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STATE OF ARKANSAS
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GOVERNOR

February 14, 2022

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to SB38, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

Please delete SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION – AGRI SHOW PREMIUMS and renumber accordingly.

This request is to remove the appropriation section for Agri Show Premiums due to the funding being transferred to the Agri Fair Funding Program as established by Act 700 of 2021.

Please amend SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION – FORESTRY – OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2022-2023	2022-2023
(07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID	\$299,981	\$269,981
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$14,679,925	\$14,649,925

This request will reallocate \$30,000 to the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program as established by Act 399 of 2021 and Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1269.

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Please amend SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION – AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM as follows:

SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION – AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri Fair Fund, for personal services, fair funding, and operating expenses by the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

This request will allow the Department to expense personal services for the Agri Fair Funding Program as required by Ark Code Ann. § 19-5-1272.

Please insert the following section and renumber accordingly:

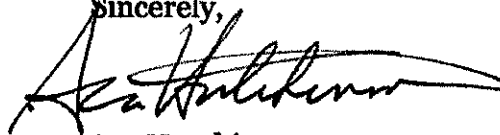
SECTION X. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund, for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following.

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) <u>SCHOLARSHIPS</u>	<u>2022-2023</u> <u>\$30,000</u>

This request will allow the Department to utilize the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund created by Act 399 of 2021 within Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1269 to provide scholarships for students enrolled in a state supported forestry program.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to HB1034, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Corrections - Division of Correction.

Please amend SECTION 9, APPROPRIATION – INMATE CARE & CUSTODY as follows:

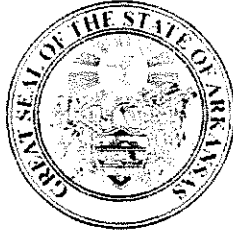
ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2022-2023	
(04) OVERTIME	\$2,550,000	\$7,050,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$307,240,379	\$311,740,379

This request will provide sufficient appropriation to support ongoing overtime needs for the Department of Corrections due to staff shortages.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to HB1067, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Education – Division of Career and Technical Education.

Please amend SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION – VOCATIONAL CENTER AID as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2022-2023	
(01) VOCATIONAL CENTER GRANTS AND AID	\$20,436,383	<u>\$21,816,789</u>

This request will give the agency the ability to spend Fiscal Year 2021 carry forward funds if those funds are not fully expensed during Fiscal Year 2022.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to SB49, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services.

Please delete SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. TRANSFER OF FUNDS – PROMOTIONAL ITEMS and renumber accordingly.

This request will remove current special language and will allow the Division of Workforce Services to utilize promotional item transfer language as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 19-4-525.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to HB1060, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - Division of Heritage.

Please amend SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL – STATE OWNED LANDS OR HISTORIC SITES as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(01)	GRANTS/AIDS FOR STATE-OWNED LANDS OR HISTORIC SITES	\$30,000,000 <u>\$36,000,000</u>

Please amend SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL – MAIN STREET PROGRAM as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(01)	GRANTS/AIDS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM & MAIN STREET PROGRAM	\$3,000,000 <u>\$6,000,000</u>

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I respectfully request the following amendment to SB33, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – State Parks and Tourism Divisions.

Please amend SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION – OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS PROGRAM as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR	
			2022-2023
(05)	OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS	7,544,881	9,716,374
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	7,828,507	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

These requests will provide additional appropriation to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism for appropriations funded by the Real Property Transfer Tax due to increased revenues in Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

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January 10, 2022

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to HB1018, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality.

Please amend SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION – ALTERNATIVE FUELS VEHICLE CHARGING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM – FEDERAL as follows:

~~SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION – ALTERNATIVE FUELS VEHICLE CHARGING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM – FEDERAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM.~~ There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the ~~federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund~~, for ~~program expenses grants and aid of the Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – Alternative Fuels Vehicle Charging and Infrastructure Program – Federal Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program~~ for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2022-2023
(01) ALTERNATIVE FUELS ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

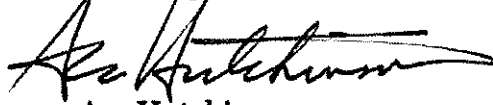
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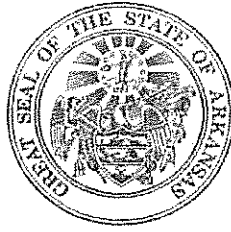
This request will allow the division to award grants to public or private entities under the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program as established by Ark. Code Ann. § 15-10-101.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to SB13, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Inspector General.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(9)	C010C EXEC. ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2 1	GRADE GS07
(11)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(12)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(14)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	17 13	

Please amend SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,182,108	\$1,014,820
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	364,359	304,332
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	194,511	0
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	40,000	0

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,785,978 \$1,319,152

Please amend SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION as follow and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(X)	C010C	EXEC. ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(X)	X112C	AFHC CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(X)	X150C	AFHC INVESTIGATOR	5	GRADE GS06
(X)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(X)	G180C	GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(X)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	± 11	

Please amend SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION:

Item No.	Description	2022-2023	Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$139,073	\$562,834
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	42,646	193,984
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	144,250	191,573
	(C) PROF. FEES	17,007	57,007
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$441,875	\$1,104,297

These requests are to transfer positions and associated appropriation from the Department of Inspector General – Shared Services and the Investigations Division to the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission to be in compliance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Please amend SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS – OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(X)	X200C	MEDICAID FRAUD INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS07
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	± 26	

Please amend SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS – OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL as follows:

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Item No.		Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$521,809
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	176,842
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	112,962
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	900
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$820,312</u>

Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION – FEDERAL OPERATIONS
– OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$966,700
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	309,888
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	134,489
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,300
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,420,178</u>

These requests are to transfer the Medicaid Fraud Investigator position and associated appropriation from the Investigator Division to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General to allow the Division to better align the position and appropriation within the division's mission.

Please delete SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES- INVESTIGATIONS and SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - INVESTIGATIONS – OPERATIONS and renumber accordingly.

This request will remove the Investigations Division and transfer the positions and associated appropriation to Arkansas Fair Housing Commission and the Office of Medicaid Inspector General.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to SB33, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(19) P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(36) P020C PRODUCTION ARTIST	4 2	GRADE GS07
(37) P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(55) P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(58) P019C TRAVEL INFORMATION WRITER	4	GRADE GS06
(83) P048C MULTI-MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(97) P045C PUBLIC INFORMATION TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	74 730	

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,830,319 \$11,445,125
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,719,009 4,568,364
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$16,549,328 \$16,013,489

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Please amend SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION – TOURISM PROMOTION - SPECIAL REVENUE as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR	
		2022-2023	
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$298,590	\$248,756
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	118,454	99,951
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,522,389	1,451,389
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	44,185	39,185
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$18,289,950	\$18,145,613

Please amend SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION – PARKS CASH FUND - OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR	
		2022-2023	
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,860,444	\$7,821,567
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,446,045	3,430,291
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	9,932,053	9,927,053
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,500	34,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$37,244,546	\$37,178,415

I respectfully request the following amendments to HB1060, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - Division of Heritage.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item Class No. Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(29) P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1 2	GRADE GS09
(41) P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	4 5	GRADE GS06
(X) P020C PRODUCTION ARTIST	2	GRADE GS07
(X) P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(X) P019C TRAVEL INFORMATION WRITER	4	GRADE GS06
(X) P048C MULTI-MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(X) P045C PUBLIC INFORMATION TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03

MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES

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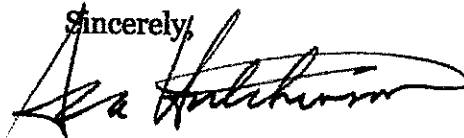
Please amend SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION – SHARED SERVICES
 PAYING ACCOUNT as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2022-2023	
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,894,343	<u>\$5,368,248</u>
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,702,971	<u>1,887,873</u>
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,213,560	<u>2,289,560</u>
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,345	<u>29,845</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$10,020,086	<u>\$10,766,393</u>

These requests will transfer eleven (11) positions and the associated Regular Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Operating Expenses, and Conference & Travel appropriation from the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - Shared Services. The transfer of these positions and appropriation will complete the shared services model for the Department's communications team to be more streamlined and efficient in department-wide communication efforts.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Asa Hutchinson