: **FY 2025 - Appropriations of the Office of Auditor of State**

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean:

On March 6, 2024, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders addressed a letter to Arkansas State Employees announcing a pay plan that rewards them for their hard work. This appropriation request is in line with the governor’s proposal raising the maximum salary range for all positions by 10% but only increasing the “Regular Salary” line by 3%. The personal services match line reflects an increase based on the newly proposed “Regular Salary” line and not the new maximum annual salary line total.

**Section 1. Regular Salaries – Operations.**

I am not requesting or adding any new positions. To retain and/or hire staff whose positions in the office require a higher level of education and expertise, ensure proper job titles, and to align salary with job responsibilities, I am requesting the following 10% increases to our appropriations:

Item No.	Title	Max No of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary	New Maximum Annual Salary
(1)	Deputy Auditor	1	\$ <del>150,144</del>	\$ 165,160
(2)	Attorney	1	\$ <del>125,986</del>	\$ 138,585
(3)	Chief of Staff	1	\$ <del>115,158</del>	\$ 126,675
(4)	Internal Auditor/CPA	1	\$ <del>115,158</del>	\$ 126,675
(5)	IT Tech	1	\$ <del>115,158</del>	\$ 126,675
(6)	Asst Chief of Staff / Accounting Dept Manager	1	\$ <del>82,882</del>	\$ 91,175
(7)	Director of Communications	1	\$ <del>74,278</del>	\$ 81,710
(8)	Communications Tech	1	\$ <del>74,278</del>	\$ 81,710
(9)	Accounting Tech III	2 3	\$ <del>74,278</del>	\$ 81,710
(10)	Data Processing Tech II	1	\$ <del>74,278</del>	\$ 81,710
<del>(11)</del>	<del>Administrative Tech II</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>\$ 74,278</del>	\$
(12)	Data Processing Tech I	1	\$ <del>59,663</del>	\$ 65,630
(13)	Accounting Tech II	1 2	\$ <del>59,663</del>	\$ 65,630
(14)	Administrative Tech I	2 1	\$ <del>59,663</del>	\$ 65,630
(15)	Outreach Mgr	1	\$ <del>59,663</del>	\$ 65,630
(16)	Outreach Tech	1	\$ <del>59,663</del>	\$ 65,630
(17)	Accounting Tech I	1 2	\$ <del>42,959</del>	\$ 47,255

(18)	<del>Warrants Tech</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>\$ 42,959</del>	\$
	Max. No. of Employees	20		

**Section 3. Appropriation – Operations.**

The changes above will not result in any reduction in salary for any employee. This will require a change or an increase to Section 3 appropriations:

Item No.	Title	Fiscal Year 2023-2024	Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	Regular Salaries	<del>\$1,519,672</del>	\$1,567,500
(3)	Personal Services Matching	<del>\$ 489,879</del>	\$ 626,000

If the Arkansas General Assembly approves the above changes, the Total Amount Appropriated would also need to be changed from \$2,735,001 to \$2,918,950.

**Section 4. Regular Salaries – Unclaimed Property Program.**

To retain and/or hire staff whose positions in the Unclaimed Property Program office require a higher level of education and expertise, and to align salary with job responsibilities I am requesting the following 10% increases to our appropriations:

Item No.	Title	Max No of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary	New Maximum Annual Salary
(1)	Asst. Chief of Staff/UCP Operations Manager	1	<del>\$ 115,158</del>	\$ 126,675
(2)	UCP Compliance Lead	1	<del>\$ 82,882</del>	\$ 91,175
(3)	UCP Claims Lead	1	<del>\$ 82,882</del>	\$ 91,175
(4)	Senior UCP Tech	2	<del>\$ 66,570</del>	\$ 73,230
(5)	UCP Tech	5	<del>\$ 59,663</del>	\$ 65,630
	Max. No. of Employees	10		

**Section 5. Appropriation – Unclaimed Property Program.**

The changes above will not result in any reduction in salary for any employee. This will require a change or an increase to Section 5 appropriations:

Item No.	Title	Fiscal Year 2023-2024	Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	Regular Salaries	<del>\$ 731,638</del>	\$ 754,000
(2)	Personal Services Matching	<del>\$ 237,430</del>	\$ 302,000

If the Arkansas General Assembly approves the above changes, the Total Amount Appropriated would also need to be changed from \$2,857,068 to \$2,944,000.

**Section 5. Appropriation – Payment of Unclaimed Property Claims - Cash.**

As a follow-up to my request that was approved by the JBC – PEER Subcommittee in March of 2024, I request raising the appropriated amount of cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 in expectation of paying a higher amount of unclaimed property claims than in previous fiscal years:

Item No.	Title	Fiscal Year 2023-2024	Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(2)	Payment of Unclaimed Property Claims	<del>\$29,000,000</del>	\$35,000,000

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Milligan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dennis Milligan  
Auditor of State

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 29**

AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill No. 29**

Amend Senate Bill No. 29 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 32 through 36, and substitute with:

"(1)	DEPUTY AUDITOR	1	\$165,160
(2)	ATTORNEY	1	\$138,585
(3)	CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$126,675
(4)	INTERNAL AUDITOR/CPA	1	\$126,675
(5)	IT TECH	1	\$126,675"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 14, and substitute with:

"(6)	ASST CHIEF OF STAFF/ACCOUNTING DEPT MANAGER	1	\$91,175
(7)	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$81,710
(8)	COMMUNICATIONS TECH	1	\$81,710
(9)	ACCOUNTING TECH III	3	\$81,710
(10)	DATA PROCESSING TECH II	1	\$81,710
(11)	DATA PROCESSING TECH I	1	\$65,630
(12)	ACCOUNTING TECH II	2	\$65,630
(13)	ADMINISTRATIVE TECH I	1	\$65,630
(14)	OUTREACH MGR	1	\$65,630
(15)	OUTREACH TECH	1	\$65,630
(16)	ACCOUNTING TECH I	<u>2</u>	\$47,255
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	20"	

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Page 2, line 31, delete "\$1,519,672" and substitute with "\$1,567,500"

AND

Page 2, line 33, delete "503,079" and substitute with "626,000"

AND

Page 3, line 4, delete "\$2,748,201" and substitute with "\$2,918,950"

AND

Page 3, line 14, delete "\$115,158" and substitute with "\$126,675"

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Page 3, line 15, delete "\$82,882" and substitute with "\$91,175"

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Page 3, line 16, delete "\$82,882" and substitute with "\$91,175"

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Page 3, line 17, delete "\$66,570" and substitute with "\$73,230"

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Page 3, line 18, delete "\$59,663" and substitute with "\$65,630"

AND

Page 3, line 29, delete "\$731,638" and substitute with "\$754,000"

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Page 3, line 30, delete "\$244,030" and substitute with "\$302,000"

AND

Page 4, line 1, delete "\$2,863,668" and substitute with "\$2,944,000"

AND

Page 4, line 12, delete "\$29,000,000" and substitute with "\$35,000,000"

AND

Page 4, line 13, delete "\$29,002,500" and substitute with "\$35,002,500".

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee  
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Secretary