

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1089

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
11 - ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -  
16 ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSION  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
25 for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Waterways Commission for the 2025-  
26 2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
32	(1) B009C	ACOM DIRECTOR WATERWAYS COMMISSION	1	GRADE GS11
33	(2) A116C	BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
34	(3) B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
35	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		3	

36 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,



1 to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies  
 2 Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department  
 3 of Commerce - Arkansas Waterways Commission for the fiscal year ending June  
 4 30, 2026, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$171,883
9 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	63,856
10 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,879
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,151
13 (C) PROF. FEES	0
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (04) STATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>2,555</u>
17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$335,324</u></u>

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19 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM. There  
 20 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 21 Arkansas Port, Intermodal, and Waterway Development Grant Program Fund, for  
 22 grants to port authorities and intermodal authorities under the Arkansas  
 23 Port, Intermodal, and Waterway Development Grant Program for port development  
 24 projects as defined by Arkansas Code 15-23-205 for the fiscal year ending  
 25 June 30, 2026, the following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
29 (01) WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	<u><u>\$5,000,000</u></u>

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31 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS RIVER NAVIGATION SYSTEM FUND.  
 32 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 33 from the Arkansas River Navigation System Fund, for expenses for the  
 34 development, improvement, and expansion of river transportation resources  
 35 within the portion of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System  
 36 located in the State of Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,

1 the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
5 (01) ARKANSAS RIVER NAVIGATION SYSTEM	
6 EXPENSES	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

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8 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
14 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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18 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
19 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
20 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
21 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
22 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
23 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
24 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
25 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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27 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
29 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
36 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

1 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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*/s/Joint Budget Committee*

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