

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (800)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 - Executive Recommendation

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The mission of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to foster, promote, and develop the health, safety and welfare of the wage earners of Arkansas by providing services and enforcing laws to improve working conditions and enhance their opportunities for safe and profitable employment. The DOL has four functional units: Occupational Safety and Health, Labor Standards, Code Enforcement and Public Safety, and Administrative Services.

TOTAL BUDGET

The total budget is \$7,361,788 for FY2014 and \$7,363,390 for FY2015.

FUNDING SOURCES

The appropriations for the Department of Labor are funded by general revenue, special revenue which includes license, renewal, permit, & inspection fees, federal funds, cash funds, and fund balances.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

STATE OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 148)

This appropriation is used to support the operations of the Department and to meet the matching requirements for the Federal Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA), Mine Safety Health and Administration (MSHA), Revised Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (ROSH) and Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries Grants. This appropriation is funded by general revenue, special revenue from fees collected by the Elevator Safety Program, and non-revenue receipts from blasting certification fees and amusement ride inspections. The total appropriation is \$4,131,376 for FY2014 and \$4,132,733 for FY2015 and includes the following increase:

Regular Salaries & Matching - An increase of \$90,654 each year to restore two positions, Labor Inspector and Labor Standards Investigator to satisfy workload demands, as well as allow flexibility to hire new employees to work alongside veteran employees who will be retiring, which will allow new employees time to meet qualifications for certification. This request also includes a permanent downgrade of an Attorney Specialist position (C126) to a Labor Division Manager (C122).

BOILER INSPECTION (APPROPRIATION 149)

This appropriation provides the operating costs of the Boiler Inspection Program which permits and inspects all boilers used by private and public entities. The appropriation is funded by fees collected for annual and biennial inspections of boilers and pressure vessels, examinations of operators, quality assurance surveys, ASME code shop service, licensing of installers and repair companies, and consultations.

The appropriation is \$978,460 for FY2014 and \$978,705 for FY2015 and includes the following increase:

Regular Salaries and Matching - Provides a net increase of \$48,279 each year of the biennium to restore two positions (C119 Labor Inspector and C112 Administrative Specialist III). The position and appropriation needed to restore the Admin. Spec. III, \$35,735, is

transferred to the Board of Electrical Examiners Appropriation to provide administrative support for the Board and does not appear as an increase for the Boiler Inspection appropriation. The Labor Inspector position is needed to allow the Department to hire a non-commissioned boiler inspector to allow for on-the-job training with a commissioned inspector.

BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS (APPROPRIATION 2CT)

This appropriation provides operating expenses for the operation of the Electrical Licensing Division which is authorized to adopt rules and regulations, conduct exams for licensure, register electrical apprentices, issue certificates, revoke or suspend licenses or certificates. This appropriation is funded by special revenues from fees collected for license issuance and renewal for electrical contractors, exam, licensure, and renewal of master, journeyman, and industrial maintenance electricians as well as residential master and journeyman electricians and air conditioning electricians.

The appropriation is \$728,696 each year with the following increase:

Regular Salaries and Matching - Provides an increase of \$35,735 each year for the restored position (C112 - Administration Specialist III) transferred from the Boiler Inspection Appropriation to provide administrative support to the Electrical Examiners Board.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2015: 98

Total Positions FY2014: 98

Total Budgeted Positions FY2013: 94

Increase / (Decrease): 4

The increase is the restoration of the following 4 positions that were authorized but unbudgeted:

- 2 - Labor Inspector positions (C119), Labor Standards Investigator (C116), and Administrative Specialist III (C112)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.

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