

**REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW (PEER)
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

May 22, 2025

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Monday, May 19, 2025, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

A. PEER Subcommittee Rules Adopted – Attachment 1

Items for Approval

B. Various Temporary Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Corrections – Division of Community Correction – Safety Vests, Leases, and Maintenance – \$450,000
2. Department of Corrections – Division of Community Correction – Food and Utilities – \$1,500,000
3. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Education Freedom Accounts – \$1,000,000
4. Department of Health – Minority Health Commission – \$127,230
5. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – \$200,000
6. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – Troop I CDL Facility – \$83,115
7. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – Capital Items – \$100,000

C. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Direct Federal Awards

1. University of Arkansas at Monticello – \$600,378
2. Department of Health – \$999,844

D. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – \$0 – Reallocation

E. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request

1. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – \$15,000,000

Items for Review

F. Cash Fund Appropriation Requests

1. Auditor of State – \$4,000,000
2. Northwest Arkansas Community College – \$8,000,000
3. Department of Commerce – Rehabilitation Services – \$200,000

G. Budget Classification Transfer

1. Teacher Retirement System – \$120,000 to Operating Expenses from Professional Fees

H. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Education – Office of Early Childhood – \$45,000,000
2. Department of Public Safety – \$500,000
3. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – \$4,000,000

I. Pay Plan Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Transformation and Shared Services – \$7,500
2. Department of Commerce – State Bank Department – \$80,000

J. Quarterly Reports

1. Department of Human Services Interagency Match Fund Transfer Report
2. Office of Attorney General Cash Settlement Fund Report
3. Division of State Police Asset Forfeiture Expenditures Report
4. Department of Finance and Administration Federal Grants and Applications Report

K. Monthly Reports

1. Surplus Income and Distribution Report
2. Budget Stabilization Trust Fund Report
3. Tobacco Settlement Report
4. State Central Service Fund Report
5. American Rescue Plan Act Report
6. Education Adequacy Fund Distribution and Balance Report
7. Medicaid Trust Fund Distribution and Balance Report
8. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Report

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co–Chairs, Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Jeff Wardlaw

DRAFT: For Adoption May 19, 2025

PEER SUBCOMMITTEE RULES

1. **Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council.** As a standing subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, as adopted, shall apply to the procedures of this subcommittee.
2. **Placement of Items on Subcommittee Agenda.**
 - (a) In order to have an item placed on an upcoming subcommittee agenda, all documentation related to the agenda item shall be submitted to the subcommittee staff no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the scheduled subcommittee meeting.
 - (b)(1) An item submitted after the submission date shall only be considered by the Subcommittee upon a vote to suspend the rules, which requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum. Upon passage of the motion to suspend the rules, the Subcommittee may take up consideration of the agenda item.
 - (2) This option shall only be exercised upon a written showing that there is imminent need for review or approval such that the matter cannot be delayed until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the subcommittee.