

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2014-15 General Appropriations Bill

Article VI, Natural Resources

As of May 17, 2013

Per the Final Directives to the LBB Staff for the Appropriations Bill during Production, adopted by the Senate Bill 1 conference committee on May 17, 2013, this docket has been edited to make adjustments to items in order to conform them to final committee decisions.

**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).
					HOUSE	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).
Appropriation: Surplus Agricultural Product Grant Program		VI-6, Rider #13 Rider Packet, page VI-1		VI-6, Rider #13 Rider Packet, page VI-1		Senate provides \$5.0 million in General Revenue for the Surplus Agricultural Food Grant Program for Texas food banks.
					HOUSE	House provides \$2.9 million in General Revenue for the Surplus Agricultural Food Product Grant Program for Texas food banks.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Equine Incentive Program	VI-9, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page VI-1		VI-9, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page VI-1		SENATE	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	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	Senate rider allocates \$300,000 per fiscal year 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.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>Worgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions</u>						
Brighter Bites Pilot Program Rider Amendment			See also Article XI-11		ADOPT	Workgroup amends ACE for Health Pilot Program Rider to allocate \$300,000 per fiscal year for Brighter Bites Pilot Program to serve families in Dallas. (Rider Attached.) See also Art. IX, Sec. 18.59, Appropriation for ACE for Health and Brighter Bites Programs.

Texas Department of Agriculture
Proposed Rider Amendment
Brighter Bites Pilot Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/16/2013

Overview

The Brighter Bites Program utilizes private/public partnerships to encourage good eating habits and healthy behavior throughout a child's day at school and home. The program provides 50 servings of fresh fruits and vegetables to children and their families through weekly recyclable bags sent home with students in areas identified as food deserts. Food distribution is combined with nutrition education for children and their families including, but not limited to, food prep demonstrations, recipe cards and nutrition facts.

The proposed rider amendment allocates an additional \$600,000 (\$300,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2015) out of General Revenue funds appropriated to the Texas Department of Agriculture to develop an operations and training manual based on the model operating in Houston and expand to sites that will serve families in Dallas.

Required Action

On page VI-11 of the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Agriculture, amend the following rider:

34. Appropriation: ACE for Health and Brighter Bites Programs. Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.2.1, Nutrition Assistance, is \$300,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2015, to be used to fund an Access, Continuity and Education with Fruits and Vegetables for our Youth or ACE for Health pilot program.

Also, included in the amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.2.1, Nutrition Assistance, is \$300,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2015, to be used to fund the Brighter Bites Pilot Program.

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Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<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	ADOPT	

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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Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<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.
	2,766.2	2,766.2			Conforms to WG decision to split the difference on TERP funding - 5 FTEs over House	
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.)

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
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.)
			\$ 126,941,916	\$ 121,216,192		House provides for the following out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151:
					HOUSE	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.)
					HOUSE	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.)

WG decision to spilt the difference on TERP funding - \$26,327,575 over House

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
D.1.2 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEANUP	\$ 23,738,875	\$ 23,738,875	\$ 25,238,875	\$ 23,738,875	\$ 1,500,000	House provides \$1.5 million in General Revenue for the remediation of a battery recycling facility. (See VI-24, Rider #22.)
Appropriation: Air Quality Planning	VI-20, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page VI-3		VI-19, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page VI-3		HOUSE	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.
Environmental Health Institute					HOUSE	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.
Environmental Health Institute			VI-21, Rider #17 Rider Packet, page VI-3		SENATE	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		Conforming change (revised rider attached)	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.

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
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		HOUSE	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
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	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 for one new watermaster office. 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.
Appropriation: Unexpended Balances from Cost Recovery for Site Remediation and Cleanups	VI-24, Rider #30 Rider Packet, page VI-6		VI-24, Rider #31 Rider Packet, page VI-6			

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Appropriation: Environmental Remediation of a Closed Battery Recycling Facility			VI-24, Rider #32 Rider Packet, page VI-6		SENATE	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. <i>(See Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions/Additions below.)</i>
<u>Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions</u> Contingency appropriation for the remediation of a closed battery recycling facility					ADOPT	Appropriate \$1,500,000 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fees Account No. 550 for the remediation of a closed battery recycling facility contingent on the enactment of House Bill 7 or similar legislation authorizing the use of GR-dedicated Account No. 550 for this purpose. (See attached rider.)
	See also Article XI, page XI-5		See also Article XI, page XI-11			

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP): Grants and Administration

Prepared by LBB Staff, May 3, 2013

Overview

The proposed rider amendment would allocate funds in the appropriation out of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Account No. 5071 to provide \$77.6 million per year, or \$13.2 million less than the amount included in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (Senate version) to reflect a funding level that is half-way between the amounts adopted by the House and Senate.

Required Action

On page VI-22 of the Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern, amend the

22. Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP): Grants and Administration. Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) Grants and Administration. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, is ~~\$90,759,951~~\$77,596,164 in fiscal year 2014 and \$77,596,163 in fiscal year 2015 in each fiscal year of the ~~2014-15 biennium~~ out of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Account No. 5071. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §386.252, the table below provides an estimated allocation for the TERP Account No. 5071 appropriations for each authorized use of the funds for the 2014-15 biennium.

	FY 2014	FY 2015
PROGRAM		
TCEQ Administration	\$ 3,400,000	\$ 3,400,000
Regional Air Modeling Program	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants	\$ 54,870,366	\$ 54,870,366
	<u>\$ 45,725,351</u>	<u>\$ 45,725,350</u>
Texas Clean Fleet Program	\$ 4,537,998	\$ 4,537,998
	<u>\$ 3,879,809</u>	<u>\$ 3,879,809</u>
Texas Clean School Bus (maximum)	\$ 3,630,398	\$ 3,630,398
	<u>\$ 3,103,847</u>	<u>\$ 3,103,847</u>
Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program	\$ 14,521,592	\$ 14,521,592
	<u>\$ 12,415,386</u>	<u>\$ 12,415,386</u>
Clean Transportation Triangle Program (maximum)	\$ 3,630,398	\$ 3,630,398
	<u>\$ 3,103,847</u>	<u>\$ 3,103,847</u>
Alternative Fueling Facilities Program (maximum)	\$ 1,815,200	\$ 1,815,200
	<u>\$ 1,551,924</u>	<u>\$ 1,551,924</u>
Health Effects Study (maximum)	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Research	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Energy Systems Laboratory Contract (maximum)	\$ 216,000	\$ 216,000
TOTAL	\$ 90,759,951	\$ 90,759,951
	<u>\$ 77,596,164</u>	<u>\$ 77,596,163</u>

The TCEQ is hereby authorized to reallocate unexpended balances between programs to meet the objectives of the TERP program, provided such reallocations are within the statutory limitations on the use of TERP Account No. 5071 as set forth in Health and Safety Code §386.252.

By: _____

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Proposed Funding and Rider
Proposed Rider
Contingency for House Bill 7:
Environmental Remediation of a Closed Battery Recycling Facility

Prepared by LBB Staff, May 1, 2013

Overview

The proposed contingency rider would appropriate \$1.5 million out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fees Account No. 550 for the remediation of a closed battery recycling facility, contingent on legislation providing that funds in the account could be used for such purposes.

Required Action

On page VI-24 of the Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for House Bill 7: Environmental Remediation of a Closed Battery Recycling Facility.** Contingent on passage of House Bill 7, or similar legislation relating to allowing funding in the Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fees Account No. 550 to be used for battery recycling facility remediation costs by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, there is hereby appropriated to the Commission on Environmental Quality out of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fees Account No. 550, \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2014. The funds shall be used for environmental remediation at a site of a closed battery recycling facility in a city with a population in excess of 120,000 which has within its limits a closed battery recycling facility, and which has submitted to the TCEQ a voluntary cleanup plan related to the site.

Any unexpended balances remaining in this appropriation on August 31, 2014, are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2014.

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Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND VETERANS' LAND BOARD</u>						
Cross-Strategy Issue - Method of Financing for Coastal Programs		VI-25		VI-25	SENATE	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.

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
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.

SENATE

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	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	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.
						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.
Appropriation: Coastal Management and Coastal Erosion Control	VI-30, Rider #19 Rider Packet, page VI-8				SENATE	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.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
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	House includes language directing \$750,000 each year 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		SENATE	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.
			See also Article XI, page XI-11			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT COMMISSION</u>		VI-31		VI-31		
No Issues						

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<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:
	\$ 24,590,335	\$ 22,635,493				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.)
					HOUSE	

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
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:

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
	\$ 72,622,283	\$ 70,839,336				
					SENATE	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.)
					SENATE	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.
					Workgroup adds \$1,100,000 for park maintenance	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.
B.2.1 LOCAL PARK GRANTS	\$ 434,480	\$ 434,480	\$ 934,480	\$ 934,480	\$ 1,000,000	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.)

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
	\$ 8,184,480	\$ 8,184,480				Workgroup adds \$15,500,000 in GR-sporting goods sales tax receipts for local park grants
B.2.2 BOATING ACCESS AND OTHER GRANTS	\$ 6,096,610	\$ 6,096,610	\$ 6,096,610	\$ 6,096,610		ADOPT 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.
	\$ 6,275,693	\$ 6,275,693				
C.2.2 PROMOTE TPWD EFFORTS	\$ 5,137,547	\$ 5,146,472	\$ 5,137,547	\$ 5,146,473	\$ 1	ADOPT 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	ADOPT Senate provides:
	\$ 64,221,862	\$ 15,800,524				See Capital Needs docket a. \$28,068,000 in new GO Bonds for state park and headquarters infrastructure repairs. (Senate Rider #42, VI-43.)

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
					SENATE	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.)
					SENATE	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.)
						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.
					See Capital Needs docket	House provides: a. \$11,000,000 in new GO Bonds for state park and headquarters infrastructure repairs. (Senate Rider #42, VI-43.)

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
E.1.2 INFORMATION RESOURCES						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.)
	\$ 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.
						House provides \$827,723 from the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account for information technology replacement cycles.

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
			\$ 13,262,963	\$ 12,898,787	ADOPT	<p>Technical Correction: Funding to correct Art. IX, Sec. 17.14, Technical Correction for DCS due to software renewal costs not being included in Art. IX, Sec. 17.14. Due to this oversight, additional funding of \$1,236,695 out of the General Revenue Fund is required to fund the agency's current DCS obligations in the 2014-15 biennium.</p>
Appropriation: State-owned Housing Authorized	VI-37, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page VI-10		VI-37, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page VI-10			
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		Conforming change	Senate informational listing describes \$130,067,292 for the biennium in appropriations from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST).

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Coastal Erosion Interagency Contract	VI-40, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page VI-12				SENATE	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	VI-40, Rider #27 Rider Packet, page VI-12		VI-40, Rider #27 Rider Packet, page VI-12		SENATE	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.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Exception for Game Warden Cadet Meals	VI-41, Rider #28 Rider Packet, page VI-13		VI-41, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page VI-13		HOUSE	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 Trail and Recreational Area Program	VI-41, Rider #33		VI-41, Rider #32		ADOPT	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-42, Rider #35 Rider Packet, page VI-14		SENATE	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.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Testing and Immunization of Employees	VI-42, Rider #38 Rider Packet, page VI-14				SENATE	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	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 AS AMENDED BY WORKGROUP (conforming change; see attached rider)			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 or improvements at Fort Boggy State Park (\$0.5 million).
Wildlife Diversity Program	VI-42, Rider #39 Rider Packet, page VI-15				HOUSE	Senate rider language does not accurately reflect Senate funding decision.(See Strategy A.1.1, Wildlife Conservation.)
Big Springs State Park	VI-42, Rider #40 Rider Packet, page VI-15				SENATE	Senate allocates from the SGST transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 \$200,000 for capital repairs at Big Springs State Park.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Statewide Aquatic Vegetation Management	VI-42, Rider #41 Rider Packet, page VI-15		VI-42, Rider #40 Rider Packet, page VI-15		HOUSE	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.
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			See Capital Needs docket
						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.

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions</u>						
C.1.1., ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS					ADOPT	Workgroup adds \$5,170,720 for a TPWD helicopter out of General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 for law enforcement and wildlife management purposes. Item added to Capital Budget rider.
	See also Article IX, pages IX-68-69					
	See also Article XI, page XI-5		See also Article XI, page XI-11			
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By: _____

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider Amendment
Appropriation: State-owned Housing Authorized

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/1/2013

Overview

Conforming change to establish a notification cap of \$50,000 for repairs, replacement, or purchases of state-owned residences.

Required Action

On page VI-37 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern in the Senate Committee Substitute for SB 1, amend the following rider:

9. Appropriation: State-owned Housing Authorized. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall recover at least 20 percent of the established fair market rental value of housing from persons residing in state-owned housing first employed before September 1, 2005 and 100 percent of the established fair market rental value of housing from persons residing in state-owned housing employed on or after September 1, 2005. If the TPWD requires an employee to live on-site in state-owned housing as a condition of employment, then the TPWD shall recover at least 20 percent of the established market rental value of housing regardless of the date of employment.

Included in the amounts appropriated above is rental income collected from employee housing (estimated to be \$25,000 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy A.1.1, Wildlife Conservation; estimated to be \$21,000 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy A.2.2, Inland Hatcheries Operations; estimated to be \$5,500 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy A.2.4, Coastal Hatcheries Operations; and, estimated to be \$250,000 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy B.1.2, Parks Minor Repair Program, and estimated to be \$3,200 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy C.1.2, Texas Game Warden Training Center.) The recovered funds are appropriated to the TPWD for maintenance or replacement of employee housing.

Additionally, notwithstanding the provisions in Article IX of this Act, the TPWD is authorized to expend amounts in excess of \$50,000 ~~\$25,000~~ per residence for the biennium as necessary to purchase, remodel, repair or replace state-owned housing, provided that the agency submits advanced notification to the Legislative Board and the Governor.

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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.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Rider Amendment
Fort Boggy State Park

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/1/2013

Overview

The motion would amend the rider to conform to decision to fund capital repairs at Fort Boggy State Park only.

Required Action

On page VI-43 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern in the Senate Substitute for Senate Bill 1, add the following amended rider:

39. ~~Franklin Mountains and Fort Boggy State Park.~~ Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Improvements and Major Repairs is ~~\$500,000~~ ~~\$3,500,000~~ in fiscal year 2014 from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax transfer to the State Parks Account No. 64 ~~to construct a visitors center at Franklin Mountains State Parks (\$3,000,000)~~ and to fund capital improvements or repairs at Fort Boggy State Park ~~(\$500,000)~~. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2014 in funds appropriated for this purpose are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2014.

**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>RAILROAD COMMISSION</u>		VI-43		VI-43		
Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1 - IT Modernization					Workgroup (WG) recommends House and adds \$7,970,844: \$5,038,444 in General Revenue and \$2,932,400 in GR-dedicated OGRC Account No. 5155 funds.	<p>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.</p> <p>House Bill 1025, As Engrossed, includes \$16,711,989 in funding out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 and 11.0 FTEs for IT Modernization, \$2.9 million of which the agency intends to use to pay for a Geographic Information System (GIS) Technology Upgrade.</p>

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2 - Data Center Services (DCS) Growth and Initiatives					HOUSE	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	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.
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	807.1	807.1	792.1	792.1	HOUSE	Senate provides 11.0 FTEs for IT Modernization (Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1)
	796.1	796.1			SENATE	Senate provides 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 HOUSE and WG adds \$7,970,844 for IT modernization	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 1--Senate provides \$13,434,620 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for IT Modernization.
	\$ 9,826,510	\$ 9,888,711			HOUSE	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$437,503 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for DCS Growth and Initiatives.

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
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.
	\$ 2,599,622	\$ 2,593,591			HOUSE and WG adds \$7,970,844 for IT modernization	
					HOUSE	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.
					HOUSE	
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.
	\$ 6,957,005	\$ 6,505,662			HOUSE and WG adds \$7,970,844 for IT modernization	
					HOUSE	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$110,057 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
B.1.2 PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION	\$ 1,214,032	\$ 1,162,579	\$ 1,144,667	\$ 1,097,657	\$ 134,287	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 3--Senate provides \$161,240 out of the General Revenue Fund for General Counsel Enforcement.
					SENATE	

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
	\$ 1,225,897	\$ 1,178,277				
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. 1--Senate provides \$1,210,526 out of the General Revenue Fund for IT Modernization.
	\$ 2,149,492	\$ 2,142,147				
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.
	\$ 20,216,748	\$ 19,730,176				
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. 2--House provides \$91,527 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives.

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
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 \$115,322 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
	\$ 5,869,462	\$ 5,883,482				
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 \$241,455 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
	\$ 19,917,458	\$ 19,947,555				
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 \$13,476 out of the General Revenue Fund 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 \$26,953 out of the General Revenue Fund for DCS Growth and Initiatives.

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
D.1.2 PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES	\$ 2,002,031	\$ 1,997,852	\$ 2,036,643	\$ 2,046,128	\$ 82,888 HOUSE and WG adds \$7,970,844	Cross-Strategy Issue No. 2--House provides \$82,888 out of the OGRC Account No. 5155 for DCS Growth and Initiatives.
	\$ 2,109,987	\$ 2,119,472				
<i>Average Number of Staff Days Required to Review and Pocess a Drilling Permit Application During the Reporting Period</i>			3	3		House adds new efficiency measure for review and processing time of drilling permit applications.
Contingent Revenue Appropriation: General Counsel Enforcement	VI-49, Rider #16 Rider Packet, page VI-17 (Rider amended for technical correction)				SENATE	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. Technical Correction: Amend Rider No. 16 to reflect correct revenue object code (revised rider attached).

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
High-Cost Housing Salary Supplement	VI-49, Rider #17 Rider Packet, page VI-18				SENATE	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			

Railroad Commission
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingent Revenue Appropriation: General Counsel Enforcement

Prepared by LBB Staff, May 1, 2013

Overview

The action would correct a typographical error in the rider.

Required Action

On page VI-49 of the Railroad Commission's bill pattern, amend the following rider:

16. Contingent Revenue Appropriation: General Counsel Enforcement. In addition to amounts appropriated above, there is hereby appropriated to the Railroad Commission \$80,620 in each fiscal year out of the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2014-15 biennium and \$204,860 out of the Oil and Gas Regulatory and Cleanup (OGRC) Account No. 5155 in each fiscal year of the 2014-15 biennium to be used in Strategy B.1.2, Pipeline Damage Prevention and Strategy C.1.1, Oil and Gas Monitoring and Inspections, to supplement funding for activities related to enforcing Railroad Commission rules. In addition, the Number of Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) positions indicated herein is increased by 4.0 in each fiscal year of the 2014-15 biennium.

This appropriation and the additional FTEs are contingent on the Railroad Commission increasing the Pipeline Safety Fee and the Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Fee Surcharge and is limited to amounts received in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) for 2014-15 for Revenue Object Code 35333553 in the General Revenue Fund pursuant to Utilities Code, Section 121.211, and Revenue Object Code 3310 in the OGRC Account No. 5155 pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Section 81.170.

This appropriation also is contingent upon the Railroad Commission assessing fees to generate during the 2014-15 biennium, revenue sufficient to cover the above appropriations as well as "Other direct and indirect costs" of the program appropriated elsewhere in this Act. "Other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$75,837 in fiscal year 2014 and \$75,837 in fiscal year 2015. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset these costs identified in the provision, the Legislative Budget Board may Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

The Railroad Commission, upon completion of necessary actions to increase the Pipeline Safety Fee and the Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Fee Surcharge, shall furnish copies of the minutes and other information supporting the estimated revenues to be generated for the 2014-15 biennium under the revised fee structure to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues in excess of those estimated in the BRE for 2014-15, a finding of fact to that effect shall be issued and the contingency appropriation shall be made available for the intended purpose.

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Conference Committee on General Appropriations Bill

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	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.
	\$ 4,752,262	\$ 4,752,262				House provides:
						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.
					SENATE	

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
	See also Article XI-5		See also Article XI-11		Workgroup adds \$1,400,000 for Conservation Implementation assistance grants	b. \$2,400,000 for Conservation Implementation Assistance Grant funding to provide targeted grants to local soil and water conservation districts.

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>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:
	\$ 10,730,738	\$ 7,639,799			Senate funding level; remove desalination from eligible grant projects (see related rider #21)	a. \$3,000,000 from General Revenue for grants for near-term alternative water supply demonstration projects (see Senate Rider #21, VI-57).
					SENATE	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:

Agency/Item	Senate		House		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
A.3.1 WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION & ASST					SENATE	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.
					HOUSE	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).
	\$ 3,180,848	\$ 3,180,848	\$ 3,380,848	\$ 1,380,848	\$ 1,600,000	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.)
	\$ 4,180,848	\$ 3,180,848			Workgroup adds \$1 million for water conservation education grants	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.)

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Transfer Authorized	VI-55, Rider #3		VI-55, Rider #3		ADOPT	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 (Revised to remove desalination from eligible grant projects)				Workgroup revises rider to remove desalination from eligible grant projects	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 (Revised to reflect WG funding decision of \$1 million)		Conforming change	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	House allocates funds and FTEs for consolidating water conservation reporting requirements and quantifying water conservation savings.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Texas Alliance for Water Conservation Demonstration Project	VI-58, Rider #22 Rider Packet, page VI-20				SENATE	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.
<u>Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and</u> A.3.1 WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION & ASST					ADOPT	Workgroup adds \$3 million from General Revenue for grants to Groundwater Conservation Districts to offset costs of water meters. See related rider.
B.1.1 STATE AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE					NOT ADOPT	Workgroup adds \$10 million out of General Revenue Fund to transfer to the Water Assistance Fund No. 480 to provide a zero interest loan or grant for a water infrastructure and security project in Texas Border counties.
		See also Article XI-5		See also Article XI-11		

Water Development Board
Technical Correction
Transfer Authorized

Prepared by LBB Staff, 4/19/2013

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 Senate Bill 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.

Water Development Board

Proposed Rider Revision

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/3/2013

Overview

The motion would amend the rider to remove desalination as an allowable use of \$3 million in grants provided for certain demonstration projects.

Required Action

On page VI-57 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern in the Senate Substitute for Senate Bill 1, amend the following rider:

21. Demonstration Projects for Near-Term Alternative Water Supplies. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, Water Resources Planning, the Water Development Board shall allocate \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2014 out of General Revenue, to fund grants for the construction of water reuse, ~~desalination~~, aquifer storage and recovery or any other demonstration projects that will create new water supplies or otherwise increase the availability of water through use of innovative storage approaches that improve operational efficiencies. Such projects should be targeted to provide cost-effective water supplies within the next five years, and provide regional benefits estimated to increase by at least 10 percent the overall amount of reliable water supply that can be made available within a region to help meet the various competing demands for water, including those of agricultural, industrial, municipal and others.

The Water Development Board shall award the grants through a competitive process, which would require grant applicants to provide matching funds. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2014 out of appropriations made herein are appropriated to the Water Development Board for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2014.

Water Development Board
Proposed Funding and Rider Amendment
Water Conservation Education Grants

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/3/2013

Overview

The motion and rider amendment would provide \$1 million from General Revenue for water conservation education grants, which is a reduction from the \$2 million included in the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1.

Required Action

1. On page VI-52 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern in the Senate Substitute for Senate Bill 1, increase appropriations from General Revenue by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2014 from General Revenue.
2. On page VI-53 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern in the Senate Substitute for Senate Bill 1, increase appropriations to Strategy A.3.1, Water Conservation and Assistance by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2014.
3. On page VI-58 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern, pattern in the Senate Substitute for Senate Bill add the following rider, as amended:

____. **Water Conservation Education Grants.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Water Conservation and Assistance is \$1,000,000 ~~\$2,000,000~~ in fiscal year 2014 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing grants to water conservation education groups. The Water Development Board shall award the grants through a competitive process, which may require grant applicants to provide private matching funds. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2014 in funds appropriated for this purpose are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2014.

By: _____

Water Development Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Agricultural Water Conservation Monitoring

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/10/2013

Overview

The motion would provide the Water Development Board (WDB) with \$3 million from General Revenue to make grants for agricultural water conservation monitoring projects. The rider would authorize transferring the General Revenue amount to the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358 (Other Funds).

Required Action

1. On page VI-52 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern in the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1, increase appropriations by \$1,500,000 each fiscal year from General Revenue.
2. On page VI-53 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern in the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1, increase appropriations to Strategy A.3.1, Water Conservation Education and Assistance by \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2015.
3. On page VI-66 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following rider:

. **Agricultural Water Conservation Monitoring.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Water Conservation Education and Assistance, is up to \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2014 and up to \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2015, from General Revenue to be transferred to the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358 to be used for the Agricultural Water Conservation Grant Program. Grants awarded under this provision shall be given to Groundwater Conservation Districts that have promulgated rules requiring metering and shall only be used to offset half the cost of each meter.

**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>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			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.
			See also Article XI-12			