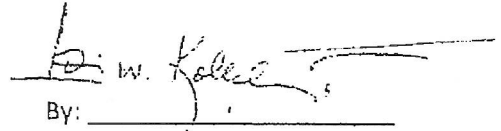


**Senate Finance Committee
Riders – Article I**

Adopted into Article XI

March 24, 2015

Legislative Budget Board


By: _____

Cooperative Energy Efficiency Rider

In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Energy Office, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 in General Revenue from unclaimed property collected in excess of the limit established by Property Code, Sec. 74.3013(f), to pay grants to eligible electric cooperatives to perform statutory obligations consistent with that section and Utilities Code, Sec. 39.9052, so that electric cooperatives adopt and implement energy efficiency programs that reduce the demand for electricity to assist Texas in obtaining emissions reduction credits in the State Implementation Plan (SIP), and to promote compliance with future emissions reduction regulations. Funds are to be administered by the Energy Office to the eligible electric cooperatives in proportion to the funds delivered by each electric cooperative to the Comptroller.

Explanation of Cooperative Energy Efficiency Rider

Pursuant to Sec. 74.3013, Property Code, electric cooperatives are authorized to retain \$2 million annually from their unclaimed funds reported to the Comptroller for rural scholarships, economic development and energy efficiency assistance. The remainder of the funds (over \$8 million in 2014) are delivered to the Comptroller and swept into General Revenue. The unclaimed funds consist of cooperative capital credits and deposits, the owners of which cannot be located.

While local cooperatives are authorized to use the funds for rural scholarships, economic development and energy efficiency assistance, the area of greatest demand and need is in the area of energy efficiency. Energy efficiency improvements reduce the amount of electricity it takes to provide products and services and ultimately consumers' electricity bills are reduced.

Pursuant to Sec. 39.9052, Utilities Code, the larger electric cooperatives have an obligation to implement energy efficiency programs that reduce the cooperatives' annual growth in demand and to report that information to the State Energy Conservation Office (Energy Office). The Energy Office then provides the information to the Energy Systems Laboratory in the Texas A&M University System, where the laboratory calculates the energy savings and estimated pollution reductions that resulted from the reported activities. The laboratory's analysis is shared with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assist Texas in obtaining emissions reduction credits.

The rider would provide a mechanism for an additional \$5 million annually of the cooperatives' own funds to go back to their local communities for energy efficiency efforts supported by current law.

The rider establishes that funds are to be administered by the Energy Office to the eligible electric cooperatives in proportion to the funds delivered by each electric cooperative to the Comptroller. The funds are not derived from any tax, fee or assessment.

By: West

Comptroller of Public Accounts

Proposed Rider

Contingency for Sexual Assault Research, Prevention and Intervention

Overview

To appropriate unexpended balances for sexual assault research, prevention and intervention.

Required Action

Appropriation of Unexpended Balances for Sexual Assault Research, Prevention and Intervention. From unexpended balances in General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 5010, the Sexual Assault Program Fund, the following amounts are hereby appropriated to the following agencies:

A. University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Business Research and IDVSA

By November 1, 2016, the University of Texas at Austin shall produce research that, 1) identifies when, where and how sexual assault occurs in Texas (see subsection 1); 2) update the University's previous study on sexually oriented businesses (see subsection 2); 3) coordinate and develop with the assistance of the Sexual Assault Advisory Council proposed recommendations for the Legislature to significantly reduce the incidence and cost of sexual assault in Texas by 2025.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
(1) Study on Perpetrators of Sexual Assault	\$250,000	U.B.
(2) Strategic Assessment of State and Local Response	\$250,000	U.B.

B. Office of the Attorney General

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
1) Rape Crisis Centers (statewide grants via OAG)	\$10,000,000	U.B.
2) Texas Association Against Sexual Assault	\$2,000,000	U.B.
3) Sexual Trafficking	\$1,000,000	U.B.
4) Sexual Assault Advisory Council	\$100,000	U.B.

C. Supreme Court of Texas

1) Supreme Court of Texas (Legal Aid for sexual assault victims)	\$2,500,000	U.B.
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D. Comptroller of Public Accounts

The Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby appropriated \$250,000 in FY 2016 and \$250,000 in FY 2017 for revenue officers that may be needed to collect the fee imposed by Chapter 102, Business and Commerce Code. The Comptroller shall report quarterly to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning on the status of collections, back taxes that may be owed to the state and general trends in the industry subject to the fee that might impact the state treasury.

E. Department of Family and Protective Services

The Department of Family and Protective Services is hereby appropriated \$4,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2016; any unexpended balances from FY 2016 are hereby appropriated in FY 2017.

Appropriation of Projected Revenue in 2015 Biennial Revenue Estimate

From funds projected to be available by the Comptroller per the 2015 Biennial Revenue Estimate in FY 2016 and FY 2017 from the Sexual Assault Program Fund #5010, the following amounts are hereby appropriated:

- 1) To Fund #0469: \$5,000,000 in FY 2016 and \$5,000,000 in FY 2017 to mitigate the effects of revenue shortfalls in this fund only for the fiscal biennium that begins September 1, 2015.
- 2) Supreme Court of Texas: \$2,500,000 in FY 2017 for assisting victims of sexual assault with legal support.

Contingency Appropriations for Revenue in Excess of \$25,000,000

Contingent upon passage of legislation that re-dedicates the fee established by Chapter 102, Business and Commerce Code, revenue generated from the fee imposed by Chapter 102, Business and Commerce Code, in excess of \$25,000,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

1. The first \$10,000,000 to Strategy C.1.2, Community Youth Development Program at the Department of Family and Protective Services; these funds shall not be used to supplant other sources of funding in this Act.
2. Thereafter any amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to the Compensation to Victims of Crime Fund, #0469; these funds shall not be used to supplant other sources of sexual assault funding in this Act.

Other Provisions

- 1) Any revenue generated for sexual assault related purposes from the license plate authorized by Transportation Code, 504.660, including but not limited to a depiction of the Virgin of Guadalupe, is hereby appropriated.
- 2) No funds appropriated by this provision shall be used to supplant 2015 levels of sexual assault funding at Texas state agencies.
- 3) Appropriations made outside of this provision and elsewhere in this Act that use revenue generated from the fee imposed by Chapter 102, Business and Commerce Code, as a method finance to support appropriations are hereby stricken.

* Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (IDVSA)

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Office of the Governor Trusteed Programs

Proposed Rider

Contingency for Multiple Legislation to Increase Revenue

Overview:

Program Refinements for the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program.

Required Action:

On page __ of the Office of the Governor Trusteed Programs bill pattern, add the following rider:

XX. Contingency for Certain Legislation. Add \$40,000,000 in general revenue to Office of the Governor, Trusteed Programs, Strategy C.1.3. for Fiscal Year 2016 with U.B. for 2017. Add a new line item Strategy C.1.7., Video Games & Visual Effects. Add \$10,000,000 in general revenue to strategy C.1.7, Video Games and Visual Effects.

By: 

Trusteed Programs with the Office of the Governor
Texas Spaceport Trust Fund

Member Name: Senator Larry Taylor

Affected Agency: Trusteed Programs with the Office of the Governor

Purpose: The following action would appropriate \$7,500,000 per year in General Revenue for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor to provide funding to the Spaceport Trust Fund which is held outside the state treasury for projects and activities authorized by Section 481.0069 of the Government Code.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$15,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue 0001

Rider Language: In addition to the amounts appropriated above, \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2016, and \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 in general revenue is to be transferred to the Spaceport Trust Fund held outside the state treasury for projects and activities authorized by Section 481.0069 of the Government Code.

By: Kolkhorst

Preservation Board, Article I
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas State History Museum, First Floor Gallery Renovation
Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/16/2015



Overview

Provide \$4,360,391 in General Revenue to the Preservation Board for renovation of the Texas State History Museum's first floor gallery for the La Belle ship exhibit.

Required Action

1. On page I-88 of the Preservation Board bill pattern, increase Strategy A.2.2, Manage State History Museum, by \$4,360,391 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016.
2. On page I-89 add Rider 2, Capital Budget, and add a project for Texas State History Museum First Floor Gallery Renovation for \$4,360,391 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016.
3. On page I-90 of the Preservation Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

Texas State History Museum: First Floor Gallery. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, Manage State History Museum, is \$4,360,391 in fiscal year 2016 in General Revenue Funds for the completion of renovations to the Texas State History Museum first floor gallery featuring the La Belle shipwreck and artifacts.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2016 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.