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Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Funding and Rider
Governor's University Research Initiative
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Overview

The following contingency rider would direct the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor to transfer \$46.0 million in unexpended balances in General-Dedicated Emerging Technology Fund Account No. 5124 to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide matching funds to Texas public universities for the recruitment of Nobel Laureates and National Academy members contingent on the passage of legislation.

Required Action

1. On page III-46 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, add the following new General Revenue strategy:

C.XX Governor's University Research Initiative	2016	2017
	\$46,000,000	UB

2. Add the following rider to page III-63.

Contingency for HB/SB . . . Contingent the enactment of HB/SB . . . or similar legislation relating to the transfer of unexpended balances in General-Revenue-Dedicated Emerging Technology Fund Account No. 5124, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, \$46,000,000, is appropriated to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in fiscal year 2016 to establish the Governor's University Research Initiative. The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall provide matching funds to Texas public universities for the recruitment of Nobel Laureates and National Academy members. Texas colleges and universities should specifically focus on recruiting nationally and internationally recognized researcher in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Any Texas public institution of higher education-including medical institutions – seeking to recruit a Nobel Laureate, National Academy member, or their equivalent is eligible to seek matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis from the Governor's University Research Initiative. No funds shall be used for the recruitment of researchers from another Texas public university. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016 for the same purpose.