

**Issue Docket**

**Conference Committee on House Bill 1**

**2024-25 General Appropriations Bill**

**Article VII – Business and Economic Development**

**332 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	VII-1	VII-1		
Unexpended Balances: Manufactured Housing	VII-7, Rider #18 Rider Packet page VII-1	VII-8, Rider #18 Rider Packet page VII-1		House rider grants unexpended balance authority within and between biennium. Senate rider grants unexpended balance authority within the biennium.
Transitional Housing Pilot Program Funding	VII-8, Rider #19 Rider Packet page VII-1			House rider allocates \$400,000 each fiscal year for operation of a transitional housing pilot program.
Veterans Housing Assistance	VII-8, Rider #20 Rider Packet page VII-1			House rider specifies the legislative intent that the agency adopt an annual goal to apply no less than \$15.0 million for housing assistance for disabled or at-risk veterans and to provide an annual report to the LBB on these expenditures.

**362 TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue</b>	VII-8	VII-8		
			<b>SENATE</b>	1) <b>General Revenue Decrease</b> House includes a reduction of General Revenue within all strategies totaling \$5,103,780 for the biennium.
A.1.5 CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 29,201,832	\$ 29,203,612	\$ 1,780	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
A.1.8 PROMOTE LOTTERY GAMES CONTRACT(S)	\$ 8,781,984	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 11,218,016	Senate maintains strategy appropriations at 2022-2023 levels.  House includes a reduction of \$11,218,016 in General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 5025.
B.1.1 BINGO LICENSING (Senate only)	\$ -	\$ 1,315,544	\$ 1,315,544	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
B.1.2 BINGO EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (Senate only)	\$ -	\$ 195,948	\$ 195,948	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
B.1.3 BINGO LAW COMPLIANCE FIELD OPER (Senate only)	\$ -	\$ 2,774,001	\$ 2,774,001	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
B.1.4 BINGO PRIZE FEE COLLECTION & ACCT (Senate only)	\$ -	\$ 553,688	\$ 553,688	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
B.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 3,352,943	\$ 3,615,762	\$ 262,819	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
Lottery Sales by Phone		VII-12 Rider 16 Rider Packet page VII-2		Senate identifies legislative intent to prohibit the Executive Director of Lottery Commission from allowing the order, purchase, or sale of lottery tickets by telephone via an application on a phone.

**608 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	VII-12	VII-12		
A.1.1 TITLES, REGISTRATIONS, AND PLATES	\$ 178,939,423	\$ 173,739,423	\$ 5,200,000	House provides \$5.2 million in Other Funds to increase the state's inventory of general issue license plates to a six-month supply and to satisfy current annual demand.
				Senate provides \$2.6 million in General Revenue in Article V, Department of Criminal Justice, to purchase and produce additional license plate inventory on behalf of the Department of Motor Vehicles.
C.1.3 OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 13,035,969	\$ 180,392,969	\$ 167,357,000	Senate provides \$167.4 million in Other Funds for the Camp Hubbard Renewal Project. (See Senate Rider 11, below.)
Camp Hubbard Renewal Project		VII-16, Rider #11 Rider Packet page VII-3		Senate includes a rider authorizing the Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA) to issue revenue bonds for the project and to specify the amounts included in Strategy C.1.3, Other Support Services, for making lease payments to TPFA for debt service payments on the revenue bonds.
Regional Service Centers Long-range Facilities Plan		VII-16, Rider #12 Rider Packet page VII-3		Senate requires the agency to produce a long-range facilities plan regarding its regional service centers and to submit a report summarizing the plan.

601 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	VII-15	VII-16		
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue</b>				<b>Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, Budget Structure</b> House allocates State Highway Fund - Proposition 1, 2014, and State Highway Fund - Proposition 7, 2015, funds for non-tolled roadway projects among Strategies A.1.2, A.1.3, A.1.4, and A.1.5.  Senate amends the bill pattern budget structure and allocates State Highway Fund - Proposition 1, 2014, and State Highway Fund - Proposition 7, 2015, funds for non-tolled roadway projects to Strategy A.1.6, Proposition 1, 2014, and Strategy A.1.7, Proposition 7, 2015.
Appropriations Made in Riders	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	House includes a rider appropriating \$10.0 million in General Revenue to the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund No. 0306. See House Rider #47, below.
A.1.2 CONTRACTED PLANNING AND DESIGN	\$ 3,057,367,524	\$ 1,306,301,567	\$ 1,751,065,957	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.3 RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION	\$ 3,128,576,739	\$ 1,770,060,289	\$ 1,358,516,450	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.4 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	\$ 9,788,805,059	\$ 4,397,499,895	\$ 5,391,305,164	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.5 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	\$ 9,973,853,935	\$ 5,703,780,506	\$ 4,270,073,429	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.6 CONSTRUCTION GRANTS & SERVICES	\$ 1,043,171,756	\$ 1,193,171,756	<b>ADOPT HOUSE Amounts in SB 30 with General Revenue</b>	Senate provides \$150.0 million in General Revenue for Port Capital Improvement Projects.  House provides \$200.0 million in General Revenue in SB30 for the same purposes.
A.1.6 PROPOSITION 1, 2014	\$ -	\$ 6,868,113,000	\$ 6,868,113,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.7 PROPOSITION 7, 2015	\$ -	\$ 5,902,848,000	\$ 5,902,848,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
C.1.1 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$ 275,417,129	\$ 267,877,129	\$ 7,540,000	House provides \$7.5 million in General Revenue to increase public transit grant funding to urban and rural transit districts to adjust for 2020 census outcomes and maintain per capita program funding at 2010 levels.  <b>Conference Committee adopts half of the House amount.</b>
	\$ 271,647,129			
C.5.1 AVIATION SERVICES	\$ 193,239,208	\$ 287,239,208	\$ 94,000,000	Senate provides \$94.0 million in General Revenue to increase funding for general aviation airport facilities development and routine maintenance.
Reporting Requirements, Federal Funds Reporting Requirement	VII-23, Rider #14(g)(3) Rider Packet page VII-4			House requires the agency to submit an annual report accounting for all Federal Funds received and used for transportation projects in the preceding year.
Additional Funds	VII-26, Rider 18 Rider Packet page VII-8	VII-27, Rider 18 Rider Packet page VII-8		House specifies that an agency proposal to expend additional State Highway Funds above the estimated appropriations for the 2024-25 biennium is to be considered approved if not disapproved before (1) the 30th business day after the date LBB staff forwards its review of the proposal to LBB leadership offices and (2) the 30th business day after receipt of the proposal by the Governor.  Senate specifies that an agency request to expend additional State Highway Funds above the estimated appropriations for the 2024-25 biennium is to be considered approved unless the LBB issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date LBB staff forwards its review of the request to LBB leadership offices. (The request would require concurrent approval from the Governor.)
Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund	VII-31, Rider #47 Rider Packet page VII-9			House appropriates \$10.0 million in General Revenue to the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund No. 0306.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Southern Gateway Deck Park		VII-32, Rider #47 Rider Packet page VII-9		Senate requires agency to make \$10.0 million in Federal Funds available for Phase II Infrastructure of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project if the project meets federal funding requirements and the expenditure of Federal Funds is approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.
Outreach and Education Programs on Transportation Safety	VII-32, Rider #48 Rider Packet page VII-10			House requires the agency to allocate \$250,000 each fiscal year to award grants through local councils of government to administer outreach and education programs on transportation safety that target at-risk populations in urban areas.
Discretionary Funds	VII-32, Rider #49 Rider Packet page VII-10			House includes legislative intent that the Transportation Commission may allocate up to 10 percent from funds appropriated for the Unified Transportation Program as discretionary funds for use by the commission, and requires the commission to submit to the LBB, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and each member of the House and Senate an annual report detailing the amount and use of the discretionary funds.
Interstate Highway 20 Passenger Rail Corridor Project	VII-32, Rider #50 Rider Packet page VII-10			House allocates \$10.0 million out of State Highway Fund appropriations in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, for the purpose of matching grant funds for the Interstate Highway 20 Passenger Rail Corridor Project, contingent on the project being awarded a federal grant under the Federal Railroad Administration Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>				
Interagency Contract for Legal Services	VII-28, Rider #33	VII-29, Rider #33	<b>ADOPT</b>	Conference Committee amends rider to increase the annual interagency contract with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) from \$7.1 million per fiscal year to \$10.0 million per fiscal year to fund an additional 20.0 FTEs (15.0 Attorneys and 5.0 Legal Assitants) at OAG in Article I for increased legal services provided to TxDOT.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Evaluation of Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Capacity			ADOPT	Conference Committee adds new rider requiring the agency to evaluate methods for deploying zero-emission medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicle charging infrastructure and submit a report on the results of the evaluation to the Legislature.
Railroad Grade Separation Project Study			ADOPT	Conference Committee adds a rider requiring the department to conduct a study to determine the feasibility, costs, and benefits of constructing railroad crossing grade separation projects at certain roadway intersections in Harris County and to submit a report on the results of the study to the Legislative Budget Board.
U.S. 290 Traffic Study			ADOPT	Conference Committee adds a rider directing the department to conduct a study on options for reducing traffic on U.S. 290 along segments that serve as hurricane evacuation routes and include at-grade rail crossings.
Port of Victoria Rail Expansion Study			ADOPT	Conference Committee adds a rider directing the department to conduct a study regarding a rail expansion project at the Port of Victoria and submit a report on the study results to the Legislative Budget Board.
District Discretionary Funds			ADOPT	Conference Committee amends Rider 11, District Discretionary Funds, to require the department to allocate funding for projects located within 60 miles of an international border crossing and recommended to the Texas Transportation Commission by the Border Trade Advisory Committee.



**320 TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>	VII-32	VII-33		
			<b>ADOPT</b>	1) <b>Adjust Fiscal Year Date in Senate Rider 9</b> Adjust the fiscal year date in Senate Rider 9, Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Programs and Pre-Apprenticeship Career Pathways, to read, "...for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose."
			<b>NOT ADOPT</b>	2) <b>Add Contingency Language to Senate Rider 52</b> Add the following language to the beginning of Senate Rider 52, Additional Workforce Data Report, "Pursuant to Labor Code, Section 204.0025, contingent on the appropriation of funds for the purpose of reporting," as the legislative intent of this rider is it is to be implemented with appropriated funds.
B.1.1 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	\$ 63,133,474	\$ 50,820,177	\$ 12,313,297	House provides an increase of \$12,313,297 in General Revenue Funds for the Skills Development grant program.
	<b>\$ 56,976,825</b>		<b>HOUSE AS AMENDED</b>	
B.1.2 APPRENTICESHIP	\$ 40,594,311	\$ 36,844,311	\$ 3,750,000	House provides an increase of \$3,750,000 in General Revenue Funds for the Pre-apprenticeship Career Pathways grant program.
	<b>\$ 38,719,311</b>		<b>HOUSE AS AMENDED</b>	
Appropriation: Federal Funds.		VII-37 Rider 3 Rider Packet page VII-11		Senate requires Federal Funds reporting for funds granted to TWC for the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act received above the amounts appropriated to the agency in the General Appropriations Act.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Apprenticeship and Internship Opportunities for People with Disabilities.	VII-44 Rider 48 Rider Packet page VII-11	VII-45 Rider 49 Rider Packet page VII-11		House requires reporting of all current apprenticeship and internship opportunities for individuals with disabilities by October 1, 2024.
Cross Agency Coordination on Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Funding.		VII-46 Rider 51 Rider Packet page VII-12		Senate requires reporting of all current apprenticeship and internship opportunities for individuals with disabilities by October 1 of every even-number year.
Additional Workforce Data Report		VII-47 Rider 52 Rider Packet page VII-14		Senate requires TWC to coordinate with Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to identify available funding sources that may be streamlined to increase the availability and accessibility of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs and requires a reports by August 31, 2024.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b> Additional Workforce Data Report			<b>NOT ADOPT</b>          <b>ADOPT</b>	Pursuant to Labor Code, Section 204.0025 and contingent on the appropriation of funds, Senate rider requires TWC to report additional data relating to types of enhanced employment and earnings in the Texas workforce, the number of types of employers who have voluntarily provided enhanced employment and earnings data, and recommendations to enhance reporting of employment and earnings data statewide by September 1, 2024.  See also, Technical Adjustment #2.  Conference Committee adds a rider directing the agency to submit a report to the Legislature and the Office of the Governor by September 1, 2024 on all necessary upgrades to the Unemployment Insurance data system to allow for enhanced reporting of employment and earnings data as authorized by the Texas Labor Code, Section 204.0025.

**32A REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFIT ACCOUNT**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
No Issues	VII-45	VII-47		

**Article VII, Department of Transportation**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Evaluation of Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Capacity**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/04/2023

**Overview**

Add a rider to the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) bill pattern expressing the intent of the legislature for TxDOT to lead and coordinate an interagency task force to evaluate how to deploy zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicle charging infrastructure and submit a report on the task force’s findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

**Required Action**

On page VII-32 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Evaluation of Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Capacity.**

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation, using funds appropriated above, develop and implement an interagency task force designed to evaluate how to deploy zero-emission medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicle charging infrastructure to best support growth in that market, recognizing the unique needs of each of these diverse classes of vehicles. The evaluation shall, at a minimum:
  - (1) consider federal, state, and local laws and regulations that may impact the manufacturing, operations, and public and private investments in the development of medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicle charging infrastructure in Texas, including regional differences in infrastructure planning, regulation, and implementation;
  - (2) identify opportunities to facilitate the exchange of information between utilities, stakeholders, and private entities regarding fleet charging profiles and projected energy needs in the coming decade to improve load growth projections and generation allocations across Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) regions; and
  - (3) Examine how statewide oversight and collaboration can complement and coordinate existing efforts to study and expand medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicle charging infrastructure throughout the state.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation convene and coordinate four quarterly meetings with the Public Utility Commission, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and ERCOT, as well as utility, private entity, university, community, and local government stakeholders. As soon as the task force evaluation is completed, but no later than October 1, 2024, the task force shall submit to the Legislature its findings, along with recommendations regarding any statutory or regulatory considerations the Legislature or agencies should consider to maximize competitiveness, innovation, and efficiency, while also maintaining the integrity and cost-effectiveness of the Texas grid

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

**Article VII, Department of Transportation**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Railroad Grade Separation Project Study**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/09/2023

**Overview**

Add a rider to the to the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) bill pattern to require the department to conduct a study to determine the feasibility, costs, and benefits of constructing railroad crossing grade separation projects at certain roadway intersections in Harris County and to submit a report on the results of the study to the Legislative Budget Board.

**Required Action**

On page VII-32 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_.  
**Railroad Grade Separation Project Study.** Using funds appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility, costs, and benefits of constructing roadway-railroad grade separation projects located in the vicinity of Lockwood Drive at Harrisburg Boulevard and Lockwood Drive at Clinton Drive in Harris County. Not later than December 31, 2024, the department shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a report on the results of the study.

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

**Article VII, Department of Transportation**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**U.S. 290 Traffic Study**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/09/2023

**Overview**

Add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the department to conduct a study on options for reducing traffic on U.S. 290 along segments that serve as hurricane evacuation routes and the potential use of funds from the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund to address rail crossing concerns.

**Required Action**

On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **U.S. 290 Traffic Study.** Using funds appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall conduct a study on options for reducing traffic congestion on segments of U.S. 290 that serve as hurricane evacuation routes and include at-grade rail crossings. In conducting the study, the department shall consider projected traffic and usage patterns, projected usage during disasters, and the potential use of the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund to address rail crossing issues.

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

**Department of Transportation**  
**Proposed Rider Amendment**  
**District Discretionary Funds**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/04/2023

**Overview**

Amend Rider 11, District Discretionary Funds, in the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) bill pattern to require TxDOT to allocate, out of funds appropriated in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, funding for projects that are located within 60 miles of an international border crossing and recommended to the Texas Transportation Commission by the Border Trade Advisory Committee.

**Required Action**

On page VII-21 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**11. District Discretionary Funds.**

- a. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate a minimum of \$2.5 million for each district to the State District Discretionary Category each fiscal year. In addition, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor an annual report no later than November 1st each fiscal year detailing the amount of District Discretionary category funds used by each district for project cost overruns.
- b. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to the allocations made under subsection (a) of this rider, funds to fund improvements designed to facilitate traffic related to motor vehicles, cargo, and rail, and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at land ports of entry located within 25 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. In making allocations under this subsection, the department shall consider factors related to the movement of people and goods through the land border ports of entry within the boundaries of the state, including but not limited to the number of incoming commercial trucks and railcars, the number of incoming personal motor vehicles and buses, the weight of incoming cargo by commercial trucks, and the number of land border ports of entry.
- c. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to the allocations made under subsection (a) and (b) of this rider, funds to fund projects that are located within 60 miles of an international border crossing and recommended to the Texas Transportation Commission by the Border Trade Advisory Committee under Transportation Code, Section 201.114.

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

**Texas Workforce Commission**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Additional Workforce Data Report**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/03/2023

**Overview**

The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit a report to the Legislature and the Office of the Governor on all necessary upgrades to the Unemployment Insurance data system to allow for enhanced reporting of employment and earnings data as authorized by the Texas Labor Code, Section 204.0025.

**Required Action**

On page VII-47 of the Texas Workforce Commission’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Additional Workforce Data Report.** The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit a report to the Legislature and the Office of the Governor no later than September 1, 2024, containing information on any necessary upgrades to the state unemployment insurance data system, associated information technology and staffing costs and any statutory limitations to allow for enhanced reporting of employment and earnings data as part of routine wage filings required by the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, as authorized by Texas Labor Code Section 204.0025.