# SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

# Suspension of the Rules Request ALC/Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:00 a.m. - Room A, MAC

- A. American Rescue Plan Appropriation Requests
  - ARP Steering Committee Awards:
    - 1. Department of Health
    - 2. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
    - 3. Department of Commerce Arkansas Economic Development Commission
- B. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request
  - 1. University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture



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January 21, 2022

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Supplemental Items

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request suspension of the rules by the committee for review of the items listed on the attached page. These items were received after the deadline for submission to your Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee, but we are requesting inclusion in this month's review.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther

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Secretary



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January 24, 2022

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 22 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 38 (02) of Act 997 of 2021, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Department of Health Increased Bed Capacity at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences \$4,747,500
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Increase Bed Capacity \$4,747,500
- Department of Commerce Economic Development Commission –
   Reallocation of Previously Approved Appropriation \$0

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther Cabinet Secretary

LWW Attachment(s)

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# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

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January 21, 2022

Renee Mallory, ADH Deputy Director, Public Health Programs Arkansas Department of Health 4815 West Markham Street Little Rock, AR 72205

RE: UAMS Plan for Increasing COVID Bed Capacity

Dear Director Mallory,

The following proposal is being submitted for consideration to increase the hospital bed capacity for COVID patients in Arkansas. With support from the Arkansas Department of Health, UAMS could increase its staffed bed capacity by a total of 27. Of this, 20 beds can be available for the care of COVID patients in negative-pressure medical beds for a period of 30 days, and 7 can be available for the care of COVID patients in negative-pressure ICU beds for a period of 45 days.

As you are aware, our greatest challenge continues to be the demand for nursing and other critical members of the patient care team. Given the time it would take to recruit contract labor staff and the current urgent need for increased capacities, we believe the most efficient way to staff these beds is to incentivize our existing staff. However, without external support, the expense of staffing additional beds would place a significant expense and unsustainable financial risk on the organization.

UAMS has estimated it will cost \$4,747,500 to fund staffing for these additional beds. This amount is calculated as follows:

20 additional MEDICAL COVID beds at \$4,500 per day for 30 days	\$2,700,000
7 additional ICU COVID beds at \$6,500 per day for 45 days	\$2,047,500
Total	\$4,747,500

UAMS will provide and take full responsibility for the facilities, equipment, supplies, physicians, and ancillary support needed for the care of these incremental patients. UAMS also retains the privilege to bill patients' insurance for services rendered in compliance with our current polices.

UAMS will keep records of the use of the funds for this project and will supply them to ADH upon request. We are prepared to make these beds available immediately. If, for some unforeseen reason we are not able to staff the beds as planned, we will return a pro-rated portion of funding based on the actual number of beds staffed.

Thank you for consideration of our request. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with you on solving this urgent need.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Mette, MD

Senior Vice Chancellor for UAMS Health

CEO for UAMS Medical Center

#### Arkansas Department of Health

#### American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$4,747,500

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with UAMS - Proposal"

#### Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID- 19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and UAMS have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$4,747,500 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. Utilizing existing hospital staff, a total of 27 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 20 negative-pressure, medical COVID beds at \$4,500 per bed for a period of 30 days and 7 negative pressure, ICU COVID beds at \$6,500 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with UAMS in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

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# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

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August 31, 2021

The Arkansas Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), and the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism (ADPHT), has been tasked with obtaining a broadband consulting firm to formulate a comprehensive master plan for broadband implementation in the State of Arkansas.

- The statewide broadband master plan for the Arkansas Department of Commerce Broadband Office will provide short-term and long-term goals and strategies, including a proposed broadband implementation plan, with the result being increased connectivity across Arkansas, especially in underserved areas and in rural communities
- The planned comprehensive report will also compile all assessment findings and recommendations into a single written statewide broadband master plan
- Report specifics include:
  - Data collection and analysis of current broadband availability by technology type
  - Recommendations for the deployment of broadband throughout the State of Arkansas that includes analysis of current efforts in the public and private sectors, including current broadband programs, the Arkansas Rural Connect program, the Rural Broadband ID program, the Rural Opportunity Fund, USDA's ReConnect program, and others
  - Detailed technology, equipment type, staffing and program administration recommendations, and a proposed community outreach plan that could be utilized in the deployment of broadband
  - Recommendations to increase affordability of internet service for citizens and guidance on a reasonable timeline for deployment
  - Recommendations that can be implemented and funded with the use of federal funds from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and any future federal funds deadicated to national infrastructure investment.

### January 21, 2022

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 22 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendations

#### Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1263 and Act 1058 of 2021, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds from the Unallocated Reserve Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to the following:

## University of Arkansas

For construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the University of Arkansas System - \$6,000,000

This transfer has been requested for the University of Arkansas – Division of Agriculture Rice Research and Extension Center in Poinsett County and the Endowment for Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation Research.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther

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Attachment(s)



BA 0135 FC AA7 Fund KCBAAA7 MPK 1/21/22 Act 847 of 2021 Section 6

January 19, 2022

University of Arkansas System

The Honorable Asa Hutchinson Governor, State of Arkansas State Capitol Room 250 500 Woodlane Ave. Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Re: Restricted Reserve Fund Request

Dear Governor Hutchinson:

On behalf of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, I respectfully request a total of \$6,000,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund for two highly important initiatives: (1) an allocation of \$5,000,000 of the requested funds for the Division's Northeast Rice Research and Extension Center in Poinsett County, Arkansas, in support of over \$20 million already invested in this project by the rice farmers of Arkansas, and (2) an allocation of \$1,000,000 for the Division's Endowment for Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation Research to help enhance the health of Arkansas's critical waterfowl populations and bottomland hardwood wetlands.

Your consideration of our request for \$6 million to help support two significant drivers of the Arkansas economy is greatly appreciated. We in the Division are deeply committed to using this public investment wisely.

Sincerely,

Ray C. Culver, III

Interim Vice President for Agriculture