## REPORT OF THE CLAIMS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 27, 2025

**Co-Chairs:** 

The Claims Subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., in Room B, MAC.

A. Reissuance of Warrants/Unpaid Bills

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following claims regarding reissuance of warrants or unpaid bills:

- 1. #242046 SHI International Corp v. Administrative Office of the Courts Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$18,672.56
- #250071 Cox Portfolio Holdings, Inc. v. Department of Finance and Administration
  Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$19,917.00
- 3. #250553 Excel Fitness BEB IV v. Department of Finance and Administration Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$19,000.00
- B. Negotiated Settlement Agreement

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following negotiated settlement agreement:

1. #240185 Sterling Dodson v. Arkansas Department of Transportation Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$900,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

**Representative Matthew Shepherd, Co-Chair Senator John Payton, Co-Chair** 

## ARKANSAS SENATE

95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025 Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 132

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF APPROVED CLAIMS.

## Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ to Senate Bill 132

Amend Senate Bill 132 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete lines 6 and 7 in their entirety	and substitute the following:
"(04) BARCLAYS BANK PLS	447,267.00
(05) COX PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS, INC.	19,917.00
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,613,983.61</u> "

And

Page 3, delete lines 35 and 36 in their entirety and substitute the following:

"(03)	KATELYN SPICER	95,000.00
(04)	STERLING DODSON	900,000.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,391,035.08</u> "

And

Page 4, insert additional SECTIONS immediately following SECTION 10 to read as follows:

" SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

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ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2024-2025
(01)	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	<u>\$ 9,907.96</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2024-2025
(01)	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$2,157.44

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2024-2025
(01)	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$6,607.16

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Revenue Services Division, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2024-2025
(01)	EXCEL FITNESS BEB IV	\$19,000.00"

And

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

1 2	State of Arkansas 95th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2025		SENATE BILL 132
4	regular Sebbion, 2020		SERVICE DIEL 152
5	By: Joint Budget Committee	3	
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO	MAKE AN APPROPRIATION WHICH SHALL BE	
10	SUPPLEMEN	TAL AND IN ADDITION TO OTHER APPROPRIA	TIONS
11	MADE BY 7	HE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PA	Y
12	APPROVED	CLAIMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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15		Subtitle	
16	AN A	ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE	
17	PAYI	MENT OF APPROVED CLAIMS.	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKAN	SAS:
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22	SECTION 1. APPE	OPRIATION. There is hereby appropriat	ed, to the
23	Department of Finance	and Administration - Revenue Services	Division, to be
24	payable from the Indi	vidual Income Tax Withholding Fund, fo	r the purpose of
25	paying claims against	the State of Arkansas to the payee se	t out herein:
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27	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
28	NO.		2024-2025
29	(01) G&C THARALDSON	DYNASTY TRUST FBO	
30	BOBBI JO THARAI	DSON	\$19,204.34
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32	SECTION 2. APPR	OPRIATION. There is hereby appropriat	ed, to the
33	Department of Finance	and Administration - Revenue Services	Division, to be
34		orate Income Tax Withholding Fund, for	
35	paying claims against	the State of Arkansas to the payee se	t out herein:
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1	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
2	NO.		2024-2025
3	(01)	BIOMAT USA, INC	\$15,649.00
4	(02)	SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY	6,024,594.00
5	(03)	SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY	2,106,556.61
6	(04)	BARCLAYS BANK PLC	447,267.00
7		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,594,066.61</u>
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9		SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriate	d, to the
10	Depar	tment of Finance and Administration - Management Servic	es Division, to
11	be pa	yable from the State Central Services Fund, for the pur	pose of paying
12	claim	s against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out he	rein:
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14	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
15	NO.		2024-2025
16	(01)	HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE COMPANY	\$71,947.47
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1 CAINS \$400,000.00 2 3 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as 4 5 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein: 6 7 ITEM 8 FISCAL YEAR 9 NO. 2024-2025 (01) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL 10 11 SCIENCES \$115,639.89 12 13 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the 14 Department of Veterans Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies 15 Fund Account, for the purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas 16 to the payee set out herein: 17 18 ITEM FISCAL YEAR 19 NO. 2024-2025 (01) MARY ANN JONES, AS SPECIAL 20 21 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF OSCAR ODELL "BILL" JONES, DECEASED, AND ON 22 23 BEHALF OF THE WRONGFUL DEATH 24 BENEFICIARIES OF OSCAR ODELL "BILL" JONES \$300,000.00 25 26 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the 27 Arkansas Department of Transportation, to be payable from the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against 28 29 the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein: 30 31 ITEM FISCAL YEAR 32 NO. 2024-2025 33 (01) KENENA PELFREY \$343,000.00 34 53,035.08 (02) MILTON HOLLIMAN 35 (03) KATELYN SPICER 95,000.00 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$491,035.08 36

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1 2 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the 3 Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the purpose of 4 5 paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out herein: 6 7 ITEM FISCAL YEAR 8 NO. 2024-2025 9 (01) VERIZON (CELLCO) \$17,720.16 10 11 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office 12 of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the Municipal Aid Fund, for the 13 purpose of paying claims against the State of Arkansas to the payee set out 14 herein: 15 ITEM 16 FISCAL YEAR 17 NO. 2024-2025 18 (01) CITY OF SHERIDAN \$20,859.95 19 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 20 21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. 22 REIMBURSEMENT AND REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. Funds allocated and expended by any 23 Agency, Authority, Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office, 24 or Subdivision of any state agency for the payment of approved claims 25 adjudicated through the State Claims Commission and approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee when the General Assembly is in 26 27 session, shall be reimbursed from the funds from which the Agency, Authority, 28 Board, Commission, Council, Department, Division, Office, or Subdivision 29 draws its support. 30 The monies shall be deposited no later than June 30 of the following 31 fiscal year from which the original payment of claim expense was incurred by 32 the state agency, as a refund to expenditure, to the credit of the fund from 33 which the original expenditure was made. 34 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRYOVER 36