

**House Appropriations Committee
Riders - Article VII**

Article XI

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Legislative Budget Board

Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 with a new rider for the purpose of providing funding for Permanent Supportive Housing and Continuum of Services.

Required Action

1. On page VII-2 of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025.
2. On page VII-8 of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Funding for Permanent Supportive Housing and Continuum of Services.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above to Department of Housing and Community Affairs in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, include \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue for the purpose of assisting regional urban centers having a population of 500,000 or more, in providing low barrier affordable housing and supportive services to chronically homeless individuals with high needs related to physical or mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse. The agency shall distribute these funds through the Homeless Housing and Services Program.
- (b) Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

**Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
City of Kirby Safety Provisions**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding by \$6.0 million in fiscal year 2024 and add a rider to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue appropriations to fund the construction of curbs and sidewalks and the installation of lighting for safety purposes in the City of Kirby.

Required Action

1. On page VII-1 of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap-HTF, in fiscal year 2024 by \$6,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
2. On page VII-8 of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern, add the following rider

_____ **City of Kirby.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap-HTF, \$6,000,000 in General Revenue funds for fiscal year 2024 is to be used for the purpose of funding construction of curbs and sidewalks and the installation of lighting for safety purposes in the City of Kerby.

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Article VII-8
Proposed Funding and Rider
Diversion Rapid Exit Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2023

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to direct the allocation of \$500,000 in General Revenue in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, to the Emergency Solutions Grant Program to implement Diversion Rapid Exit programs in counties where no such program exists.

Required Action

1. On page VII-8 of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following rider:

_____. **Diversion Rapid Exit Program.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Texas Department of Community Affairs in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, \$250,000 in General Revenue for the Emergency Solution Grant program each fiscal year is to be used for implementation of Diversion Rapid Exit programs in counties where no such program exists.

RIDER REQUEST

**“211 TEXAS” INFORMATION AND REFERRAL NETWORK EVALUATION TO IMPROVE
CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE**

Member Name: Elizabeth “Liz” Campos

Affected Agency: Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Purpose: Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1. Poverty-Related Funds, of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern by \$350,000 in each fiscal year with a new rider for the purpose of funding annual evaluations of 211 Texas Information and Referral Network to continuously improve 211 Texas and more effectively connect Texans to existing services and ensure that state government is prepared to provide disaster relief and response more effectively.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$700,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language: Funding for annual evaluations of 211 Texas Information and Referral Network. From General Revenue funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall designate \$350,000 in each fiscal year to continuously improve 211 Texas and more efficiently connect Texans to existing services and to ensure that state government is prepared to provide disaster relief and response more effectively.

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding by \$10.0 million in fiscal year 2024 and add a rider to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue appropriations to fund the construction of curbs and sidewalks and the installation of lighting for safety purposes in Bexar County – Sunrise Neighborhood Association.

Required Action

1. On page VII-1 of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap- HTF, in fiscal year 2024 by \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
2. On page VII-8 of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern, add the following rider

_____ **Bexar County – Sunrise Neighborhood Association.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap-HTF, the amount of \$10.0 million in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024, is to be used for the purpose of funding construction of curbs and sidewalks and the installation of lighting for safety purposes in Bexar County – Sunrise Neighborhood Association.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Sheryl Cole

Affected Agency: Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Article VII

Purpose:

The African American Youth Harvest Foundation has been servicing the great Travis County area since 2006 and is located at 6633 Hwy. 290 East, Suite 307. Austin Texas 78723. Website: www.aayhf.org. The African American Youth Harvest Foundation, has been supported by The City of Austin for the past 12 years is seeking additional support to increase its capacity to serve 1000's of more youth and families in Travis County, with the services listed below. The demand continues to grow and in order to meet the needs throughout our facility, more resources, staff and office space is needed.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$5,000,000 for the biennium

Method of Finance (if applicable): Article VII- Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Rider Language:

Included in amounts appropriated above on Page VII-4 is \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the purpose of funding the various programs the African American Youth Harvest Foundation provides in Travis County.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Allison

Affected Agency: Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Purpose: Provide additional funding and allocate that funding for the Homeless Housing Services Program pursuant to Government Code 2306.2585 which authorizes TDHCA to fund such programs in large municipalities. This action would provide \$10 million per year for this purpose, as was originally appropriated in the 2010-11 biennium.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$10 million per year

Method of Finance (if applicable):

Rider Language:

- 1) Make the following adjustments to the bill pattern for the Department of Housing and Community Affairs:
 - (a) Increase General Revenue appropriations on page VII-2 for Strategy C.1.2., Programs for Homelessness in the amount of \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year;
 - (b) Increase General Revenue in the Method of Finance table by \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year on page VII-1.

- 2) Add the following new rider:

Rider __. Homeless Housing Services Program. (a) Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.1.2., Programs for Homelessness, \$10,000,000 from General Revenue in each fiscal year shall be used to fund the Homeless Housing Services Program as described in Section 2306.2585 of the Government Code.

(b) The Department of Housing and Community Development (TDHCA) shall report on or before September 1 of each fiscal year the methodology for determining the distribution of funds among municipalities as described in Section 2306.2585 of the Government Code. The report shall be made publicly available on the TDHCA's website.

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By: Jones of Harris

Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Proposed Funding and Rider
Emergency Rental Assistance

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.9, Emergency Rental Assistance of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of providing a grant for SHAPE Community Center in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VII-2 of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy A.1.9, Emergency Rental Assistance, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VII-8 of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Emergency Rental Assistance. It is the intent of the Legislature that amounts appropriated above to Department of Housing and Community Affairs in Strategy A.1.9, Emergency Rental Assistance, include General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2024 for the following not-for-profit in the following amount. Any unobligated and unexpended balances for these grants remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

(a) \$1,000,000 for SHAPE Community Center.

By: Jones of Harris

Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Proposed Funding and Rider
Poverty-Related Funds

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of providing a grant for Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VII-2 of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VII-8 of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Poverty-Related Funds. It is the intent of the Legislature that amounts appropriated above to Department of Housing and Community Affairs in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, include General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2024 for the following not-for-profit in the following amount. Any unobligated and unexpended balances for these grants remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

(a) \$500,000 for Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA).

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for the Revolving Fund Loan Program for Affordable Housing and Training Skilled Construction Trades in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap – HTF, for this purpose.

Required Action

1. On page VII-1 of the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap – HTF, in the amount of \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VII-8 of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Revolving Fund Loan Program for Affordable Housing and Training Skilled Construction Trades.** Amounts appropriated above include \$50,000,000 in General Revenue funding in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap – HTF, in fiscal year 2024 contingent on enactment of legislation relating to the establishment and implementation by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs of the Revolving Fund Loan Program for Affordable Housing and Training Skilled Construction Trades, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session to implement the provisions of legislation.

Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network Expansion

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs by \$288,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$288,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue for implementation of a statewide homeless data sharing network to share real time data on homelessness in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, contingent on enactment of legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature.

Required Action

1. On page VII-1 of the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, in the amount of \$288,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$288,000 in fiscal year 2025.
2. On page VII-8 of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network Expansion.** Amounts appropriated above include \$288,000 in General Revenue funding in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, each fiscal year contingent on enactment of legislation relating to implementation of a statewide homeless data sharing network to share real time data on homelessness by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session to implement the provisions of legislation.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Elizabeth “Liz” Campos

Affected Agency: Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Purpose: Funding for Transitional Housing Pilot Program to reduce the homeless population in urban and rural communities throughout the state.

State leaders have legislated into statute the "Transitional Housing Pilot Program" (temporary housing that includes wrap-around services). This program sets homeless individuals on a path to independence, self-sufficiency, and housing stability.

According to the Texas Homeless Network, more than 93,000 Texans experienced homelessness in 2022; and, the trend is that homelessness is a growing problem.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$800,000.

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language: Transitional Housing Pilot Program Funding. From General Revenue funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall designate \$400,000 in each fiscal year for the purpose of operating a transitional housing pilot program in four areas of the state. The program must address the needs of homeless veterans and work with peer-to-peer veteran support groups that offer: interim housing; physical and mental health services; literacy training; job training; family counseling; credit counseling; education services; and other services that will prevent homelessness.

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Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grants and administration in the Department of Motor Vehicles bill pattern by \$44,211,293 in each fiscal year of the 2024–25 biennium (\$88,422,586 for the biennium).

Required Action

On page VII-13 of the Department of Motor Vehicles bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds in Strategy B.2.1, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention, by \$44,211,293 in fiscal year 2024 and \$44,211,293 in fiscal year 2025.

Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
East Loop Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/09/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding by \$100,000,000 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue appropriations to fund the construction of the East Loop project in Cameron County in the Department of Transportation's Pharr District.

Required Action

- 1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2024 by \$100,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **East Loop Project.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$100,000,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, is to be used for the purpose of funding construction of the East Loop project in the Department of Transportation's Pharr District.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Allison

Affected Agency: TxDot

Purpose: Increase the General Revenue Funds amount appropriated WITHIN TxDot to promote aviation services.\$10 million.

Amount Requested (if applicable): Increase the amount appropriated in Strategy C.5.1 by \$5 million for each year of the biennium on page VII-XVIII (\$10 million total)

Method of Finance (if applicable):

Rider Language: __. Enhance Critical Infrastructure Resiliency at Kelly Field. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, is to be used for critical infrastructure enhancements at Kelly Field.

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and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the allocation of \$23.0 million from any available sources of funding appropriated to TxDOT in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, to be used for airport terminal roadway system traffic reduction as specified in the rider.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase General Revenue in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$115 million in fiscal year 2024.

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

____. **Airport Terminal Roadway System Traffic Reduction Improvements.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$115 million from any eligible source of funding in that strategy for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, shall be allocated to for a medium hub airport with no single airline having more than 50% market share located 15 miles or less from commercial downtown districts to make roadway system improvements to reduce traffic congestion on highways near downtown.

Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Infrastructure Improvements for Aerial Tanker Operations
Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/1/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Department of Transportation by \$19.8 million in fiscal year 2024 and add a rider directing the allocation of this appropriation to fund capital improvements at the Abilene Regional Airport to allow this location to serve as the Texas A&M Forest Service's primary tanker base during periods of high fire activity.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$19,800,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024.

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

_____. **Infrastructure Improvements for Aerial Tanker Operations.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$19,800,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be allocated to fund capital improvements at the Abilene Regional Airport to support aerial tanker operations for the Texas A&M Forest Service.

By: Darby & Craddick



**Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
County Transportation Infrastructure Fund**

Overview

Appropriate \$250.0 million from the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) to the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and add a rider to the bill pattern for TxDOT to transfer the ESF appropriation to the Transportation Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of making grants to counties for transportation infrastructure projects located in areas of the state affected by increased oil and gas production as stipulated in Subchapter C, Chapter 256, Transportation Code.

Required Action

- (1) Appropriate \$250,000,000 from the Economic Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2024 to Article VII, Department of Transportation, in Strategy A.1.6, Construction Grants & Services.
- (2) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

____. County Transportation Infrastructure Fund. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Construction Grants & Services, \$250,000,000 from the Economic Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2024 shall be transferred to the Transportation Infrastructure Fund No.184 to provide grants through the Transportation Infrastructure Fund for the purposes stipulated by Subchapter C, Chapter 256, Transportation Code. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, from this appropriation are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider
Bridge Construction for South Padre Island

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/09/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding by \$500.0 million and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue appropriations to fund the construction of a bridge in South Padre Island to establish an additional route to evacuate in times of an emergency and expand routes providing access to and from the island.

Required Action

- 1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2024 by \$500,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Bridge Construction for South Padre Island.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$500,000,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, is to be used for the purpose of funding construction of a bridge in South Padre Island.

Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Self-Sustaining Airports

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/09/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Department of Transportation by \$5,000,000 and add a rider that directs the allocation to provide funding to promote aerospace, bring up self-sustaining airports, and build runways and airport taxi systems.

Required Action

1. On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation's bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, in the amount of \$5,000,000 fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation's bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Texas Self-Sustaining Airports.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, includes \$5,000,000 for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, for the purpose of promoting aerospace and developing a self-sustaining airport, including the development of airport runways and taxi systems, located in the Rio Grande Valley.

By: DeAyala

Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Westchase Pedestrian Bridge

Overview

Increase General Revenue in the bill pattern for Texas Department of Transportation to provide \$5,500,000 in one-time funding for a pedestrian bridge at Westheimer Road and City West Street in Houston, Texas to connect Westchase Management District's off-street trails north of Westheimer and to the Terry Hershey trails at Buffalo Bayou. There are a number of destinations across Westheimer Road in Houston, Texas that warrant the need for safe crossing for pedestrians. Westheimer Road is a major thoroughfare in Houston and the pedestrian bridge would provide a safe and accessible passage over Westheimer Road.

Required Action

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

 Westchase Pedestrian Bridge. Increase general revenue to Texas Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing funding for a pedestrian bridge at Westheimer Road and City West Street in Houston, Texas.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Muñoz, Jr.

Affected Agency: Department of Transportation

Purpose: To appropriate \$5,000,000 in General Revenue to Anzalduas International Bridge to fund improvements to facilitate traffic and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at a land port of entry along the Texas-Mexico border.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$5,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, create the following rider:

_____. **Anzalduas International Bridge.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.6., Construction Grants & Services, \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Anzalduas International Bridge to fund improvements to facilitate traffic and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at a land port of entry along the Texas-Mexico border.

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By: Lopez of Cameron

Texas Department of Transportation, Article VII

Proposed Funding and Rider Maintenance regarding the Rail Spur Rehabilitation to the Port of Harlingen Rail Systems

Overview

Direct appropriations from General Revenue by \$3,000,000 for the 2024-25 biennium in Strategy A.1.1, Project Development and Delivery, to provide for the maintenance regarding the Rail Spur Rehabilitation to the Port of Harlingen Rail System.

Rail spur rehabilitation and maintenance of about 3,700 ft. Key deficiencies in the Harlingen's port rail system including, poor and inconsistent ballasting, poor drainage on the rail bed which leads to increased need for tie replacement, needs for to be leveled and elevated above the ballast when new ballast stone is added, deteriorated and loose ties, and upgrade different rail weights, and low radius turns designed for older and shorter railcars. Improved rail is necessary to handle current port freight efficiently.

Required Action

- 1) On pages VII-17 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following rider:

_____. **Maintenance regarding the Rail Spur Rehabilitation to the Port of Harlingen Rail Systems.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.1, Project Development and Delivery, \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant for the Maintenance Rail Spur Rehabilitation to the Port of Harlingen Rail System.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Yvonne Davis

Affected Agency: Department of Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this Rider to enhance traffic safety awareness in targeted population of the state.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$500,000.00

Method of Finance (if applicable): Out of the Funds appropriated

Rider Language:

On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal C, Optimize Services and Systems, the Department of Transportation shall allocate \$500,000.00, for Outreach and Education Programs on transportation safety. The Department shall issue grants through local council of governments to administer the programs in their regions. The program shall target at-risk populations in urban and rural areas. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Yvonne Davis

Affected Agency: Department of Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this Rider is to enhance rail transportation safety.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$5,000.000.00

Method of Finance (if applicable): Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325

Rider Language:

On page VII-28 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, insert the following new rider after Rider 19 and renumber the remaining Riders appropriately:

_____. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made under Goal D, Enhance Rail Transportation, be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner to allow for safer rail operations through our state, by reducing risk and promoting initiatives focusing on operational efficiency and safety.

The Department of Transportation is appropriated \$2.5 million for fiscal year 2024 and \$2.5 million for fiscal year 2025 for Strategy D.1.4, from funds received by the state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

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Overview

Amend a rider in the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) bill pattern to direct TxDOT to allocate an additional \$4.5 million to the State District Discretionary Category per fiscal year to each TxDOT district that completes all Unified Transportation Program projects on time during a given fiscal year.

Required Action

On page VII-23 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 \$4.5 million in each fiscal year to the State District Discretionary Category for each department district that completes all Unified Transportation Program projects on time for a given fiscal year in addition to the State District Discretionary Category allocations made under subsection (a) of this rider.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Yvonne Davis

Affected Agency: Department of Transportation

Purpose: Report of Federal Funds the State has received.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$0

Method of Finance (if applicable): N/A

Rider Language:

On page VII-25 Department of Transportation bill pattern insert the following subsection for Rider 14 (g) Federal Funds Reporting Requirement:

(3) The Department of Transportation shall provide to each member of the House and Senate, unless a member request it not be provided, an annual report accounting all funds received from the federal government for transportation projects. The report shall provide an actual accounting of all funds received for each transportation project and spent on each project. The report shall include project designated as “new construction projects”, “existing construction projects”, and “maintenance projects”.

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Department of Transportation by \$3.5 million in fiscal year 2024 and add a rider directing the allocation of this appropriation to planning, designing, and construction of roadway improvements including lighting and roadway drainage improvements for safer port traffic.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, by \$3,500,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024.

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

_____. **Maritime Port Roadway Improvements.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$3,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be allocated for the planning, designing, and construction of roadway improvements including lighting and roadway drainage improvements for safer port traffic.

Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview

The following action appropriates \$44,000,000 in Federal Funds to the Department of Transportation in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of providing a grant during the two year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for port recovery, to the extent the grant is authorized by law.

Required Action

1. On page VII-18 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Department of Transportation’s bill pattern, increase Federal Funds funding to Strategy A.1.6 Construction Grants & Services by \$44,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$44,000,000 in fiscal year 2025.

	2024	2025
A.1.6. Strategy: Construction Grants & Services	\$883,124,258	\$310,047,498
	<u>\$927,124,258</u>	<u>\$354,047,498</u>

2. On Page VII-34 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Department of Transportation’s bill pattern, add the following rider.

____. **Grant for Port Recovery.** The Department of Transportation is appropriated \$44,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 from funds received by the state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325, included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6., Construction Grants & Services, to provide a grant to a port that is based in Texas, does not have the authority to levy a tax, is not a navigation district, has at least two cruise terminals, and was directly affected by a federal No Sail Order for the purposes of port recovery.

Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview

The following action appropriates \$44,000,000 in Federal Funds to the Department of Transportation in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of providing a grant during the two year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for port recovery, to the extent the grant is authorized by law.

Required Action

1. On page VII-18 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Department of Transportation’s bill pattern, increase Federal Funds funding to Strategy A.1.6 Construction Grants & Services by \$44,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$44,000,000 in fiscal year 2025.

	2024	2025
A.1.6. Strategy: Construction Grants & Services	\$883,124,258	\$310,047,498
	<u>\$927,124,258</u>	<u>\$354,047,498</u>

2. On Page VII-34 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Department of Transportation’s bill pattern, add the following rider.

_____. **Grant for Port Recovery.** The Department of Transportation is appropriated \$44,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 from funds received by the state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325, included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6., Construction Grants & Services, to provide a grant to a port that is based in Texas, does not have the authority to levy a tax, is not a navigation district, has at least two cruise terminals, and was directly affected by a federal No Sail Order for the purposes of port recovery.

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding by \$450,000,000 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue appropriations to fund the construction of the main lanes and overpasses for the future Interstate 69 corridor, and, to the extent allowable by law, construction of associated controlled access tolled facilities.

Required Action

1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2024 by \$450,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.

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

_____. **Future Interstate 69 Corridor Projects.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$450,000,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, is to be used for the purpose of funding construction of the main lanes and overpasses for the future Interstate 69 corridor and, to the extent allowable by law, the construction of associated controlled access tolled facilities.

By: Lopez of Cameron

Texas Department of Transportation, Article VII

Proposed Funding and Rider Improving Roadway Drainage Improvements for Harlingen's Port Traffic on FM 106

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Transportation by \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for a grant for the Improvement for the Harlingen's port traffic on FM 106.

To provide funding for the planning, designing and construction of roadway improvements including lighting and roadway drainage improvements for safer Port traffic. Project includes roadway illumination improvements throughout Port of Harlingen roadways to improve port traffic at night and security for operators; rail crossing improvements on FM 106; and drainage ditch lining between FM 106 and Port Road to minimize standing water prohibiting Port traffic flow in inclement weather and resource preservation including road and rail deterioration due to flood waters.

Required Action

- 1) On pages VII-17 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following rider:

_____. **Improving Roadway Drainage Improvements for Harlingen's Port Traffic on FM 106.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.1, Project Development and Delivery, \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Improving Roadway Drainage Improvements for Harlingen's Port Traffic.

Overview

Add a rider to the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) bill pattern directing the allocation of \$5.0 million from any available sources of revenue appropriated to TxDOT to be used for border trade and economic development planning and infrastructure.

Required Action

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

_____ **Border Trade and Economic Development Infrastructure.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to other allocations of Department of Transportation funding for border trade traffic improvements, \$5,000,000 from any available sources of revenue to be used for planning and infrastructure projects related to border trade and economic development.

By: Cook

**Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Advanced Air Mobility Committee**

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Department of Transportation by \$102,500 in each fiscal year of the 2024–25 biennium, increase the Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) cap by 1.0 FTE each year, and add a rider stating that it is the intent of the Texas Legislature that the Urban Air Advisory Committee, established by the enactment of Senate Bill 763, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, be extended beyond the statutory expiration date of January 1, 2023, and be renamed the Advanced Air Mobility Committee. The additional funding would be designated to fund an administrator position (1.0 FTE) for the committee.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-17 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) by 1.0 FTE in fiscal year 2024 and by 1.0 FTE in fiscal year 2025.

(2) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding from General Revenue Funds in Strategy E.1.1, Central Administration, by \$102,500 in in fiscal year 2024 and \$102,500 in fiscal year 2025.

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

_____. **Advanced Air Mobility Committee.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Urban Air Advisory Committee established by the enactment of Senate Bill 763, Eightyseventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, be continued during the 2024–25 biennium and renamed as the Texas Transportation Commission Advanced Air Mobility Committee. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.1, Central Administration \$102,500 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the biennium and 1.0 full-time-equivalent position shall be allocated to fund an employee to serve as the administrator for the committee.

By: Jones of Harris

Department of Transportation

Proposed Funding and Rider

Aviation Services

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, of the Department of Transportation bill pattern by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of beautification, safety improvements, upgrades to air traffic control center and economic develop of the Hobby Airport District in Harris County.

Required Action

1. On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VII-33 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Information Services and Technology Equipment. It is the intent of the Legislature that amounts appropriated above to Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, include General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2024 for the following initiative in the following amount. Any unobligated and unexpended balances for these grants remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

(a) \$10,000,000 for beautification, safety improvements, upgrades to air traffic control center, and economic develop of the Hobby Airport District.

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Department of Transportation by \$3.5 million in fiscal year 2024 and add a rider directing the use of this appropriation to fund a runway expansion project at the Mid Valley Airport.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$3,500,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024.

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

_____. **Improvements to Mid Valley Airport.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$3,500,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, is to be used to fund runway expansion at the Mid Valley Airport in Hidalgo County.

By: Cook

Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Statewide Advanced Air Mobility Plan

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Department of Transportation by \$3.5 million and add a rider stating that it is the intent of the Texas Legislature that the department, using these appropriated funds, develop a statewide Advanced Air Mobility Plan or to contract with local municipalities to develop regional plans if the appropriated funds are insufficient to develop a statewide plan.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding from General Revenue Funds in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2024.

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

_____. **Statewide Advanced Air Mobility Plan.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Transportation develop a statewide Advanced Air Mobility Plan, or an update to the Texas Airport System Plan, that specifies potential locations for and classifications of vertiports and other associated infrastructure to guide the future operational environment of advanced air mobility. Amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, include \$3,500,000 in General Revenue for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, are allocated for development of the plan. To the extent allowable by law, these appropriations may be used for the alternate purpose of contracting with local municipalities to evaluate the feasibility of Advanced Air Mobility technology in their region, should TxDOT determine that funds appropriated above would be insufficient to develop a statewide plan.

By ___Thompson of Brazoria_____

**Texas Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Loan Program**

Overview

Increase appropriations to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Loan Program by \$350,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024. Amend new TxDOT Rider 46, Appropriation for Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Loan Program, to reflect this increase.

Required Actions

1. On page VII-XX of the Texas Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase General Revenue funds appropriated in strategy A.1.6, Construction Grants & Services, by \$350,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VII-XX of the Texas Department of Transportation bill pattern, amend the following rider:

____. **Appropriation for Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Loan Program.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Construction Grants & Services, ~~\$400,000,000~~\$750,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be transferred to the GR-Dedicated Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund Account No. 5167. Monies in the GR-Dedicated Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund Account No. 5167 are appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the 2024-25 biennium for the purpose of implementing the revolving loan program authorized by Transportation Code, Section 56.003.

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Department of Transportation by \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2024 and add a rider directing the use of this appropriation to fund hangar expansion at Mid Valley Airport at Weslaco for airport facilities used by the Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement agencies for emergency and first responders.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024.

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

_____. **Emergency and First Responder Airport Facilities.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$5,000,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, is to be used for the purpose of hangar expansion at the Mid Valley Airport at Weslaco for airport facilities used by the Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement entities for emergency and first responders.

Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Route 66 Road Shields and Signage

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/08/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding by \$700,000 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue appropriations to fund the acquisition of road shields and signage related to Route 66 in the Texas Panhandle in coordination with the Amarillo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase appropriations in Strategy B.1.2, Routine Maintenance, in fiscal year 2024 by \$700,000 in General Revenue Funds.

(2) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider

_____ **Route 66 Road Shields and Signage.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy B.1.2, Routine Maintenance, \$700,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, shall be used, in a manner consistent with Transportation Code, Section 201.705, or other applicable law, in coordination with the Amarillo Convention and Visitors Bureau, to fund the acquisition of Route 66 road shields and signage.

Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Airport Terminal Roadway System Traffic Reduction Improvements

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/9/2023

Overview

Increase appropriations to the Department of Transportation by \$7.0 million in General Revenue and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the allocation of \$23.0 million from any available sources of funding appropriated to TxDOT in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, to be used for airport terminal roadway system traffic reduction as specified in the rider.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase General Revenue in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.

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

_____. **Airport Terminal Roadway System Traffic Reduction Improvements.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the Department of Transportation shall allocate \$23,000,000 for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, from any available source of funding to be used for airports located 12 miles or less from commercial downtown districts to make roadway system improvements to reduce traffic congestion of highways near downtown.

By ___Thomspon of Brazoria_____

**Texas Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding
Port Capital Improvements**

Overview

Increase appropriations to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for port capital improvements. SB 1 appropriates \$150 million to TxDOT for port capital improvements, but collectively, Texas ports have identified more than \$1.5 billion in infrastructure needs. This action would appropriate an additional \$850,000,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of funding port capital improvement projects recommended by the Port Authority Advisory Committee, including replacement of outdated and failing maritime port facilities and multimodal connectivity enhancements.

Required Action

On page VII-XX of the Texas Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase General Revenue funds appropriated in strategy A.1.6, Construction Grants & Services, by \$850,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to require TxDOT to determine the cost of terminating the comprehensive development agreement for the North Tarrant Express project and to report the methodology and results of that calculation to the members of the Texas Legislature.

Required Action

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

- _____. **Cost Calculation for Termination of North Tarrant Express Comprehensive Development Agreement.** Using funds appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall calculate the costs of terminating the comprehensive development agreement (CDA) for the North Tarrant Express project, pursuant to the terms set forth in that CDA for determining compensation to the developer in the event of the department’s exercising of termination for convenience. Not later than September 1, 2024, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report to the members of the legislature summarizing the methodology and results of the calculation.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Muñoz, Jr.

Affected Agency: Department of Transportation

Purpose: To appropriate \$10,000,000 in General Revenue to the Pharr International Bridge to fund improvements to facilitate traffic and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at a land port of entry along the Texas-Mexico border.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$10,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, create the following rider:

_____. **Pharr International Bridge.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.6., Construction Grants & Services, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Pharr International Bridge to fund improvements to facilitate traffic and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at a land port of entry along the Texas-Mexico border.

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Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to direct the allocation of \$2.5 million from any available revenue source appropriated to TxDOT in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, to fund pedestrian safety improvements, including sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, and landscaping, along Spur 303/Pioneer Parkway between Collins Street and Cooper Street in Arlington, Texas.

Required Action

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

- _____. **Spur 303/Pioneer Parkway Pedestrian Safety Improvements.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the amount of \$2,500,000 from any available source of revenue shall be allocated to fund pedestrian safety improvements, including sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, and landscaping, along the segment of Spur 303/Pioneer Parkway, between Collins Street and Cooper Street, in Arlington, Texas.

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By Author/Sponsor

Texas Department of Transportation, Art. VII
Short Line Railroad Competitive Grant Program

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$25,000,000 for the FY24/25 biennium to the Department of Transportation for the purpose of creating a competitive grant program for Class II and Class III railroads as defined by the Surface Transportation Board. This program will require 50% private match for any rail project. Eligible uses include mainline track upgrades, siding upgrades, spur upgrades, new rail infrastructure for economic development purposes, and matching funds for federal discretionary grant programs. This money is not eligible for use on high-speed passenger rail projects, commuter rail projects, intercity passenger rail projects, or class I railroad projects.

Required Action

On page VII-46 of Texas Department of Transportation bill pattern:

	FY 24	FY 25
Add D.1.5 Strategy: Short Line Railroad Competitive Grant Program	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000

Overview

Add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of up to \$3.5 million in unencumbered and unobligated balances of appropriations for general aviation airport facility development and routine maintenance grants to fund a runway expansion project at the Mid Valley Airport.

Required Action

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

- _____. **Improvements to Mid Valley Airport.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 from any unencumbered and unobligated balances of appropriations for general aviation airport facility development and routine airport maintenance grants for the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, is to be allocated to fund runway expansion at the Mid Valley Airport in Hidalgo County.

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/07/2023

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-34 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

**Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider Amendment
Allocation for Ports-to-Plains Corridor**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/28/2023

Overview

Amend a rider in the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) bill pattern to appropriate \$1.1 billion in General Revenue for the planning, feasibility, public involvement, schematic, and environmental assessment to upgrade facilities to interstate standards on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

Required Action

On page VII-23 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. In addition to amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation, \$1,100,000,000 in General Revenue is appropriated for the 2024-25 biennium for the planning, feasibility, public involvement, schematic, and environmental assessment to upgrade facilities to interstate standards on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as defined under Transportation Code, Section 225.069, and for U.S. Highway 87 from Dumas to the Texas-New Mexico state line.

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Rail Crossing Grade Separation Projects

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/07/2023

Overview

Provide an appropriation of \$100.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and add a rider to the TxDOT bill pattern directing these funds to be used for constructing railroad crossing grade separations for municipal and county roads.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase funding in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2024 by \$100,000,000 in General Revenue.

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

_____. **Rail Crossing Grade Separation Projects.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, \$100,000,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, shall be used for the purpose of constructing railroad grade crossing separations for municipal and county roads. None of the funds specified in this provision shall be used for high-speed passenger rail projects.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Janie Lopez of Cameron

Affected Agency: Texas Department of Transportation

Purpose: To provide funding for the planning, designing and construction of roadway improvements including lighting and roadway drainage improvements for safer Port traffic.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$3,500,000

Method of Finance (if applicable):

General Revenue

Rider Language: :

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Janie Lopez of Cameron

Affected Agency: **Texas Department of Transportation**

Purpose: These funds would be used to construct the main lanes and overpasses for the future I-69 corridor; this would greatly help the RGV by expanding the current highway. While additionally constructing controlled access tolled facility.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$450,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable):

General Revenue

Rider Language:

1. this is what is in question I need the rider language you would like me to use!

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Janie Lopez of Cameron

Affected Agency: Texas Department of Transportation

Purpose: The SPI area needs a new bridge to establish more routes to evacuate in times of urgency. While also helping the people who live and work on the island by expanding the possible routes to leave and enter South Padre Island.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$500,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable):

General Revenue

Rider Language:

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Janie Lopez of Cameron

Affected Agency: Texas Department of Transportation

Purpose: This request is to help provide funding to promote aerospace and bring up one of the only self-sustaining airports in Texas. This money would be used to pay for and provide Runways and Taxi systems. This would help create jobs and help bring good paying jobs to the RGV.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$5,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable):

General revenue

Rider Language: :

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. John Raney

Affected Agency: Texas Southern University, Article III

Purpose:

Texas Southern University (TSU) created a degree program in 1986 allowing students to achieve a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science Management. This degree program is accredited by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering. The program has grown since its inception to include programs offering professional pilots and unmanned aerial systems with plans for air traffic control (2024) and aerospace engineering technology (2026). Currently, TSU has dedicated 3 classrooms to the program and a lab which houses two full-motion simulators. TSU has an on campus virtual airport lab which illustrates real-time weather and logistics at any airport in the country. It is the first lab of its kind that provides education and training for pilots, air traffic control and airport operations officers simultaneously.

Because of its reputation of excellence in its aviation program, TSU has entered into partnerships with United Airlines and Southwest Airlines to train pilots to increase the diversity of its pilots. Over 90% of the pilots of each of these airlines are white males. Black pilots account for 2.5% of all pilots across all airlines. In addition, since the pandemic, all airlines report a shortage of pilots. It is projected that there will be a shortage of 120,000 pilots at all US air carriers. TSU is committed to address this shortage and the diversity issue.

TSU is operating under a memorandum of understanding with the City of Houston and the Houston Airport System allowing students to interact with the Airport System and utilize its facilities. Arising from this relationship and the longtime experience of TSU with aviation comes forth this request to allow TSU to expand its outreach by participating in the Aerospace Institute at the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport. The Houston Airport System has a campus at Ellington where several colleges and universities, including TSU, can collaborate at the Houston Spaceport. The vision of the Aerospace Institute is to provide training programs for the aerospace industry workforce. TSU plans to migrate its Aviation Management programs to the institute in hopes to seamlessly translate its graduates into the aerospace industry workforce. This rider would require TxDOT to contract with TSU to achieve this goal.

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Amount Requested (if applicable): \$42,589,788 in fiscal year 2024 and \$42,589,784 in fiscal year 2025

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue, Article VII– TxDOT Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services

Rider Language:

1. On page VII-18 of the Texas Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase Strategy C.5.1., Aviation Services, by \$42,589,788 in fiscal year 2024 and \$42,589,784 in fiscal year 2025.

2. On page VII-33 of the Texas Department of Transportation bill pattern add the following new rider:

_____. Academy for Aviation and Advanced Technology. Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services is 42,589,788 in fiscal year 2024 and \$42,589,784 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for the Department to contract with Texas Southern University on a new Academy for Aviation and Advanced Technology.

a) At the end of fiscal years 2024 and 2005, TSU, in coordination with the Houston Airport System, shall report to the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Department of Transportation the expenditure of the funds under this strategy.

b) For expenditure purposes, any funds not expended in fiscal year 2024 may be expended in fiscal year 2025 for the same purposes.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to direct the allocation of \$100.0 million from any available revenue source appropriated to TxDOT in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, to fund the construction of braided ramps and other infrastructure improvements to improve traffic congestion and safety on Interstate 45 at the Hardy Toll Road near the border between Montgomery County and Harris County.

Required Action

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

_____. **Ramp Construction at Interstate 45 and Hardy Toll Road.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the amount of \$100,000,000 from any available source of revenue shall be allocated to fund ramp construction and associated roadway improvements to relieve traffic congestion on Interstate 45 at the Hardy Toll Road.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Gerdes

Affected Agency: TxDOT

Purpose:

Provide an appropriation of \$200.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and add a rider to the TxDOT bill pattern directing these funds to be transferred to the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund for use by TxDOT for rail relocation and improvement projects and as matching funds for Federal Funds for eligible projects in accordance with the Texas Constitution and the Transportation Code.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$200,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

Appropriation for Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.3, Rail Construction, with the assistance of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, \$200,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be transferred to the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund No. 0306. In accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-o, monies in the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund No. 0306 are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, for use by the Department of Transportation in a manner consistent with the provisions of Transportation Code, Chapter 201, Subchapter O. It is the intent of the Legislature that monies in the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund No. 0306 be used, in part, to provide matching funds for any Federal Funds sources and programs that may be available to the State for financing rail relocation and improvement projects that are eligible for funding from the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund.

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Gerdes

Affected Agency: TxDOT

Purpose:

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to direct the allocation of \$20.0 million from any available revenue source appropriated to TxDOT in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, to fund traffic relief projects identified by the U.S. 290 Giddings Relief Route Study.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$20,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): Any available revenue source appropriated to TxDOT.

Rider Language:

U.S. 290 Relief Route. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the amount of \$20,000,000 from any available source of revenue shall be allocated to fund project development and construction costs associated with traffic relief projects identified in the findings and recommendations resulting from the U.S. 290 Giddings Relief Route Study.

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GLENN ROGERS

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 60

By: Glenn Rogers

Texas Department of Transportation, Article VII Proposed Rider East Bankhead Highway Bridge

Member Name: Glenn Rogers

Affected Agency: Department of Transportation

Overview

There is concern among residents and businesses in Parker County with traffic and congestion along Interstate 20 in the eastern part of the county. When an accident or construction forces closure on I-20, there are very few suitable alternate routes for east-west travel in the area. It has been proposed that a full reopening of the Bankhead Highway, including the construction of a new four lane divided roadway bridge, could help alleviate traffic congestion on I-20 in this area.

Required Action

1. On page VII-34 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Department of Transportation’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

Clear Fork Trinity River Highway Bridge. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategies in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the amount of \$7,200,000 from any eligible source of funding in that goal shall be allocated to fund a new four lane divided roadway bridge to provide east/west connection between FM 5 and FM 1187 in Parker County.

Overview

Add a rider to require the Department of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the potential uses of the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund for all rail projects and report the results of the study to the members of the Legislature.

Required Action

On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following rider:

- _____. **Study on Uses of the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund.** Using funds appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall conduct a study to determine the potential use of the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund for all rail projects, including short lines and regional rail projects, to determine whether the fund can be used for matching grant programs, direct appropriations for public and private projects, and any other railroad programs that will provide for the effective movement of freight to advance an efficient supply chain and promote economic development to the state. The Department of Transportation shall report the results of the study to members of the legislature not later than September 1, 2024.

By: Howard

Texas Workforce Commission Proposed Motion and Rider

Overview

Add a rider to direct the Commission to use \$10 million in General Revenue to expand the Apprenticeship program to include Peer Support Specialist Apprenticeships.

Required Action

1. On Page II-XX of the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy B.1.2, Apprenticeship, by \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year.
2. On page II-XX of the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, add the following rider.

_____ . **Peer Support Specialist Apprenticeship**. Out of Strategy B.1.2, it is the intent of the legislature that \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds be allocated by the Texas Workforce Commission in Fiscal Year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2025 for the purposes of allowing for apprenticeship programs that:

- Work with individuals who are recovering from substance use disorder;
- Assist in providing client services in a wide variety of fields, such as psychology, rehabilitation, or social work, including support for families;
- Assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services; and
- Assist social workers with developing, organizing, and conducting programs to prevent and resolve problems relevant to substance abuse, human relationships, rehabilitation, or dependent care.

By: Turner

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/07/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Texas Workforce Commission by \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 in a new strategy and add a rider that directs the allocation for the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center.

Required Action

1. On page VII-35 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in House Bill 1, create a new strategy, B.6.1, Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center.
2. On page VII-35 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in new Strategy B.6.1, Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, in the amount of \$7,500,000 each fiscal year.
3. On page VII-48 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____ **Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC).** It is the intent of the Legislature that amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.6.1, Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, include \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Texas Workforce Commission by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue in Strategy B.2.1. Vocational Rehabilitation, to provide additional funding for blind and visually impaired individuals.

Required Action

- 1) On page VII-35 of the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Vocational Rehabilitation by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.

_____ . Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired

- (a) Out of general revenue, \$7,000,000 is appropriated to Strategy B.2.1 Vocational Rehabilitation, for the biennium to provide vocational rehabilitation and job skill training for individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

- (b) The Commission shall utilize existing asynchronous and remote capable occupational skills training for the blind and visually impaired population as defined by the Texas Workforce Commission.

By: _____

Texas Workforce Commission
Proposed Rider
Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Reorganization

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/02/2023

Overview

Add a rider to the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern to direct the agency to use funds appropriated to coordinate and streamline the availability and accessibility of apprenticeship and work-based learning programs at TWC, TEA, and THECB.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-48 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Cross Agency Coordination on Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Funding.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall work with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to identify available funding sources that may be coordinated and streamlined to increase the availability and accessibility of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs.

- (a) Available funding sources may include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
 - (2) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 - (3) Every Student Succeeds Act
 - (4) Adult Education and Family Literacy Act
 - (5) Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grants
 - (6) Skills Development Fund
 - (7) Jobs and Education for Texans
 - (8) Self-Sufficiency Fund

- (b) TWC in coordination with TEA and THECB shall report the following to the Legislative Budget Board, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and the Office of the Governor, and shall post the report on the Commission's website, no later than August 31, 2024:
 - (1) The number and types of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs available in Texas, including the numbers by which these programs increased compared to the previous fiscal year.
 - (2) The number and types of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs in Texas that are currently supported by more than one available funding source in the list established in (b)(3) of this section.

- (3) A list of available funding sources identified that may support apprenticeships and work-based learning programs.
 - (4) agency and cross-agency grant-making policies and practices that may be amended to allow coordination of multiple available funding sources that support work-based learning programs, including:
 - (A) Streamlining separate accountability and reporting requirements across different grant programs and available funding sources to eliminate duplicative oversight for grant recipients.
 - (B) Awarding a combined grant that is funded by multiple available funding sources in accordance with state and federal requirements to minimize the number of different grant programs through which eligible applicants must apply.
 - (C) Using a common application process in accordance with state and federal requirements for grant awards that are funded by multiple available funding sources to simplify the process for applicants who are eligible and interested in applying for different grant programs.
 - (D) Recommendations that allow for further coordination of state and federal funding sources.
 - (5) The progress on implementation of agency and cross-agency grant-making policies and practices that lead to an increase in the number and availability of apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities.
- (c) It is the intent of the Legislature TWC shall work with TEA and THECB to implement agency and cross-agency policies and practices identified in the report in subsection (b). For any policies and practices agencies are unable to implement, TWC shall include the rationales detailing the agency barriers, and recommendations to address those barriers, in the report required by subsection (b).

Prepare a rider that appropriates \$5,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue Funds for the purpose of providing scholarships for adult high school diplomas.

Required Action

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

[#] . **Adult High School Diploma Pilot.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue in Strategy A.2.1, Adult Education and Family Literacy, for the Texas Workforce Commission to design and implement a grant program to fund adult high school diploma scholarships in partnership with local library systems and other partners as identified by the commission. The commission shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Governor, and Legislature annually regarding programs funded, funding levels and the number of adult high school diplomas obtained through those programs..

**Texas Workforce Commission
Proposed Funding and Rider
Child Care Bedrock Funding**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/23/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Texas Workforce Commission by \$2,291,720,000 for the 2024–25 biennium to support child care infrastructure for children and families across the state and would replace federal funding not anticipated to be available beyond fiscal year 2024.

Required Action

1. On page VII-35 of the Texas Workforce Commission’s bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.3.1, Local Child Care Solutions, in the amount of \$1,119,520,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,172,200,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue Funds.
2. On page VII-48 of the Texas Workforce Commission’s bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Child Care Bedrock Funding.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Local Child Care Solutions, the Texas Workforce Commission shall allocate \$1,119,520,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,172,200,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the the purpose of providing grant funding to replace expiring federal funding and provide additional funding to all licensed child care centers and licensed and registered child care homes. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds support the ability of providers to provide retention bonuses to retain qualified child care educators.

**Texas Workforce Commission
Proposed Funding and Rider
Professional Development Scholarship Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/25/2023

Overview

The proposed rider amendment and funding would provide \$2,750,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year to the Professional Development Scholarship Program to maintain fiscal year 2022-23 funding levels for the program.

Required Action

1. On page VII-35 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase funding in Strategy A.3.2, Child Care Quality Activities, by \$2,750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,750,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue Funds.
2. On page VII-43 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern, amend the following rider:

28. Professional Development for Early Childhood Education. ~~Out of~~ Included in funds appropriated above in Strategy A.3.2, Child Care Quality Activities, federal Child Care Development Funds (CCDF) appropriated above, to the Texas Workforce Commission ~~shall dedicate~~ is \$750,000 in Child Care Development Funds (Workforce Commission Federal Account No. 5026) and \$2,750,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024 and \$750,000 in Child Care Development Funds (Workforce Commission Federal Account No. 5026) and \$2,750,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2025 for programs that encourage increased participation in continuing professional development for early childhood professionals. Funding may be used to fund teacher training programs, programs that lead to a national credential in early childhood education, or work-study programs in child care. Funding may also be used for pilot programs that utilize tools for individualized instruction coupled with professional development components that support ongoing learning for teachers.

By: E. Thompson

**Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
JET Grants: Culinary Arts and Foodservice Management**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/07/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Texas Workforce Commission by \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2024 and add a rider directing the allocation of this appropriation to fund a culinary arts and foodservice management career and technical education program.

Required Action

1. On page VII-35 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase funding in Strategy B.1.3, Jobs Education for Texas (JET), by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in General Revenue Funds.
2. On page VII-48 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

_____. **JET Grants: Culinary Arts and Foodservice Management.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Jobs Education for Texas (JET) include \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in General Revenue funds for culinary arts and foodservice management career and technical education programs that deliver industry-recognized experience and state-required foodservice certifications within independent school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and the Windham School District. Funds expended for this purpose shall only be used to purchase and install equipment, purchase curricula, provide educator training or support; and/or expand, remodel, or retrofit facilities.

By: Walle

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Proposed Rider
Center for Pre-Kindergarten Partnerships

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/08/2023

Overview

Add a rider directing the Texas Workforce Commission to collaborate with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to develop the Center for Pre-Kindergarten Partnerships to provide administrative resources to school districts to assist in establishing pre-kindergarten partnerships with community providers.

Required Action

1. On page VII-48 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Center for Pre-Kindergarten Partnerships.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.2, Child Care Administration, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall work with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to establish and administer the Center for Pre-Kindergarten Partnerships. The center shall assist Texas Independent School Districts (ISD) in administering partnerships between ISDs and private providers for the provision of pre-kindergarten, including maintaining a database of private providers within the service area of each ISD and establishing annual guidelines for per-student pass-through funding amounts provided to child care providers from ISD.

By: C. Bell

**Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Texas Veterans Network**

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$5.58 million (\$4.06 million in FY24 and \$1.52 million in FY25) for the Texas Veterans Network (TVN). The TVN is a coordination of more than 100 state agency and non-governmental organization benefits to ensure veterans receive wrap around services in one location – easing the reentry to the Texas economy.

According to the VA, 1,680,418 veterans live in Texas, which is approximately 7% of the state’s adult population, and by 2040 the veteran population will account for 10% of the US Veteran population. The transition from the military to civilian life is often complicated and involves more than a simple change of jobs. Almost every aspect of a veteran’s life changes, including residence, financial status, and available support systems. Veterans experience significant challenges as a result of military service, including injuries and health concerns, PTSD and other mental health needs, and a loss of identity as they transition out of the military community. Without coordinated support, veterans can experience dire outcomes such as unemployment or under-employment, substance abuse, family challenges, homelessness, and in some cases, criminal behavior and increased rates of suicidality. The need for a perpetual one-stop shop for veteran resources is more significant now than ever.

Required Action

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

_____. **Texas Veterans Network.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, The Texas Workforce Commission is appropriated \$4.06 million in FY 2024 and \$1.52 million in FY 2025 in General Revenue funds for the Texas Veterans Network grant program to continue the program to statewide impact for all veterans throughout Texas.

By: Walle

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Proposed Rider
Workforce Data Report

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/07/2023

Overview

Add a rider to the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern to direct the agency to produce a report to the Legislature and Governor's Office regarding specific data on the Texas workforce and labor market.

Required Action

On page VII-48 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following rider:

- _____.
- 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, on its progress to work with employers on enhanced reporting of employment and earnings data as part of routine wage filings required by the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. The report shall specify:
- (a) The types of employment and earnings data that will be enhanced;
 - (b) The number and types of employers who have voluntarily provided enhanced employment and earnings data to the Commission; and
 - (c) Recommendations to enhance reporting of employment and earnings data statewide, including information on any necessary information technology upgrades and associated costs.

By: Rep. David Cook

**Texas Workforce Commission
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC)**

Overview

The following action would create a new state funding avenue for the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC) in the bill pattern of the Texas Workforce Commission. This rider would create a new strategy in Goal B: State Workforce Development, by creating Strategy B.6.1, Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, and provide funding in the amount of \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 in Senate Bill 1 as Introduced. Additionally, this action would create an associated rider in the agency's bill pattern to reflect new funding for TMAC and provide unexpended balances authority within the biennium.

Required Action

1. On page VII-35 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, create a new strategy, B.6.1, TEXAS MANUFACTURING ASSISTANCE CENTER.
2. On page VII-35 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, provide General Revenue funding in the amount of \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2025:

	2024	2025
<u>B.6.1. Strategy: TEXAS MANUFACTURING ASSISTANCE CENTER</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>

3. On page VII-48 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, add Rider 51 as follows:

51. Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC). Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.6.1, Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, includes \$15,000,000 in General Revenue in the 2024-25 biennium for the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.