

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

September 18, 2026

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

Items for Approval

A. Various Temporary Appropriation Transfer Requests

1. Department of Health – Interpreters for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Board – Education, Testing, and Staffing – \$155,000
2. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Educational Freedom Account Program – \$70,000,000
3. Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities – Booneville HDC Wastewater Treatment Plant – \$231,890.55

B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Direct Federal Award

1. Department of Workforce Services – Division of Reemployment – Unemployment Insurance – \$65,500
2. University of Arkansas at Fort Smith – ALIGN Program – \$93,000

State Award

3. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services – Secured Restoration – \$1,000,000

C. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Transportation – Quarterly Funding – \$280,000,000
2. Department of Agriculture – State Forest Action Plan – \$763,661
3. Department of Agriculture – Volunteer Fire Assistance – \$84,093

D. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Human Services – Medicaid Program – \$200,000,000
2. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Educational Freedom Account Program – \$70,000,000

E. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request

1. Department of Transportation – State Match – \$20,000,000 from Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund

Items for Review

F. Cash Fund Appropriation Transfer Requests

1. Department of Corrections – Division of Corrections – Architectural Services – \$224,000
2. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – Connecting Talent to Opportunity Challenge – \$150,000
3. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of State Parks – Design and Construction – \$27,378,075
4. Department of Energy and Environment – Oil and Gas Commission – Office of the State Geologist – Sample Library – \$160,000

G. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Request

1. Department of Agriculture – Forest Legacy – Maumelle Water Excellence – \$1,000,000
2. Department of Agriculture – Animal Health National Surveillance and Response – \$492,473

Reports

H. Annual Report

1. Agency Carry Forward of Unexpended Balances Report

I. Monthly Reports

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

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co– Chair