

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2014-15 General Appropriations Bill

Article VI, Natural Resources

ARTICLE VI - NATURAL RESOURCES
ISSUE DOCKET
 Conference Committee on General Appropriations Bill

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>						
		VI-1		VI-1		
D.2.1 NUTRITION ASSISTANCE	\$ 414,710,806	\$ 408,633,122	\$ 412,610,806	\$ 408,633,122	\$ 2,100,000	Senate provides \$5.0 million in General Revenue for the Surplus Agricultural Food Grant Program for Texas food banks. (See also Senate Rider #13, Page VI-6).
Appropriation: Surplus Agricultural Product Grant Program		VI-6, Rider #13 Rider Packet, page VI-1		VI-6, Rider #13 Rider Packet, page VI-1		House provides \$2.9 million in General Revenue for the Surplus Agricultural Food Product Grant Program for Texas food banks. (See also House Rider #13, VI-6).
						Senate provides \$5.0 million in General Revenue for the Surplus Agricultural Food Grant Program for Texas food banks.
						House provides \$2.9 million in General Revenue for the Surplus Agricultural Food Product Grant Program for Texas food banks.

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Equine Incentive Program	VI-9, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page VI-1		VI-9, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page VI-1			Senate rider identifies the strategy where the funds and the method-of-finance (General Revenue Fund) are located. House rider does not identify method-of-finance.
Colonia Set-Aside Program Allocation	VI-10, Rider #27 Rider Packet, page VI-1		VI-10, Rider #27 Rider Packet, page VI-1			Senate rider provides that 34 percent of the Colonia Set-Aside Program Allocation from CDBG block grant funds be reserved for units of local government. House rider (as in 2012-13 GAA) provides a fixed \$2 million set-aside for units of local government from the Colonia Set-Aside Allocation.
ACE for Health Pilot Program	VI-11, Rider #34 Rider Packet, page VI-2					Senate rider allocates \$300,000 in General Revenue in Strategy D.2.1, Nutrition Assistance, for the Access, Continuity and Education with Fruits and Vegetables for our Youth (or ACE for Health) pilot program.
			See also Article XI-11			

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<u>ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION</u>						
		VI-11		VI-11		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	153.0	153.0	161.0	161.0		
A.1.1 FIELD OPERATIONS	\$ 6,130,924	\$ 6,188,546	\$ 7,257,209	\$ 7,320,438	\$ 2,258,177	Senate provides General Revenue of \$1,759,143 for agency staffing and operations adding 10 livestock inspectors, 3 fever tick inspectors, and 3 veterinarians.
						House provides \$4,017,320 in General Revenue for staffing, operations, and animal disease programs adding 24.0 FTEs in field operations, emergency management, and administration.
Cost Recovery for Animal Health Programs		VI-13, Rider #9		VI-13, Rider #9		Technical correction to specify that amounts needed to exceed Biennial Revenue Estimate are a yearly amount. (Rider attached.)
				See also Article XI-11		

Texas Animal Health Commission
Technical Correction
Cost Recovery for Animal Health Programs

Prepared by LBB Staff, 04/19/13

Overview

The technical adjustment would amend the agency's Cost Recovery Rider to specify the amounts to appropriate fee generated revenue above the amounts identified in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate are per each fiscal year.

Required Action

On page VI-13 of the Texas Animal Health Commission's bill pattern in the Senate Committee Substitute for SB 1, amend the following rider:

9. Cost Recovery for Animal Health Programs. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), out of the General Revenue Fund to Strategy A.1.1, Field Operations, is \$379,705 in fiscal year 2014 and \$379,705 in fiscal year 2015. These funds are appropriated contingent upon the Texas Animal Health Commission assessing fees sufficient to generate, during the 2014-15 biennium, revenue to cover the General Revenue appropriations funded by this Strategy in an amount equal to \$379,705 per fiscal year.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available. Further, in the event that actual receipts or revenue collections are in excess of \$644,960 per fiscal year (Object Code 3420) contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, the Texas Animal Health Commission is authorized to expend these funds. However, such expenditures must comply with limitations established for salary and capital expenditures, employment levels, and other provisions contained in Article IX of this Act.

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<u>COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</u>						
		VI-14		VI-14		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	2,771.2	2,771.2	2,761.2	2,761.2		Senate provides 10.0 FTEs for the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) program.
Appropriations Made in Riders	\$ 674,431	\$ 595,977	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,270,408	Senate provides \$1.3 million in funding out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Watermaster Administration Account No.158 for up to one new watermaster program that would be established after September 1, 2013. The funding would be from revenues resulting from the new watermaster program (See Rider #29, VI-24.)
A.1.1 AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING	\$ 137,959,563	\$ 132,233,840	\$ 113,778,128	\$ 108,052,405	\$ 48,362,870	Senate provides \$52,655,150 in funding out of the General Revenue-Dedicated TERP Account No. 5071 and 10 FTEs to administer additional TERP grant funding. (See VI-22, Rider #21.)

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D.1.2 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEANUP	\$ 23,738,875	\$ 23,738,875	\$ 25,238,875	\$ 23,738,875	\$ 1,500,000	<p>House provides for the following out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$1,463,000 for additional air quality planning activities to prevent areas, including Granbury, from being designated as nonattainment for air quality standards under the Clean Air Act. (See VI-19, Rider #8.) b. \$2,829,280 for local initiative air quality projects under the Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program in Travis and Williamson Counties. (See VI-23, Rider #26.) <p>House provides \$1.5 million in General Revenue for the remediation of a battery recycling facility. (See VI-24, Rider #22.)</p>
Appropriation: Air Quality Planning		VI-20, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page VI-3		VI-19, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page VI-3		Senate rider language reflects \$3,537,500 in funding from the Clean Air Account No. 151 for the 2014-15 biennium for air quality planning activities.

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Environmental Health Institute			VI-21, Rider #17 Rider Packet, page VI-3			House rider language reflects \$5,000,500 in funding from the Clean Air Account No. 151 for the 2014-15 biennium for air quality planning activities and lists Granbury as an eligible area to receive funding. House includes rider directing the agency to use up to \$500,000 out of the Hazardous Waste Remediation Fee Account No. 550 for support of the Texas Environmental Health Institute. The rider also provides that penalty amounts paid as Supplemental Environmental Projects can be considered expenditures of the agency for this purpose.
Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Grants and Administration	VI-22, Rider #21 Rider Packet, page VI-3		VI-22, Rider #22 Rider Packet, page VI-3			Senate version provides an allocation of the \$185.1 million in funding out of the TERP Account No. 5071 for the various statutorily authorized uses. House version provides an allocation of the \$128.9 million in funding out of the TERP Account No. 5071 for the various statutorily authorized uses.

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Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP)	VI-23, Rider #25 Rider Packet, page VI-4		VI-23, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page VI-4			Senate version provides language directing the use of funding out of the Clean Air Account No. 151: \$5.6 million annually for LIRAP grants and \$625,000 annually for local initiative projects. House version provides language directing the use of funding out of the Clean Air Account No. 151: \$7.0 million annually for LIRAP grants and \$625,000 annually for local initiatives. Furthermore, the House version provides that this amount includes an estimated \$1.2 million in revenue generated from Travis County and an estimated \$0.5 million generated from Williamson County that is to be spent on LIRAP and local initiative projects in those counties each fiscal year.
Appropriation: Fee Revenue for Newly-Created Watermaster Programs	VI-24, Rider #29 Rider Packet, page VI-5		VI-24, Rider #30 Rider Packet, page VI-5			Senate version includes a sum-certain amount in a rider appropriation out of the Watermaster Administration Account No. 158 not to exceed \$674,431 in fiscal year 2014 and \$595,977 in fiscal year 2015 in excess of the Comptroller's BRE for 2014-15 from new fee revenues one new watermaster office.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Appropriation: Unexpended Balances from Cost Recovery for Site Remediation and Cleanups						House version appropriates all fee revenue from newly created watermaster offices deposited to the Watermaster Administration Account No. 158 in excess of the Comptroller's BRE for 2014-15. The House version also exempts the agency from Capital Budget and FTE limitations for funds associated with the new program.
						Technical Correction: Senate provides that funds shall be used for site remediations and cleanups during the biennium beginning on September 1, 2014. House provides for the funds to be used during the biennium beginning on September 1, 2013. House version is correct.
Appropriation: Environmental Remediation of a Closed Battery Recycling Facility						House provides that \$1.5 million in General Revenue in Strategy D.1.2, Hazardous Materials Cleanup, shall be used for environmental remediation at a site of a closed battery recycling facility.

VI-24, Rider #30
Rider Packet, page VI-6

VI-24, Rider #31
Rider Packet, page VI-6

VI-24, Rider #32
Rider Packet, page VI-6

See also Article XI, page XI-5

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<u>GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND VETERANS' LAND BOARD</u>						
Cross-Strategy Issue - Method of Financing for Coastal Programs		VI-25		VI-25		Senate provides \$22,467,920 from an Interagency Contract with the Parks and Wildlife Department (Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer--General Revenue) for coastal management and erosion control. House provides same amount out of the General Revenue Fund for coastal management and erosion control.
A.1.5 COASTAL LEASING	\$ 2,598,036	\$ 2,598,036	\$ 2,598,036	\$ 2,598,036	-	Cross-Strategy Issue--Senate and House use different methods of finance to provide \$619,338 for coastal management and erosion control.

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A.3.1 PRESERVE & MAINTAIN ALAMO COMPLEX	\$ 6,431,343	\$ 6,431,343	\$ 6,681,343	\$ 6,681,343	\$ 500,000	House provides \$500,000 out of the General Revenue Fund for Alamo Complex Construction and Renovation and Alamo Complex Information Technology Infrastructure Capital Budget projects.
B.1.1 COASTAL MANAGEMENT	\$ 20,484,590	\$ 17,899,204	\$ 20,484,590	\$ 17,899,204	\$ -	Cross-Strategy Issue--Senate and House use different methods of finance to provide \$4,239,318 for coastal management and erosion control.
B.1.2 COASTAL EROSION CONTROL GRANTS	\$ 13,009,248	\$ 13,583,248	\$ 13,009,248	\$ 13,583,248	\$ -	Cross-Strategy Issue--Senate and House use different methods of finance to provide \$17,609,264 for coastal erosion control.
Appropriation of Receipts: Land Sales Expenses			VI-29, Rider #5 Rider Packet, page VI-8			House includes rider appropriating land sale receipts (Appropriated Receipts) to cover the usual and customary costs of conducting real estate transactions. According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Rider No. 5 is not necessary, as the appropriation authority exists in Article IX, Section 8.03.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Real Property Investment Reporting	VI-29, Rider #10 Rider Packet, page VI-8		VI-29, Rider #11 Rider Packet, page VI-8			Senate includes rider requiring a report on investment activity in the Real Estate Special Fund Account (RESFA) of the Permanent School Fund No. 44 by September 1 of each even-numbered year and by January 1 of each odd-numbered year as prescribed in statute.
Appropriation: Coastal Management and Coastal Erosion Control	VI-30, Rider #19 Rider Packet, page VI-8					House includes rider requiring a report on investment activity and fund performance of the RESFA by January 1 of each year, as well as details on what the report shall include.
						Cross-Strategy Issue--Senate includes rider directing the agency to enter into an Interagency Contract with the Parks and Wildlife Department for coastal management and coastal erosion control purposes from proceeds of the Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 in the amount of \$11,233,960 in each fiscal year of the 2014-15 biennium.

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Appropriation: Preservation and Maintenance of the Alamo		VI-30, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page VI-9		VI-31, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page VI-9		House allocates an additional \$750,000 out of the General Revenue Fund for Alamo complex construction and renovation and IT capital budget projects.
Report of Cost-Benefit Analysis of State Power Program				VI-31, Rider #21 Rider Packet, page VI-9		House includes rider requiring a cost-benefit analysis of outcome performances of the State Power Program to be submitted to the LBB by December 31, 2013.
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<u>LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT COMMISSION</u>		VI-31		VI-31		
No Issues						

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<u>PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT</u>		VI-31		VI-32		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	3,118.2	3,118.2	3,109.2	3,109.2	9.0	
A.1.1 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	\$ 25,865,077	\$ 23,910,235	\$ 22,090,334	\$ 22,435,495	\$ 5,249,483	Senate provides: a. \$4,549,484 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9, including 9 FTEs for a wildlife diversity program to prevent the need for a species to be listed as endangered. (Senate Rider #39, VI-42.)

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A.2.1 INLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT	\$ 12,110,254	\$ 12,233,154	\$ 12,710,117	\$ 12,833,017	\$ 1,199,726	<p>b. \$2,700,000 from the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 to reflect a not-to-exceed appropriation of unexpended balances carried forward to fiscal year 2014 from fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2014 amounts in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate. (Senate Rider #27, VI-40.)</p> <p>House provides \$2,000,000 from the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 to contract with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for research and programs to reestablish growth of quail populations. (House Rider #38, VI-42.) House provides \$1,199,726 from General Revenue to maintain boat lanes, and general access for outdoor recreational activities through the management of aquatic vegetation. (House Rider #40, VI-43.)</p>
B.1.1 STATE PARK OPERATIONS	\$ 72,072,283	\$ 70,289,336	\$ 69,974,283	\$ 69,338,337	\$ 3,048,999	Senate provides:

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B.2.1 LOCAL PARK GRANTS	\$ 434,480	\$ 434,480	\$ 934,480	\$ 934,480	\$ 1,000,000	<p>a. \$4,853,000 from the General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 to reflect a not-to-exceed appropriation of unexpended balances carried forward to fiscal year 2014 from fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2014 amounts in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate. (Senate Rider #27, VI-40.)</p> <p>b. \$396,000 from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 to fund equipment for state park law enforcement.</p> <p>House provides \$2,200,000 from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 for maintenance to extend the life of state park facilities.</p> <p>House provides funding from General Revenue to establish a matching funds grant program for organizations that provide facility-based, after school and summer programs for young people. (House Rider #35, VI-42.)</p>

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B.2.2 BOATING ACCESS AND OTHER GRANTS	\$ 6,096,610	\$ 6,096,610	\$ 6,096,610	\$ 6,096,610	\$ -	Technical Correction: Comptroller of Public Accounts has estimated an additional \$358,166 in receipts from the sale of off-highway decals for the Off-Highway Vehicle Trail and Recreational Area Program.
C.2.2 PROMOTE TPWD EFFORTS	\$ 5,137,547	\$ 5,146,472	\$ 5,137,547	\$ 5,146,473	\$ 1	Technical Correction: \$1 biennial difference - House is correct.
D.1.1 IMPROVEMENTS AND MAJOR REPAIRS	\$ 87,789,862	\$ 11,800,524	\$ 66,787,902	\$ 4,566,564	\$ 28,235,920	Senate provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$28,068,000 in new GO Bonds for state park and headquarters infrastructure repairs. (Senate Rider #42, VI-43.) b. \$22,467,920 from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 in pass-through funds to the General Land Office for coastal erosion projects. (Senate Rider #26, VI-40.) c. \$200,000 in the SGST transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 for capital repairs at Big Springs State Park. (Senate Rider #40, VI-42.)

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						<p>Also, Senate identifies an additional \$11,932,000 (\$8 million for construction and repairs at freshwater fish hatcheries and \$3,932,000 for infrastructure repairs at parks and other facilities) as a priority for funding in Article IX, Sec. 17.09.</p> <p>House provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$11,000,000 in new GO Bonds for state park and headquarters infrastructure repairs. (Senate Rider #42, VI-43.) b. \$8,000,000 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 for capital projects at freshwater fish hatcheries (\$5 million) and improvements or major repairs at wildlife facilities statewide (\$3 million). c. \$3,000,000 in the SGST transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 to construct a visitors center at Franklin Mountains State Park. (House Rider #39, VI-43.) d. \$500,000 in the SGST transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 for capital repairs at Fort Boggy State Park. (House Rider #39, VI-43.)

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E.1.2 INFORMATION RESOURCES	\$ 12,825,888	\$ 11,991,867	\$ 12,665,733	\$ 12,259,322	\$ 107,300	Senate provides \$720,423 (\$417,845 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 and \$302,578 from the SGST transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64) for hosted cloud services.
Appropriation: State-owned Housing Authorized	VI-37, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page VI-10		VI-37, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page VI-10			House provides \$827,723 from the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account for information technology replacement cycles.
Informational Listing – Appropriation of Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST)	VI-39, Rider #17 Rider Packet, page VI-10		VI-39, Rider #17 Rider Packet, page VI-10			Senate requires the department to provide advanced notification for purchases, repairs or replacements in excess of \$25,000 for state-owned residences. House requires the department to provide advanced notification for purchases, repairs or replacements in excess of \$100,000 for state-owned residences
						Senate informational listing describes \$130,067,292 for the biennium in appropriations from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST).

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Coastal Erosion Interagency Contract						House informational listing describes \$112,130,962 for the biennium in appropriations from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST). Senate maintains \$22,467,920 from the SGST transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 in pass-through funds to the General Land Office for coastal management and erosion control.
Appropriation of Receipts out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Accounts						Senate caps appropriation of unexpended balances carried forward to fiscal year 2014 from fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2014 amounts in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate for the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 and the General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 by establishing not to exceed amounts for each General Revenue-Dedicated account.

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Exception for Game Warden Cadet Meals						House provides estimated (unlimited) appropriation authority for unexpended balances carried forward to fiscal year 2014 from fiscal year 2015 and 2014-15 amounts in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate. House makes cost recovery from game warden cadets permissive, which is consistent with related reduction in Appropriated receipts adopted by the Senate and the House.
Appropriation of Receipts and Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Cap: Off-Highway Vehicle Train and Recreational Area Program	VI-41, Rider #28 Rider Packet, page VI-13		VI-41, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page VI-13			Technical Correction: Comptroller of Public Accounts has estimated an additional \$358,166 in receipts from the sale of off-highway decals for the Off-Highway Vehicle Trail and Recreational Area Program.(Rider attached.)
Appropriation: Youth Sports Fitness and Recreation Programs	VI-41, Rider #33		VI-41, Rider #32			House allocates \$1 million from General Revenue to establish a matching funds grant program for organizations that provide facility-based, after school and summer programs for young people.

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Testing and Immunization of Employees	VI-42, Rider #38 Rider Packet, page VI-14					Senate provides authority for the department to use existing resources to provide testing and immunization required for employees at risk in the performance of the employee's duties.
Northern Bobwhite Quail Interagency Contract			VI-42, Rider #38 Rider Packet, page VI-14			House allocations \$2 million from the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 to contract with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for research and programs to reestablish growth of quail populations.
Franklin Mountains and Fort Boggy State Parks			VI-42, Rider #39 Rider Packet, page VI-15			House allocates SGST transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 funds for a visitors center at Franklin Mountains State Park (\$3 million) and capital repairs at Fort Boggy State Park (\$0.5 million).
Wildlife Diversity Program	VI-42, Rider #39 Rider Packet, page VI-15					Senate rider language does not accurately reflect funding decisions. (See Strategy A.1.1, Wildlife Conservation.) Technical correction would be required should conferees select Senate funding levels.
Big Springs State Park	VI-42, Rider #40 Rider Packet, page VI-15					Senate allocates from the SGST transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 \$200,000 for capital repairs at Big Springs State Park.

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Statewide Aquatic Vegetation Management	VI-42, Rider #41 Rider Packet, page VI-15		VI-42, Rider #40 Rider Packet, page VI-15			Senate allocates \$300,274 in General Revenue for the biennium to maintain boat lanes, and general access for outdoor recreational activities through the management of aquatic vegetation. House allocates \$1.5 million in General Revenue for the biennium to maintain boat lanes, and general access for outdoor recreational activities through the management of aquatic vegetation.
Appropriation Authority for General Obligation Bond Proceeds	VI-43, Rider #42 Rider Packet, page VI-16		VI-43, Rider #41 Rider Packet, page VI-16			Senate provides \$28.1 million in new GO Bonds for state park and headquarters infrastructure repairs. House provides \$11 million in new GO Bonds for state park and headquarters infrastructure repairs.
	See also Article IX, pages IX-68-69					
	See also Article XI, page XI-5		See also Article XI, page XI-11			

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Technical Correction
Appropriation of Receipts and Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Cap: Off-Highway
Vehicle Trail and Recreational Area Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 4/19/2013

Overview

Amend rider text to conform to the Comptroller of Public Accounts' estimate that receipts from the sale of off-highway decals are expected to be \$349,083 per fiscal year, rather than \$170,000 per fiscal year, for an increase of \$358,166 over the biennium.

Required Action

On page VI-41 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Committee Substitute for SB 1, amend the following rider:

33. Appropriation of Receipts and Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Cap: Off-Highway Vehicle Trail and Recreational Area Program. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is appropriated all receipts collected from the Off-Highway Vehicle decal fee, pursuant to Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 29, for the purpose of implementing and administering the program. Amounts appropriated from the fee are included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Boating Access and Other Grants, in an estimated amount to be \$349,083 ~~\$170,000~~ each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund.

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<u>RAILROAD COMMISSION</u>		VI-43		VI-43		
Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1 - IT Modernization						Senate provides \$21,750,000 (\$5,038,314 in General Revenue and \$16,711,686 in General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulatory and Cleanup Account No. 5155) and 11.0 FTEs for Information Technology (IT) Modernization.
Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2 - Data Center Services (DCS) Growth and Initiatives						House provides \$2,043,364 (\$408,673 in General Revenue and \$1,634,691 in out of the General Revenue-Dedicated OGRC Account No. 5155) for Data Center Services (DCS) Growth and Initiatives.
Cross-Strategy Issue No. 3 - General Counsel Enforcement						Senate provides \$570,960 (\$161,240 in General Revenue and \$409,720 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155) and 4.0 FTEs for General Counsel Enforcement.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	807.1	807.1	792.1	792.1		Senate provides 11.0 FTEs for IT Modernization (Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1) and 4.0 FTEs for General Counsel Enforcement (Cross-Strategy Issue No. 3).
A.1.1 ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 16,048,493	\$ 15,879,027	\$ 9,434,101	\$ 9,496,302	\$ 12,997,117	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1--Senate provides \$13,434,620 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for IT Modernization. Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$437,503 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
A.2.1 GAS UTILITY COMPLIANCE	\$ 2,576,596	\$ 2,561,475	\$ 1,988,410	\$ 1,994,277	\$ 1,155,384	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1--Senate provides \$1,210,526 out of the General Revenue Fund for IT Modernization. Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$55,142 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
A.3.1 PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCE	\$ 1,619,271	\$ 1,579,114	\$ 1,636,716	\$ 1,603,446	\$ 41,777	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$41,777 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
B.1.1 PIPELINE SAFETY	\$ 6,911,048	\$ 6,541,562	\$ 5,635,512	\$ 5,309,893	\$ 2,507,205	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1--Senate provides \$2,617,262 out of the General Revenue Fund for IT Modernization.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
B.1.2 PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION	\$ 1,214,032	\$ 1,162,579	\$ 1,144,667	\$ 1,097,657	\$ 134,287	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$110,057 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives. Cross-Strategy Issue No. 3--Senate provides \$161,240 out of the General Revenue Fund for General Counsel Enforcement.
B.2.1 REGULATE ALT ENERGY RESOURCES	\$ 2,131,625	\$ 2,117,226	\$ 1,538,280	\$ 1,542,833	\$ 1,167,738	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$26,953 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives. Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1--Senate provides \$1,210,526 out of the General Revenue Fund for IT Modernization. Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$42,788 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
C.1.1 OIL/GAS MONITOR & INSPECTIONS	\$ 20,878,938	\$ 20,228,643	\$ 19,332,445	\$ 18,845,873	\$ 2,929,263	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1--Senate provides \$3,277,066 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for IT Modernization. Cross-Strategy Issue No. 3--Senate provides \$409,720 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for General Counsel Enforcement.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
C.1.2 SURFACE MINING MONITORING/INSPECT	\$ 3,416,005	\$ 3,410,656	\$ 3,454,224	\$ 3,463,964	\$ 91,527	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 3--House provides \$757,523 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
C.2.1 OIL AND GAS REMEDIATION	\$ 5,717,871	\$ 5,712,879	\$ 5,766,026	\$ 5,780,046	\$ 115,322	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$91,527 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
C.2.2 OIL AND GAS WELL PLUGGING	\$ 19,600,065	\$ 19,590,357	\$ 19,700,890	\$ 19,730,987	\$ 241,455	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$115,322 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
C.2.3 SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION	\$ 2,343,598	\$ 2,096,265	\$ 2,349,225	\$ 2,104,114	\$ 13,476	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$241,455 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
D.1.1 GIS AND WELL MAPPING	\$ 808,406	\$ 806,831	\$ 819,661	\$ 822,529	\$ 26,953	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$13,476 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
D.1.2 PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES	\$ 2,002,031	\$ 1,997,852	\$ 2,036,643	\$ 2,046,128	\$ 82,888	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$26,953 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Contingent Revenue Appropriation: General Counsel Enforcement		VI-49, Rider #16 Rider Packet, page VI-17				Senate includes rider providing that \$0.2 million in General Revenue and \$0.4 million out of the OGRC Account No. 5155, and 4.0 FTEs for General Counsel Enforcement activities are contingent upon revenues from increased fees deposited to the General Revenue Fund and the OGRC Account No. 5155 in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate for 2014-15.
High-Cost Housing Salary Supplement		VI-49, Rider #17 Rider Packet, page VI-18				Senate includes rider authorizing the agency to pay a salary supplement of up to \$1,200 per month to each employee whose duty station is located in a high cost-of-living area as determined by the Commission.
		See also Article XI, page XI-5		See also Article XI, page XI-11		

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Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD</u>		VI-50		VI-49		
A.1.1 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE	\$ 4,052,262	\$ 4,052,262	\$ 5,622,662	\$ 5,622,662	\$ 3,140,800	<p>Senate provides \$259,200 in General Revenue for the Conservation Implementation Assistance State Matching Fund Program to increase the salary supplement to the state's local soil and water conservation districts from \$4,400 to \$5,000 per year.</p> <p>House provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$1 million in General Revenue for the State Matching Fund Program to increase the annual salary supplement to local soil and water conservation districts from \$4,400 to \$6,715. b. \$2.4 million for Conservation Implementation Assistance Grant funding to provide targeted grants to local soil and water conservation districts.

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> See also Article XI-5 </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> See also Article XI-11 </div>		

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Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD</u>						
		VI-52		VI-52		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	299.0	299.0	303.8	303.8	4.8	See House, Strategy A.2.2, Water Resources Planning.
A.2.2 WATER RESOURCES PLANNING	\$ 10,323,324	\$ 7,313,325	\$ 7,900,738	\$ 7,819,799	\$ 1,916,112	Senate provides: a. \$3,000,000 from General Revenue for grants for near-term alternative water supply demonstration projects (see Senate Rider #21, VI-57). b. \$650,000 from General Revenue, including 4 FTEs for aquifer data collection, brackish aquifer modeling, and the preparation of technical briefings and workshops. House provides:

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
A.3.1 WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION & ASST	\$ 3,180,848	\$ 3,180,848	\$ 3,380,848	\$ 1,380,848	\$ 1,600,000	<p>a. \$1,000,000 from General Revenue, including 4 FTEs for aquifer data collection, brackish aquifer modeling, and the preparation of technical briefings and workshops.</p> <p>b. \$733,888 from General Revenue, including 4.8 FTEs for consolidating water conservation reporting requirements and quantifying water conservation savings (see House Rider #22, VI-57).</p> <p>Senate provides \$3,600,000 from the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358 (Other Funds) to provide a grant to the Texas Alliance Water Conservation Demonstration Project. (See Senate Rider #22, VI-58.)</p> <p>House provides \$2,000,000 from General Revenue to provide water conservation education grants awarded through a competitive grant process. (See House Rider #21, VI-57.)</p>

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Transfer Authorized		VI-55, Rider #3		VI-55, Rider #3		Technical Correction: Amend Rider 3 to reflect the additional \$850,000 per fiscal year provided for Regional Water Planning grants and technical assistance. (Rider attached.)
Demonstration Projects for Near-Term Alternative Water Supplies		VI-57, Rider #21 Rider Packet, page VI-19				Senate allocates \$3 million in grants for near-term alternative water supply demonstration projects.
Water Conservation Education Grants				VI-57, Rider #21 Rider Packet, page VI-19		House allocates \$2 million for water conservation education grants. Funds awarded through a competitive process, which may require applicants to provide matching funds.
Water Resources Planning				VI-57, Rider #22 Rider Packet, page VI-19		House allocates funds and FTEs for consolidating water conservation reporting requirements and quantifying water conservation savings.
Texas Alliance for Water Conservation Demonstration Project		VI-58, Rider #22 Rider Packet, page VI-20				Senate allocates \$3.6 million from the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358 (Other Funds) for a grant to the Texas Alliance Water Conservation Demonstration Project.

Agency/Item	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 2014 <u>Senate</u> 2015 </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 2014 <u>House</u> 2015 </div>	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	See also Article XI-5 :	See also Article XI-11 :		

Water Development Board
Technical Correction
Transfer Authorized

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Overview

Amend rider to reflect Senate and House funding decision which added \$850,000 per fiscal year to Regional Water Planning grants and technical assistance

Required Action

On page VI-55 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in the Senate Committee Substitute for SB 1, amend the following rider:

3. Transfer Authorized. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Technical Assistance and Modeling, and Strategy A.2.2, Water Resources Planning, is up to ~~\$2,268,995~~ \$1,418,995 out of the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2014-15 biennium to be transferred to the Water Assistance Fund No. 480, for the sole purpose of making grants to regional planning groups pursuant to Water Code, §15.4061. The Texas Water Development Board is authorized to transfer these funds from the Water Assistance Fund to other accounts as authorized under Water Code, §15.011 as needed to support the regional planning process.

Also included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, Water Resources Planning, is \$2,591,722 out of the Water Assistance Fund No. 480 for the 2014-15 biennium. These amounts also shall be used for the purpose of making grants to regional planning groups pursuant to Water Code §15.4061.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS - NON-SELF SUPPORTING G.O. WATER BONDS</u>						
		VI-58		VI-57		
A.1.1 EDAP DEBT SERVICE	\$ 26,471,409	\$ 26,411,496	\$ 26,471,409	\$ 28,386,913	\$ 1,975,417	<p>Senate provides \$4,066,092 from General Revenue in debt service and the authority to issue \$25 million in General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds for the Economically Distressed Areas Program.</p> <p>Senate identifies an additional \$1,975,417 as a priority for funding in Article IX, Sec. 17.09.</p> <p>House provides \$6,041,509 from General Revenue in debt service and the authority to issue \$50 million in G.O. Bonds for the Economically Distressed Areas Program.</p>

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Payment of Debt Service: Economically Distressed Areas Bonds	VI-58, Rider #1 Rider Packet, page VI-21		VI-58, Rider #1 Rider Packet, page VI-21	See also Article XI-12		Senate rider provides authority to issue \$25 million in G.O. Bonds for the Economically Distressed Areas Program. House rider provides authority to issue \$50 million in G.O. Bonds for the Economically Distressed Areas Program. House rider contains redundant language and would require a technical correction.