

# **Issue Docket**

**Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1**

**2014-15 General Appropriations Bill**

**Article VIII - Regulatory**

**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.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</u></b>		VIII-1	VIII-1			
No Issues						
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS</u></b>		VIII-4		VIII-4		
Contingent Revenue			VIII-6, Rider #3 Rider Packet, Page VIII-1			Senate directly provides \$306,800 in General Revenue appropriations for 3.0 FTEs in Licensing and Enforcement.  House makes the same funding and FTEs for the same purpose contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS</u></b>						
Average Time for Complaint Resolution	VIII-6		VIII-6			Senate establishes a target of 280 days each fiscal year.
	VIII-7, Rider #1 Rider Packet, page VIII-2		VIII-7, Rider #1 Rider Packet, page VIII-2			House establishes a target of 250 days each fiscal year.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Contingent Revenue			VIII-8, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page VIII-2			Senate directly provides \$1,899,000 in General Revenue and 15.0 FTEs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. \$1,599,000 and 15.0 FTEs for licensing and enforcement purposes</li> <li>b. \$300,000 for dental consultants to review standard of care cases</li> </ul> House makes the same funding and FTEs for the same purposes contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

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<b><u>FUNERAL SERVICE COMMISSION</u></b>						
<b>Contingency Appropriation for HB 1893 - Appropriations for increased Enforcement</b>		VIII-8		VIII-8		<p>Both Senate and House provide \$110,040 and 1.0 FTE for Enforcement contingent upon the enactment of HB 1893, or similar legislation.</p> <p>Senate directly provides the appropriation and FTE in a rider (see also Senate rider #2, below)</p> <p>House :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provides the appropriation and FTE in strategy B.2.1, Rule Compliance;</li> <li>b. Makes the appropriation contingent upon the generation of revenues above the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (see also House rider #2, below).</li> </ul>

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	13.0	13.0	14.0	14.0		Contingency Appropriation for HB 1893 - see above
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) in Riders	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0		Contingency Appropriation for HB 1893 - see above
Appropriations Made in Riders	\$ 55,020	\$ 55,020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,040	Contingency Appropriation for HB 1893 - see above
B.2.1 RULE COMPLIANCE	\$ 258,671	\$ 258,243	\$ 313,691	\$ 313,263	\$ 110,040	Contingency Appropriation for HB 1893 - see above
Contingency Appropriation for House Bill 1893	VIII-9, Rider #2 Rider Packet, Page VIII-4		VIII-10, Rider #2 Rider Packet, Page VIII-4			Contingency Appropriation for HB 1893 - see above
Contingent Revenue			VIII-10, Rider #3 Rider Packet, Page VIII-4			Senate directly provides \$54,000 in General Revenue appropriations for 1.0 FTE in Licensing.  House makes the same funding and FTE for the same purpose contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.

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<b><u>BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS</u></b>		VIII-10		VIII-11		
No Issues						

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<b><u>HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL</u></b>		VIII-11		VIII-13		
No Issues						

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>OFFICE OF INJURED EMPLOYEE COUNSEL</u></b>		VIII-13		VIII-14		
No Issues						
See also Article XI				See also Article XI, House, page XI-13		

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE</u></b>	VIII-15		VIII-16			
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	1,659.2	1,659.2	1,654.2	1,654.2		Senate provides authority and General Revenue funding for 5.0 new FTEs for the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (See also Strategy C.1.2, Fire Protection below).
A.1.1 CONSUMER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	\$ 8,458,606	\$ 8,615,082	\$ 8,458,606	\$ 8,615,082	\$	<p>- Both Senate and House provide \$4,995,930 in fiscal year 2014 and \$5,151,575 in fiscal year 2015 for the TexasSure Vehicle Insurance Verification Program.</p> <p>Senate includes State Highway Fund No. 6 funding for the program.</p> <p>House includes Interagency Contract funding for the program.</p>

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
C.1.2 FIRE PROTECTION	\$ 2,136,134	\$ 2,136,134	\$ 1,796,059	\$ 1,796,059	\$ 680,150	Senate provides General Revenue for 5.0 new FTEs for additional licensing and certification needs. (See also Senate and House Rider 7 below).
Limit on Estimated Appropriations	VIII-20, Rider #7 Rider Packet, Page VIII-6		VIII-21, Rider #7 Rider Packet, Page VIII-6			Senate identifies General Revenue appropriations of \$2,073,634 each fiscal year for Fire Protection funding.
						House adopts a similar rider identifying General Revenue appropriations of \$1,733,559 each fiscal year for Fire Protection funding.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs	VIII-21, Rider #14 Rider Packet, Page VIII-6		VIII-22, Rider #14 Rider Packet, Page VIII-6			Both Senate and House provide \$887,428 in General Revenue appropriations and 1.0 FTE for the purpose of awarding grants to local government entities for research, planning, development, and continuation of three-share premium assistance programs.  The Senate provides up to an additional \$1,500,000 each year for the same purpose from funds collected from health insurers from fines, penalties, and sanctions deposited into General Revenue.  The House provides up to an additional \$1,500,000 each year for the same purpose from funds collected from regulated entities except for workers compensation from fines, penalties, and sanctions deposited into General Revenue.
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

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<u>OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSURANCE COUNSEL</u>		VIII-24		VIII-25		
No Issues						

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<b><u>BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING</u></b>		VIII-25		VIII-26		
No Issues						

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<b><u>DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION</u></b>	VIII-27		VIII-28			
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue - postage costs</b>						Senate provides \$240,390 in General Revenue for postage costs (See new Contingency Appropriation for SB 845 rider attached and below.)
A.1.1 LICENSE, REGISTER AND CERTIFY	\$ 2,538,511	\$ 2,565,949	\$ 2,480,113	\$ 2,480,113	\$ 144,234	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
A.1.2 LICENSE BUSINESSES AND FACILITIES	\$ 890,289	\$ 901,721	\$ 865,956	\$ 865,956	\$ 60,098	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
B.1.1 CONDUCT INSPECTIONS	\$ 6,826,375	\$ 6,844,997	\$ 6,823,455	\$ 6,840,705	\$ 7,212	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
B.1.3 RESOLVE COMPLAINTS	\$ 3,003,233	\$ 3,005,062	\$ 2,999,340	\$ 2,999,340	\$ 9,615	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
B.1.4 INVESTIGATION	\$ 2,935,857	\$ 2,937,229	\$ 2,932,937	\$ 2,932,937	\$ 7,212	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
C.1.1 CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,364,045	\$ 2,366,332	\$ 2,359,179	\$ 2,359,179	\$ 12,019	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
Appropriation: Travel Expenses and Fee Reimbursements	VIII-29, Rider #3 Rider Packet, Page VIII-8		VIII-30, Rider #3 Rider Packet, Page VIII-8			Senate adopts a revenue target amount in Rider 3 Appropriation: Travel Expenses and Fee Reimbursements, of \$182,400 in fees collected for reimbursements for enforcing and administering the Boiler Fees program.  House adopts a different revenue target amount of \$312,600.
Additional General Revenue	VIII-31, Rider #12 Rider Packet, Page VIII-8		VIII-32, Rider #12 Rider Packet, Page VIII-8			Senate adopts a revenue target amount in Rider 12, Additional General Revenue, of \$4,400,000 for enforcement of the Architectural Barrier Act.  House adopts a different revenue target amount of \$4,624,050.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Contingent Revenue			VIII-33, Rider #14 Rider Packet, Page VIII-10			Senate directly provides \$206,726 in General Revenue appropriations for 2.0 FTEs in the Wastewater Well program.  House makes the same funding and FTEs for the same purposes contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above the estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.
Contingency Appropriation for Senate Bill 845	Adopt a new rider reducing postage funds by \$240,390 in General Revenue if Senate Bill 845 is enacted. (See Attached Rider)					
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department of Licensing and Regulation**  
**New Workgroup Rider**  
**Contingency Appropriation for Senate Bill 845**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/3/2013

**Overview**

Add a new rider reducing postage funds by \$240,390 if Senate Bill 845 is enacted.

**Required Action**

On page VIII-32, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1, of the bill pattern for the Department of Licensing and Regulation, add the following rider:

**\_\_\_ . Contingency Appropriation for Senate Bill 845.**

Included in amounts appropriated above from the General Revenue Fund are \$97,330 in fiscal year 2014 and \$143,060 in fiscal year 2015 for postage costs. Contingent upon enactment of Senate Bill 845, or similar legislation, relating to the use of e-mail and website technology by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, by the Eighty-third legislature, Regular Session, 2013, these amounts are reduced by \$97,330 in fiscal year 2014 and \$143,060 in fiscal year 2015.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD</u></b>		VIII-32		VIII-33		
Contingent Revenue			VIII-36, Rider #5 Rider Packet, page VIII-11			Senate directly provides \$929,160 in General Revenue appropriations and 7.5 FTEs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2.5 FTEs for the Texas Physician Health Program; and</li> <li>b. 5.0 FTEs and funding for the inspection of pain management clinics and office based anesthesia settings</li> </ul> House makes the same funding and FTEs for the same purposes contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING</u></b>		VIII-35		VIII-37		
Contingent Revenue		⋮	VIII-38, Rider #3 Rider Packet, page VIII-12			Senate directly provides \$285,996 in General Revenue appropriations and 2.0 FTEs for two nursing consulting position for education and practice.
See also Article XI		⋮	See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			House makes the same funding and FTEs for the same purposes contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.
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<b><u>OPTOMETRY BOARD</u></b>		VIII-38		VIII-40		
No Issues						
See also Article XI				See also Article XI, House, page XI-13		

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<b><u>BOARD OF PHARMACY</u></b>						
Technical Correction	VIII-39 VIII-42, Rider #4		VIII-41 VIII-44, Rider #5		<b>ADOPT</b>	Amend Contingent Revenue: Work Space Response rider to change the contingency requirement for the space needed to accommodate additional FTEs from 3,000 square feet to a sufficient amount of square footage to allow the agency and the Facilities Commission flexibility. (See attached rider).
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue - Agency required contribution to the Employee Retirement System's Group Benefits Program</b>						Senate provides \$77,828 in General Revenue for the agency's required contribution (one percent total base wages and salaries of each employee of the agency) to the Employee Retirement System's Group Benefits Program. (See also Article XI, House, page XI-13).
A.1.1 LICENSING	\$ 1,028,241	\$ 944,883	\$ 1,024,212	\$ 940,854	\$ 8,058	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
B.1.1 ENFORCEMENT	\$ 4,684,541	\$ 4,484,844	\$ 4,655,510	\$ 4,455,813	\$ 58,062	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
C.1.1 LICENSING - INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 101,401	\$ 99,169	\$ 100,640	\$ 98,408	\$ 1,522	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
C.1.2 ENFORCEMENT-INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 661,334	\$ 663,462	\$ 656,241	\$ 658,369	\$ 10,186	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
Contingent Revenue			VIII-44, Rider #4 Rider Packet, page VIII-13			Senate directly funds \$2,266,245 in General Revenue and authority for 12.0 FTEs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. \$195,000 for the replacement of 10 vehicles</li> <li>b. \$143,639 for testing of compound products</li> <li>c. \$54,000 for scanning of records</li> <li>d. \$1,764,679 for salaries and other expenses for 12.0 additional FTEs for licensing and enforcement</li> <li>e. \$108,927 for Pharmacist Recovery Network</li> </ul> House makes the same funding and FTEs for the same purposes contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

**Board of Pharmacy**  
**Technical Correction**  
**Contingent revenue: Work Space Response**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 4/18/2013

**Overview**

Amend Rider 4, Contingent Revenue: Work Space Response, to change the contingency requirement for the space needed to accommodate additional FTEs from 3,000 square feet to a sufficient amount of square footage to allow the Board of Pharmacy and the Facilities Commission flexibility.

**Required Action**

On page VIII-42, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1, of the bill pattern for the Board of Pharmacy, amend the following rider:

**4. Contingent Revenue: Work Space Response.**

- a. Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Board of Pharmacy in Strategy A.1.1, Licensing, the amount of \$49,222 in fiscal year 2015, in Strategy B.1.1, Enforcement, the amounts of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$296,966 in fiscal year 2015, in Strategy C.1.1, Licensing - Indirect Administration, the amount of \$7,045 in fiscal year 2015, and in Strategy C.1.2, Enforcement - Indirect Administration, the amount of \$46,767 in fiscal year 2015 from General Revenue are contingent upon the Board of Pharmacy providing a finding of fact to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board regarding the agency's inability to secure additional space~~an additional 3,000 square feet~~ in the Hobby Building for agency use sufficient to accommodate the needs of the agency and assessing or increasing fees sufficient to generate, during the 2014-15 biennium, \$600,000 in excess of \$14,011,000 (Object Code 3562), contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. The Board of Pharmacy, upon completion of necessary actions to assess or increase such additional fees, shall furnish copies of the Board of Pharmacy's 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, a finding of fact to that effect shall be issued and the contingent appropriations shall be made available for the intended purpose.
- b. None of the funds identified in subsection (a) may be used by the Board of Pharmacy unless the Board of Pharmacy files a finding of fact with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board and neither the Governor nor the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not later than:
  - (1) the 10th day after the date the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the findings of fact and forwards those findings of fact along with the conclusions or comments of the Legislative Budget Board staff to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor; and
  - (2) within 10 business days of the receipt of the findings of fact by the Governor.

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<b><u>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY &amp; OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS</u></b>						
		VIII-42		VIII-45		
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue - Agency required contribution to the Employee Retirement System's Group Benefits Program</b>						Senate provides \$16,180 in General Revenue for the agency's required contribution (one percent total base wages and salaries of each employee of the agency) to the Employee Retirement System's Group Benefits Program. (See also Article XI, House, page XI-13).
A.1.1 OPERATE LICENSING SYSTEM	\$ 677,818	\$ 668,487	\$ 672,559	\$ 663,228	\$ 10,518	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
B.1.1 ADMINISTER ENFORCEMENT	\$ 391,525	\$ 386,500	\$ 388,694	\$ 383,669	\$ 5,662	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Contingent Revenue			VIII-47, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page VIII-14			Senate directly provides \$74,856 in General Revenue and 1.0 FTE for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. \$57,600 and 1.0 FTE for an Investigator I Position</li> <li>b. \$17,256 for an additional board meeting each year by the Physical Therapy Board and the Occupational Therapy Board</li> </ul> House makes the same funding and FTE for the same purposes contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS</u></b>		VIII-44		VIII-47		
Contingent Revenue			VIII-49, Rider #4 Rider Packet, Page VIII-15			Senate directly provides \$588,238 in General Revenue appropriations and 4.0 FTEs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. \$91,638 for rent increase</li> <li>b. \$67,600 and 1.0 FTE for a Customer Service position</li> <li>c. \$46,000 for two replacement vehicles</li> <li>d. \$383,000 and 3.0 FTEs for enforcement positions including three vehicles</li> </ul> House makes the same funding and FTEs for the same purposes contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS</u></b>						
		VIII-47		VIII-50		
A.1.1 LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT	\$ 230,480	\$ 230,435	\$ 228,794	\$ 228,749	\$ 3,372	Senate provides \$3,372 in General Revenue for the agency's required contribution (one percent total base wages and salaries of each employee of the agency) to the Employee Retirement System's Group Benefits Program. (See also Article XI, House, page XI-13)

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Contingent Revenue			VIII-51, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page VIII-16			Senate directly provides \$73,938 in General Revenue and 1.0 FTE for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. \$67,938 and 1.0 FTE for enforcement</li> <li>b. \$6,000 for board member travel</li> </ul> House makes the same funding and FTE for the same purposes contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS</u></b>		VIII-48		VIII-51		
Contingent Revenue			VIII-53, Rider #2 Rider Packet, Page VIII-17			Senate directly provides \$67,400 in General Revenue appropriations for 1.0 FTE in Enforcement.  House makes the same funding and FTE for the same purpose contingent upon the agency increasing fees by a like amount above estimated revenues included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>RACING COMMISSION</u></b>		VIII-50		VIII-53		
No Issues						
See also Article XI				See also Article XI, House, page XI-13		

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<b><u>SECURITIES BOARD</u></b>		VIII-53		VIII-57		
No Issues						

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS</u></b>						
		VIII-56		VIII-59		
C.1.1 ENERGY ASSISTANCE	\$ 75,099,515	\$ 77,075,531	\$ 112,649,273	\$ 115,613,295	\$ 76,087,522	House provides an additional \$76,087,522 in General Revenue-Dedicated Funding for the Low Income Discount program to increase the discount for eligible retail electric customers from 10 to 15 percent. (See also Senate and House Riders 7 and 8, below).
Contingent Revenue		VIII-59, Rider #7 Rider Packet, page VIII-18		VIII-62, Rider #7 Rider Packet, page VIII-18		Senate identifies \$83,727,792 in fiscal year 2014 and \$85,703,808 in fiscal year 2015 in appropriations from the GR-Dedicated System Benefit Account contingent upon the agency assessing a fee to generate sufficient revenue to cover appropriations.

Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
Allocation of System Benefit Account	VIII-59, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page VIII-18		VIII-63, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page VIII-18			House adopts a similar rider identifying \$121,277,550 in fiscal year 2014 and \$124,241,572 in fiscal year 2015 in appropriations from the GR-Dedicated System Benefit Account.  Senate identifies an estimated GR-Dedicated System Benefit Account balance available for appropriation of \$989,052,500 and an informational listing of the allocation of System Benefit Account appropriations, including appropriations for the Low-Income Discount Program of \$75,099,515 in fiscal year 2014 and \$77,075,531 in fiscal year 2015.
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			House adopts a similar rider with an estimated System Benefit Account available balance of \$1,067,701,831 and Low-Income Discount Program appropriations of \$112,649,273 in fiscal year 2014 and \$115,613,295 in fiscal year 2015.

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Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL</u></b>						
		VIII-59		VIII-63		
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue - Salary costs for 2.0 existing FTE positions</b>						Senate provides \$300,000 in General Revenue for salary costs for 2.0 existing FTE positions. (See also Article XI, House, page XI-13).
A.1.1 PARTICIPATION IN PROCEEDINGS	\$ 1,349,464	\$ 1,349,464	\$ 1,229,464	\$ 1,229,464	\$ 240,000	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
B.1.1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROCEEDINGS	\$ 304,239	\$ 304,239	\$ 274,239	\$ 274,239	\$ 60,000	Cross-Strategy Issue - see above
See also Article XI			See also Article XI, House, page XI-13			

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS</u>		VIII-61		VIII-65		
No Issues						

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Agency/Item	<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		Biennial Difference	Explanation
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b><u>SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ALL REGULATORY AGENCIES</u></b>		VIII-64		VIII-68		
No Issues						