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STATE OF ARKANSAS SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS GOVERNOR

March 3, 2025

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 amendment to HB1095, the 2025-2026 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Commerce – State Bank Department and State Securities Department.

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

			Maximum Annual
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
(10)	A039C CERTIFIED BANK SENIOR EXAMIN	JER 53 <u>59</u>	GRADE GS13
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	86 <u>92</u>	

This request will add six (6) Certified Bank Senior Examiner positions that will be allocated to Commercial Bank supervision, Trust supervision, and Information Systems supervision.

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There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Commerce - State Bank Department for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: <u>two-(2) four (4)</u> temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

This request will add two (2) additional Extra Help positions that will enable the Bank Department to hire examiners to assist with specific portions of a bank examination, such as a loan review.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR		
_NO.		2025-2026	
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,468,726	\$8,935,898	
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,640,08 4	2,805,220	
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$14,133,810</u>	<u>\$14,766,118</u>	

This request will provide sufficient appropriation for the creation of the Certified Bank Senior Examiner positions.

Please amend SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES as follows:

		Maximum Annual
	Maximum	Salary Rate
Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No. Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
(11) X032C ACOM SENIOR SECURITIES EXA	AMINER <u>9</u> <u>15</u>	GRADE GS09
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>35 41</u>	

This request adds six (6) additional ACOM Senior Securities Examiner positions to the Consumer Services licensing and examination section due exponential growth experienced in the securities and non-depository industries.

Please amend SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP as follows:

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This request will add one (1) additional Extra Help position to the Arkansas Securities Department for the Investor Education Program.

Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
_No.		2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,464,026	\$2,765,358
(02) EXTRA HELP	28,000	50,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	845,329	<u>952,480</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,053,339</u>	<u>\$4,483,822</u>

This request will provide sufficient appropriation for the creation of ACOM Senior Securities Examiner positions and an additional Extra Help position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Huckabee Sanders Governor of Arkansas

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Subtitle of House Bill 1095

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - STATE BANK DEPARTMENT AND STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to House Bill 1095

Amend House Bill 1095 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 6, delete "53" and substitute "59"

 $\quad \text{and} \quad$

Page 2, line 13, delete "86" and substitute "92"

and

Page 2, line 18, delete "two" and substitute "four"

and

Page 2, line 19, delete "(2)" and substitute "(4)"

and

Page 2, line 31, delete "\$8,468,726" and substitute "\$8,935,898"

and

Page 2, line 33, delete "2,640,084" and substitute "2,805,220"

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and

Page 3, line 4, delete "\$14,133,810" and substitute "\$14,766,118"

and

Page 3, line 24, delete "9" and substitute "15"

and

Page 3, line 29, delete "35" and substitute "41"

and

Page 3, line 34, delete "two" and substitute "three"

and

Page 3, line 35, delete "(2)" and substitute "(3)"

and

Page 4, line 11, delete "\$2,464,026" and substitute "\$2,765,358"

and

Page 4, line 12, delete "28,000" and substitute "50,000"

and

Page 4, line 13, delete "845,329" and substitute "952,480"

and

Page 4, line 21, delete "\$4,053,339" and substitute "\$4,483,822"

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