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HOUSE BILL 1066

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
established for the Department of Energy and Environment for the 2026-2027
fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE06A	SECRETARY OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX19A	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
(3)	EEX09A	CHIEF OF STAFF I	1	GRADE EXE01
(4)	LAT08C	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
(5)	FAC08C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09



(6)	PEM02C ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT DEP DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(7)	LAT05P ATTORNEY III	6	GRADE SPC08
(8)	CPR01C CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS I	1	GRADE SPC06
(9)	FAC06C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC05
(10)	PEM01C E & E ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC05
(11)	PEM03C ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROG MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
(12)	CPR03C GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SPC05
(13)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	3	GRADE SPC05
(14)	LAT03P ATTORNEY I	1	GRADE SPC03
(15)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	2	GRADE SPC01
(16)	SBI01P BIOLOGIST I	1	GRADE SPC01
(17)	SGE01P GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE SPC01
(18)	HDH08P HR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
(19)	TFM02C FACILITY MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS07
(20)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
(21)	FBU01P BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS07
(22)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS07
(23)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	2	GRADE SGS07
(24)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
(25)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(26)	CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(27)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE SGS06
(28)	PEP02P ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COORD	2	GRADE SGS06
(29)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
(30)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(31)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(32)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
(33)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	1	GRADE SGS05
(34)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS04
(35)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
(36)	TMA03P MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
(37)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE SGS03
(38)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
(39)	IIA01C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER I	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST10
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	63	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,276,310
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,496,069
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,250,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	85,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	450,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	250,000
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,807,379</u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX19A	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
(2)	PEM02C	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT DEP DIRECTOR	4	GRADE SPC08
(3)	SEN04C	MANAGING ENGINEER	4	GRADE SPC07
(4)	SEP02C	EPIDEMIOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC06
(5)	SEN02P	ENGINEER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	8	GRADE SPC06
(6)	PEM01C	E & E ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	4	GRADE SPC05
(7)	PEM03C	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROG MANAGER	4	GRADE SPC05
(8)	SGE03C	MANAGING GEOLOGIST	3	GRADE SPC05
(9)	SEP03P	EPIDEMIOLOGY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SPC05

(10)	SEN05P PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER	8	GRADE SPC05
(11)	SCH03P CHEMIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SPC04
(12)	SEP01P EPIDEMIOLOGIST	5	GRADE SPC04
(13)	SEN01P ENGINEER	32	GRADE SPC03
(14)	SGE05P PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	9	GRADE SPC03
(15)	SCN03P ECOLOGIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SPC02
(16)	SBI01P BIOLOGIST I	2	GRADE SPC01
(17)	SCH01P CHEMIST I	7	GRADE SPC01
(18)	SCN02P ECOLOGIST	6	GRADE SPC01
(19)	SGE01P GEOLOGIST	9	GRADE SPC01
(20)	PEP03P ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROG SUPVR/EXP	22	GRADE SGS09
(21)	FGM03C GRANTS MANAGER	3	GRADE SGS07
(22)	PDA01P DATA/RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS07
(23)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(24)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE SGS07
(25)	IIN05P INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	16	GRADE SGS07
(26)	CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS07
(27)	PEP02P ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROG COORD	30	GRADE SGS06
(28)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	4	GRADE SGS06
(29)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS06
(30)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	20	GRADE SGS05
(31)	FBU03P BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
(32)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
(33)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	74	GRADE SGS05
(34)	IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	11	GRADE SGS05
(35)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	18	GRADE SGS04
(36)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	6	GRADE SGS04
(37)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
(38)	IIA06C IT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
(39)	IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE IST08
(40)	IAS04P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	4	GRADE IST06
(41)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	2	GRADE IST06
(42)	IDM03P DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
(43)	IGI01P GIS ANALYST	2	GRADE IST05
(44)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IST02
(45)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04

MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES

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SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality for the 2026-2027 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: seventy (70) 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.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Division of Environmental Quality Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,279,883
(02) EXTRA HELP	25,674
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	818,271
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	403,183
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,115
(C) PROF. FEES	79,100
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,638,226</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Federal Operations for the

fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,730,066
(02) EXTRA HELP	148,585
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,197,719
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,364,398
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	372,173
(C) PROF. FEES	1,521,755
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,148,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION AWARD GRANTS	2,766,000
(06) INDIRECT COSTS	<u>586,157</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,834,853</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - WASTE WATER LICENSING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Wastewater Licensing Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Waste Water Licensing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$94,758
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	44,448
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	76,721
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$320,927</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - LAND RECLAMATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Land Reclamation Fund, for land reclamation contracts of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Land Reclamation Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) RECLAMATION CONTRACTS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Hazardous Waste Permit Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Hazardous Waste Permit Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$914,372
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,795
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	349,590
(04) OVERTIME	1,250
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	140,544
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,700
(C) PROF. FEES	10,150
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	175,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,617,401</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - RECLAMATION OF ABANDONED MINES PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, for contractual services of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Reclamation of Abandoned Mines Program for the fiscal year ending

June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>\$5,700,000</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - SURFACE COAL MINING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Surface Coal Mining Operation Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Surface Coal Mining Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$15,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,000</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - MINING RECLAMATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Mine Reclamation Trust Fund, for contractual services of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Mining Reclamation Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MINING RECLAMATION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>\$1,520,000</u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - FEE ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Division of Environmental Quality Fee Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Fee Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,033,237
(02) EXTRA HELP	45,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,016,630
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,395,641
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	175,516
(C) PROF. FEES	600,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,050,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION AWARDS GRANTS	<u>1,079,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,395,024</u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - SOLID WASTE PERFORMANCE BONDS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Solid Waste Performance Bond Fund, for contractual services of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Solid Waste Performance Bonds Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) SOLID WASTE PERFORMANCE BONDS CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be

payable from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$347,555
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	123,381
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	302,191
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,960
(C) PROF. FEES	215,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	6,194,000
(05) DATA PROCESSING PURCHASES	<u>453,937</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,672,024</u></u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund, for contractual services of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Emergency Response Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u><u>\$372,655</u></u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - ASBESTOS CONTROL PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Asbestos Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Asbestos Control Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$199,684
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	76,787
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	54,452
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,090
(C) PROF. FEES	27,100
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) ASBESTOS CONTROL PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$512,113</u></u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Solid Waste Management and Recycling Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$784,662
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	295,128
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	172,179
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,668
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>4,650,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,067,637</u></u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - REGULATED SUBSTANCE STORAGE TANK PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Regulated Substance Storage Tank Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Regulated Substance Storage Tank Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$864,655
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	334,112
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	121,128
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,005
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,374,900</u></u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$440,556
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	159,076
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	18,999,800
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,005
(C) PROF. FEES	2,500,156
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$22,102,593</u></u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - REGULATED STORAGE TANK PROGRAM - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and contractual services of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Regulated Storage Tank Program - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULATED STORAGE TANK PROGRAM	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Landfill Post-Closure Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$228,880
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	83,574
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	30,923
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>14,109,373</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$14,458,750</u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - MARKETING RECYCLABLES PROGRAM OF THE COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Marketing Recyclables

Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Marketing Recyclables Program of the Compliance Advisory Panel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,500
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	115
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	13,296
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,415
(C) PROF. FEES	7,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$28,326</u></u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Environmental Education Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Environmental Education Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$111,300
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,000
(C) PROF. FEES	26,700
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$146,000</u></u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP SYSTEM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be

payable from the Performance Partnership Trust Fund, for expenses of designing and establishing a management organization of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Performance Partnership System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) PERFORMANCE INTEGRATED INFORMATION SYSTEM EXPENSES	<u>\$563,000</u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - ENVIRONMENTAL SETTLEMENT TRUST PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Environmental Settlement Trust Fund, for expenses as authorized through various settlement agreements benefiting the State of Arkansas as administered through the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Environmental Settlement Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) ENVIRONMENTAL SETTLEMENT TRUST EXPENSES	<u>\$850,000</u>

SECTION 27. REGULAR SALARIES - POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION - ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER. There is hereby established for the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year <u>2026-2027</u>
(1) LAT01C ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	1	GRADE SPC08
(2) ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS06
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION - ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Division of Environmental Quality Fee Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Pollution Control and Ecology Commission - Administrative Hearing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$189,600
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	57,958
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,217
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,922
(C) PROF. FEES	38,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$341,697</u></u>

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - NON HAZARDOUS SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Division of Environmental Quality Fee Trust Fund, for the cleanup of non-hazardous sites which pose a threat to the environment by the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Non Hazardous Site Cleanup Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - WATER PERFORMANCE BOND FUND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Water Performance Bond Fund, for contractual services of the

Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Water Performance Bond Fund Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) NONMUNICIPAL DOMESTIC SEWAGE	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - NONMUNICIPAL DOMESTIC SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Nonmunicipal Domestic Sewage Treatment Works Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Nonmunicipal Domestic Sewage Treatment Works Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) NONMUNICIPAL DOMESTIC SEWAGE TREATMENT	<u>\$55,000</u>

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the Used Tire Recycling Fund, for expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) USED TIRE RECYCLING AND	
ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$10,788,000</u>

SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ABATEMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined

by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Used Tire Recycling and Abatement - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ABATEMENT	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - STATE ENERGY PLAN - FEDERAL OPERATIONS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - State Energy Plan - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$226,898
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	83,115
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,273
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	36,788
(C) PROF. FEES	268,085
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>551,952</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,285,111</u>

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY OFFICE - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Energy Office - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,

2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$629,544
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	244,666
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	67,880
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	16,750
(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) LIHEAP GRANTS	33,108,910
(05) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	25,046
(06) WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	<u>7,561,541</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$41,667,837</u></u>

SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and Environment, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Energy Performance Contracts Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	300,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$325,000</u></u>

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EQUIPMENT PURCHASE RESTRICTIONS. Expenditures from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund for the purchase of division laboratory equipment, including maintenance contracts, data processing equipment and mission-critical software, including maintenance contracts, as appropriated in the Capital Outlay and Data Processing Purchases line items of the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program appropriation section, may be funded through interest earnings, investment earnings, and no more than three percent (3%) of the corpus of the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund and additional funding from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026. Further, the Division shall report annually to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all expenditures for these purchases.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality may transfer from various department funds to the Division of Environmental Quality Fund Account the sum of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 for the exclusive purpose of supplementing funding for the appropriation provided in the State Operations appropriation section. The funds shall be used for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality - State Operations. Funds which remain in the Division of Environmental Quality Fund Account at the close of the fiscal year shall be carried forward and made available for the same purpose for the following fiscal year. These funds shall be used for the purpose stated above.

The amounts transferred shall not be considered as part of any statutory limitation on the use of funds for administration of programs of the Division.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE CLEAN UP RESTRICTIONS. Any expenditures in excess of \$2,000,000 per site from the Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund, as appropriated in the Contractual Services line item of the Landfill Post-Closure Program appropriation section, for corrective action to remedy environmental impacts of closed disposal sites previously operated as a landfill pursuant to state law, shall be subject to review and approval by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission after addressing corrective actions needed to address environmental impacts from permitted landfills closed properly.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Energy and Environment.

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(a)(3)(B), concerning limitations on fees charged by tire retailers under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Except for the rim removal ~~fees~~ fee imposed under this section, a tire retailer shall not charge any other fee to a person who

purchases the service of removal of a tire from a rim and replaces the removed tire with a used tire.

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(d)(3)(B), concerning limitations on fees charged by commercial generators under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is repealed.

~~(B) Except for the commercial generator fees imposed under this section, the commercial generator shall not charge any other fee to the end user.~~

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-404(e), concerning limitations on the imposition of certain fees related to tire removal under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is repealed.

~~(e)(1) It is the purpose and intent of this section that only one (1) of the following fees imposed under this section be charged for the transaction of removing a tire from a rim that is related to the sale of a replacement tire:~~

~~(A) The rim removal fee; or~~

~~(B) The commercial generator fee.~~

~~(2) If a person establishes that he or she has paid one (1) of the fees for a tire, the tire retailer or tire generator shall not charge an additional fee for that tire.~~

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-405(a)(1), concerning reimbursement to used tire programs under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Reimburse used tire programs for used tire transportation, recycling, and disposal costs at a rate not to exceed two dollars and thirty-one cents (\$2.31) per used tire processed on and after July 1, 2026;

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 8-9-405(b)(9) and (10), concerning the requirement to establish tire collection centers for reimbursement eligibility of used tire programs under the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, are amended to read as follows:

(9)(A) Establish tire collection centers that adequately serve

~~the used tire program area within each county served by the used tire program that accepts tires from tire retailers at no charge if the tire retailer establishes that it:~~

~~(i) Collects the rim removal fee imposed under § 8-9-404(a); and~~

~~(ii) Complies with the electronic uniform used tire manifest system under § 8-9-407.~~

(B) The tire collection centers under this subdivision (b)(9) may be at any one (1) or more of the following:

(i) A solid waste disposal facility;

(ii) A tire processing facility; or

(iii) A tire retailer; ~~and~~

~~(10) Establish at least one (1) tire collection center within each county served by the used tire program.~~

SECTION 46. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 47. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 48. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits

the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 5/1/26