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

November 20, 2026

Dear Co–Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, November 17, 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 Requests
   1. Department of Labor and Licensing – Division of Workers Compensation Commission – Water Pump, Pipes, Wiring, and Installation – $20,000
   2. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – State Parks Division – Outdoor Recreation Grants – $2,000,000
   3. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – Bomb Response Vehicles – $1,075,000

B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

   Direct Federal Award

   1. South Arkansas College – ALIGN Program – $0 – Realignment

   State Award

   2. Department of Shared Administrative Services – Office of State Technology – Workforce Data Infrastructure – $261,240

C. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Requests
   1. Department of Agriculture – State Fire Assistance – $389,909
   2. Department of Agriculture – Clean Water Act – $16,115,000
   3. Department of Agriculture – Emerging Contaminants Grant – $9,147,000
   4. Department of Agriculture – Nursery and Orchard Improvement Support – $500,000
   5. Department of Agriculture – Emerging Contaminants or Disadvantage Communities Grant – $18,914,000
   6. Department of Transportation – Quarterly Funding – $280,000,000

Items for Review

D. Cash Fund Appropriation Requests
    1. Department of Labor and Licensing – Division of Workers Compensation Commission – Venue, Production, and Conference Meals – $30,000
    2. Southern Arkansas University Tech – Environmental Training Academy Facilities – $556,419

E. Budget Classification Transfers
    1. Department of Labor and Licensing – Division of Workers Compensation Commission – Cost Increases – $100,000 to Operating Expenses from Professional Fees
    2. Department of Shared Administrative Services – Office of Property Risk – Training – $13,000 to Conference and Travel Expense from Operating Expenses

F. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests
    1. Department of Agriculture – Specialty Crop Block Program – $432,612
    2. Department of Public Safety – Sexual Assault Kit Initiative – $177,815

G. Pay Plan Appropriation Requests
    1. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – $1,540,000
    2. Natural Resources Commission – $64,856

Reports

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

Senator Scott Flippo and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co–Chairs