

By: Representatives Mims, Cockerham,  
Mangold, Harness

To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1712

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SCENIC RIVERS  
2 DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS IN THE MEMBER COUNTIES  
3 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Scenic Rivers Development  
8 Alliance to assist in paying costs associated with the projects  
9 described in Section 2 of this act for the fiscal year beginning  
10 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 10,000,000.00

11 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by Section 1 of this act  
12 shall be used by the Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for the  
13 following projects:

14 (a) Site development and other facility development at  
15 the Okhissa Lake Lodge and Conference Center in Franklin County,  
16 Mississippi; and

17 (b) Site development; acquisition of facility  
18 equipment; parking repairs and improvements; road repairs and



19 improvements; building repairs and improvements; river/lake  
20 access; erosion control/repairs; utility improvements; trail  
21 improvements; and other facility related upgrades in Franklin,  
22 Walthall, Pike, Amite and Wilkinson Counties, Mississippi.

23       **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
24 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund  
25 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
26 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or  
27 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,  
28 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

29       **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
30 and after July 1, 2025.

