

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on House Bill 1

2024-25 General Appropriations Bill

Article VIII – Regulatory

360 STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Cross-Article Issue	VIII-1	VIII-1		1) Additional 5 Percent Salary Increase House provides \$1,032,534 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.
C.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 2,462,574	\$ 1,430,040	\$ 1,032,534	See Cross-Article Issue.

510 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	VIII-4	VIII-4		
Cross-Article Issues				
				<p>1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$33,934 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.</p>
				<p>2) Additional 5 Percent Salary Increase House provides \$366,162 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.</p>
A.1.1 LICENSING	\$ 5,761,906	\$ 5,795,840	\$ 33,934	See Cross-Article Issue 1.
B.1.1 ENFORCEMENT	\$ 3,930,858	\$ 3,992,286	\$ 61,428	Senate provides \$61,428 in General Revenue for Attorney salary increases.
D.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 970,642	\$ 604,480	\$ 366,162	See Cross-Article Issue 2.

508 BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Cross-Article Issue	VIII-6	VIII-6		1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$5,118 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.
A.1.1 LICENSING SYSTEM	\$ 601,303	\$ 603,861	\$ 2,558	See Cross-Article Issue 1.
A.2.1 ENFORCEMENT	\$ 1,191,255	\$ 1,193,815	\$ 2,560	See Cross-Article Issue 1.

504 TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	VIII-7	VIII-7		
Cross-Article Issue				1) Additional 5% Salary Increase. House provides \$308,910 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.
Cross-Strategy Issue				1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$33,650 in General Revenue for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council exceptional items.
A.1.1 COMPLAINT RESOLUTION	\$ 6,392,309	\$ 6,418,893	\$ 26,584	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
A.1.2 PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$ 321,668	\$ 264,480	\$ 57,188	House provides \$57,188 in General Revenue for increased vendor costs of the Peer Assistance Program.
A.2.1 LICENSURE/REGISTRATION/CERT	\$ 1,847,289	\$ 1,854,355	\$ 7,066	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
C.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 800,011	\$ 491,101	\$ 308,910	See Cross-Article Issue 1.

513 FUNERAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Cross-Article Issue	VIII-9	VIII-9		1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$9,806 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.
A.1.1 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS	\$ 848,060	\$ 857,866	\$ 9,806	See Cross-Article Issue.

481 BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Cross-Article Issue	VIII-11	VIII-11		1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase. Senate provides \$6,010 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.
A.1.3 INFORMATIONAL SERVICES	\$ 581,133	\$ 587,143	\$ 6,010	See Cross-Article Issue 1.
B.1.1 ENFORCEMENT	\$ 393,552	\$ 303,552	\$ 90,000	House provides \$180,000 in General Revenue to fund two vacant Program Specialist FTEs. Senate provides \$90,000 in General Revenue to fund one vacant Program Specialist FTE.

364 HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	VIII-13	VIII-13		
Cross-Article Issues				<p>1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$207,890 in General Revenue to member agencies to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.</p> <p>2) Additional 5 Percent Salary Increase House provides \$63,004 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.</p>
A.1.1 AGENCY COORDINATION AND SUPPORT	\$ 2,952,088	\$ 3,159,978	\$ 207,890	See Cross-Article Issue 1.
B.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 169,664	\$ 106,660	\$ 63,004	See Cross-Article Issue 2.

448 OFFICE OF INJURED EMPLOYEE COUNSEL

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Cross-Article Issue	VIII-14	VIII-14		
				1) Additional 5 Percent Salary Increase House provides \$893,162 in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 36 for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.
A.1.1 OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM	\$ 9,468,022	\$ 10,943,022	\$ 1,475,000	Senate provides \$1,475,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 36 for targeted salary adjustments related to Ombudsmen reclassification.
D.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 2,223,691	\$ 1,330,529	\$ 893,162	See Cross-Article Issue #1.

359 OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSURANCE COUNSEL

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Cross-Article Issue	VIII-22	VIII-23		1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$4,796 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.
A.1.1 PARTICIPATE IN RATES/RULES/FORMS	\$ 2,592,549	\$ 2,597,345	\$ 4,796	See Cross-Article Issue.

452 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	VIII-24 581.2	VIII-24 570.2		
Cross-Article Issue				1) Additional 5% Salary Increase. House provides \$3,687,692 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.
Cross Strategy Issue				1) Anti-Trafficking Unit. Senate provides \$663,120 in General Revenue and an additional 6.0 FTEs for expansion of the Anti-Trafficking Unit. House provides \$2,082,783 in General Revenue and an additional 14.0 FTEs for the same purpose.
A.1.1 LICENSE, REGISTER AND CERTIFY	\$ 10,312,274	\$ 10,197,332	\$ 114,942	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
A.1.3 EXAMINATIONS/CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$ 5,066,749	\$ 3,764,749	\$ 1,302,000	House provides \$1,302,000 in General Revenue Dedicated Account No. 501 to further fund the Motorcycle Operator Training and Safety Program.
B.1.1 CONDUCT INSPECTIONS	\$ 29,991,223	\$ 28,528,866	\$ 1,462,357	a. See Cross-Strategy Issue 1. b. House provides \$523,436 in General Revenue and an additional 3.0 FTEs to administer the Mold Assessors and Remediators Program.
B.1.3 RESOLVE COMPLAINTS	\$ 10,417,598	\$ 10,111,996	\$ 305,602	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
C.1.1 CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 8,831,844	\$ 8,771,646	\$ 60,198	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
C.1.2 INFORMATION RESOURCES	\$ 44,223,970	\$ 44,753,198	\$ 529,228	Senate provides \$529,228 in General Revenue for salary raises for IT staff.
D.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 8,999,886	\$ 5,312,194	\$ 3,687,692	See Cross-Article Issue 1.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Contingent Appropriation: Combative Sports Regulation	VIII-27 Rider #5 Rider Packet page VIII-2	VIII-27 Rider #5 Rider Packet page VIII-2		House provides removal of the revenue requirement before the agency can access the contingent appropriation for event with ticket sales over \$2.0 million.
Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members for Travel Expenses.	VIII-27 Rider #8 Rider Packet page VIII-2	VIII-27 Rider #8 Rider Packet page VIII-2		House includes members of the Mold Assessors and Remediators Advisory Board as eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses.

503 TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	VIII-28 293.5	VIII-28 229.5		
Cross-Article Issues				<p>1) Additional 5% Salary Increase. House provides \$1,254,640 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.</p> <p>2) Health Professions Council Salary Increase. Senate provides \$5,284 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.</p>
Cross-Strategy Issues				<p>1) Increased Workload. House provides \$10,010,400 in General Revenue and an additional 61.0 FTEs to address increased agency workload.</p> <p>2) Cybersecurity Update. House provides \$19,855 in General Revenue and \$10,450 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 for cybersecurity upgrades to hardware, software, and the agency's network.</p> <p>3) Professional Development. House provides \$786,354 in General Revenue, \$17,450 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147, and an additional 3.0 FTEs to support professional development and leadership training.</p> <p>4) Annual Leave Payouts. House provides \$570,000 in General Revenue and \$30,000 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 to be used for annual leave payouts.</p>

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
				<p>5) Inflation Adjustment. Senate provides \$4,266,988 in General Revenue and \$226,712 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 for an inflation adjustment to the operating budget of the agency.</p> <p>House provides \$1,753,850 in General Revenue and \$98,950 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 for the same purpose.</p> <p>6) Salary Increases. Senate provides \$1,010,750 in General Revenue and \$63,366 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 for salary increases for current staff to align with market rate salaries.</p> <p>7) Network Upgrade. Senate provides \$345,450 in General Revenue and \$7,050 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 to increase network bandwidth and storage capabilities.</p> <p>8) Agency Website. Senate provides \$392,000 in General Revenue and \$8,000 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 to update the agency website and improve customer service and accessibility.</p> <p>9) E-Documents System. Senate provides \$147,000 in General Revenue and \$3,000 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 to manage electronic documents and an electronic signature system.</p> <p>10) Digital Applications. Senate provides \$294,000 in General Revenue and \$6,000 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 to develop digital and web-based applications to improve customer service.</p>

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
				11) Physical Records Scanning. Senate provides \$416,500 in General Revenue and \$8,500 in General Revenue Dedicated Account 5147 for the processing and scanning of physical records to instead store them electronically.
A.1.1 LICENSING	\$ 11,507,133	\$ 11,084,706	\$ 422,427	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.
B.1.1 ENFORCEMENT	\$ 22,087,886	\$ 19,955,345	\$ 2,132,541	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.
B.1.2 PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM	\$ 1,436,324	\$ 1,602,102	\$ 165,778	See Cross-Strategy Issues 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.
B.2.1 PUBLIC EDUCATION	\$ 1,056,289	\$ 903,402	\$ 152,887	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.
C.1.1 INDIRECT ADMIN	\$ 3,082,232	\$ 2,014,384	\$ 1,067,848	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11; and Cross-Article Issue 2
C.1.2 INDIRECT ADMIN	\$ 6,608,213	\$ 4,121,429	\$ 2,486,784	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.
D.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 3,390,014	\$ 2,135,374	\$ 1,254,640	See Cross-Article Issue 1.
Appropriation for Retirement Payments	VIII-31 Rider #5 Rider Packet page VIII-4			House provides a rider restricting the funds appropriated for annual leave payouts to be used for only that purpose.
Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Texas Physician Health Program		VIII-32 Rider #5 Rider Packet page VIII-4		Senate provides a rider granting funds appropriated to fund the Texas Physicians Health Program in Strategy B.1.2 unexpended balance authority within the biennium.

507 TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	VIII-31	VIII-32		
Cross-Article Issues				<p>1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$4,782 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.</p> <p>2) Additional 5 Percent Salary Increase House provides \$882,516 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.</p>
A.1.1 LICENSING	\$ 14,914,091	\$ 14,918,873	\$ 4,782	See Cross-Article Issue 1.
D.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 2,213,705	\$ 1,331,189	\$ 882,516	See Cross-Article Issue 2.

514 OPTOMETRY BOARD

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Cross-Article Issue	VIII-35	VIII-35		1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$7,628 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.
A.1.1 LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT	\$ 713,392	\$ 721,020	\$ 7,628	See Cross-Article Issue.

515 BOARD OF PHARMACY

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	VIII-36 120.0	VIII-36 110.0		See Cross-Strategy Issue #2.
Cross-Article Issues				<p>1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$60,232 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.</p>
Cross-Strategy Issues				<p>1) Compensation House provides \$3,094,303 in General Revenue for staff salaries and vacancies. Senate provides \$120,000 in General Revenue for legal assistant salary raises.</p> <p>2) New positions House provides \$1,657,852 in General Revenue for an additional 10.0 FTEs: (1) Government Relations Specialist, (1) Programmer, (1) HR Specialist, (1) Data Officer, (1) Accountant, (3) Program Specialist, (1) Pharmacist, (1) Pharmacy Technician.</p>
A.1.1 LICENSING	\$ 2,339,594	\$ 2,118,278	\$ 221,316	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1 and Cross-Article Issue 1.
B.1.1 ENFORCEMENT	\$ 13,261,458	\$ 10,478,248	\$ 2,783,210	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.
B.1.3 PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM	\$ 12,779,459	\$ 12,255,120	\$ 524,339	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.
C.1.1 LICENSING - INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 402,882	\$ 256,472	\$ 146,410	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
C.1.2 ENFORCEMENT-INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,406,568	\$ 1,509,920	\$ 896,648	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.

533 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Cross-Article Issue	VIII-39	VIII-39		1) Additional 5% Salary Increase House provides \$116,496 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.
Cross-Strategy Issue				1) Salary Increases Senate provides \$67,007 in General Revenue for salary raises to improve recruitment and retention.
A.1.1 OPERATE LICENSING SYSTEM	\$ 1,885,888	\$ 1,923,511	\$ 37,623	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
B.1.1 ADMINISTER ENFORCEMENT	\$ 1,096,865	\$ 1,126,249	\$ 29,384	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
D.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 287,189	\$ 170,693	\$ 116,496	See Cross-Article Issue 1.

456 BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	VIII-40 47.0	VIII-40 51.0		
Cross-Article Issue				1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$19,778 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases.
Cross Strategy Issue				1) Additional Staffing Senate provides \$277,183 in General Revenue and 2.0 FTEs for administrative hearing support and criminal background checks.
A.1.1 EXAMINE AND LICENSE PLUMBERS	\$ 2,678,015	\$ 3,104,814	\$ 426,799	a. See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
				b. Senate provides \$331,171 in General Revenue and 2.0 FTEs to improve and expand the statewide exam centers.
A.1.3 INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT	\$ 2,434,478	\$ 2,616,033	\$ 181,555	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
B.1.1 INDIRECT ADMIN - EXAM/LICENSE	\$ 469,676	\$ 489,454	\$ 19,778	See Cross-Article Issue 1.

476 RACING COMMISSION

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	VIII-42 96.0	VIII-42 39.3		House provides an additional 56.7 FTEs for direct regulatory and indirect administrative functions of the agency. See strategy differences below.
A.1.1 MODERNIZE LICENSING SERVICES	\$ 1,821,764	\$ 1,246,868	\$ 574,896	House provides \$574,896 in GR-Dedicated for an additional 8.0 FTEs in licensing.
B.1.1 DETER, INVESTIGATE, AND ADJUDICATE	\$ 2,435,410	\$ 1,358,308	\$ 1,077,102	House provides \$1,077,102 in GR-Dedicated for an additional 10.0 FTEs for investigations and enforcement.
B.1.2 WAGERING INTEGRITY AND SECURITY	\$ 1,300,104	\$ 561,732	\$ 738,372	House provides \$738,372 in GR-Dedicated for an additional 8.0 FTEs for pari-mutuel wagering oversight.
B.1.3 PREVENT INJURIES/EMERGENCY RESPONSE	\$ 1,576,032	\$ 679,154	\$ 896,878	House provides \$896,878 in GR-Dedicated for an additional 10.0 FTEs for injury prevention and medical response.
B.1.4 ADMINISTER DRUG TESTS	\$ 5,910,724	\$ 394,654	\$ 5,516,070	House provides \$5,516,070 in General Revenue to fund an equine drug testing, emergency treatment testing, and necropsy testing program at the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.
C.1.1 CENTRAL ADMIN & OTHER SUPPORT SVCS	\$ 5,036,766	\$ 1,566,416	\$ 3,470,350	<p>a. House provides \$2,233,670 in General Revenue for an additional 20.7 FTEs for central administration and other support services.</p> <p>b. House provides \$1,236,680 in GR-Dedicated for a statutory-required 6.75 interest payment on General Revenue appropriations for enforcement of the Texas Racing Act.</p>
Clothing and Equipment Provisions	VIII-45, Rider #6 Rider Packet page VIII-5			House authorizes appropriation of additional GR-Dedicated revenue from licensing fees collected above the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate to provide a \$1,200 clothing and \$500 cleaning allowance for commissioned officers and \$1,200 clothing and equipment allowance for employees assigned to work in the veterinary or laboratory test barn or stable areas of a racetrack.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Moving Expenses	VIII-45, Rider #8 Rider Packet page VIII-5			House authorizes use of appropriated funds to pay costs of moving the household goods and effects of an employee of the Racing Commission who is transferred from one designated field office or headquarters to another so long as the Racing Commission determines that the best interests of the State will be served by such transfer.
Horseracing Economic Impact Study	VIII-46, Rider #10 Rider Packet page VIII-5			House authorizes the use of \$75,000 to conduct an economic impact study to determine the statewide financial impact of horseracing.
State Contribution to Group Insurance for Retired Employees of the Racing Commission	VIII-46, Rider #11 Rider Packet page VIII-5			House specifies that the state contribution to group health insurance coverage for retired employees of the Racing Commission is to be paid from the General Revenue Fund.

312 SECURITIES BOARD

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	VIII-46	VIII-45		
Cross-Article Issue				1) Additional 5 Percent Salary Increase House provides \$692,460 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.
Cross-Strategy Issues				1) Salary Supplementation Senate provides \$1,466,289 in General Revenue for merit-based salary increases and supplementing salaries of vacant positions. 2) Annual Leave Payouts. House provides \$370,339 in General Revenue for annual leave payouts.
A.1.1 LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 6,337,392	\$ 6,824,706	\$ 487,314	a. See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2. b. Senate provides \$140,000 in General Revenue for blockchain analysis software.
A.2.1 SECURITIES REGISTRATION	\$ 936,693	\$ 971,125	\$ 34,432	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.
A.3.1 DEALER REGISTRATION	\$ 908,191	\$ 968,605	\$ 60,414	See Cross-Strategy Issue 1.
A.4.1 INSPECT RECORDS	\$ 4,149,342	\$ 4,309,470	\$ 160,128	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.
B.1.1 CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,328,830	\$ 3,865,536	\$ 536,706	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.
B.1.2 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$ 1,078,562	\$ 1,035,518	\$ 43,044	See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.
C.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 1,662,942	\$ 970,482	\$ 692,460	See Cross-Article Issue 1.

473 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	VIII-48 267.0	VIII-48 273.0		
A.1.1 MARKET COMPETITION	\$ 20,693,738	\$ 21,618,738	\$ 35,000	a. Senate provides \$35,000 in funding for a vehicle to support statewide travel for the Energy Efficiency Plan and Outreach Team.
			\$ 890,000	b. Senate provides \$890,000 for 6.0 additional FTEs to direct the Public Utility Commission to comprehensively review its water and wastewater rules, processes, and guidance documents; to identify and address areas for improvement; to develop a plan to prioritize improving its case data collection and analysis, and to update its policy guiding the agency's rule review process to ensure identified deficiencies in the rules are addressed.
C.1.2 INFORMATION RESOURCES	\$ 1,487,493	\$ 2,511,493	\$ 1,024,000	Senate provides \$1,024,000 in funding for IT projects.
Enhanced Analytics Reporting		VIII-50 Rider 5 Rider Packet page VIII-6		Senate requires the Public Utility Commission to report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Sunset Advisory Commission, and the Legislature on the activities and findings of the agency's enhanced analytics capabilities by December 1 of each year.

475 OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
No Issues	VIII-51	VIII-51		

578 BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	VIII-53 29.0	VIII-53 27.0		House provides an additional 2.0 FTEs for one Veterinarian and one Attorney.
Cross-Article Issues				<p>1) Health Professions Council Salary Increase Senate provides \$8,742 in General Revenue to be transferred via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council for staff salary increases</p> <p>2) Additional 5 Percent Salary Increase House provides \$119,264 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for agency staff.</p>
Cross-Strategy Issues				<p>1) Career Ladder House provides \$100,000 in General Revenue for professional development.</p> <p>2) Vacant Positions House provides \$374,000 in General Revenue for vacant position funding.</p>
A.1.1 OPERATE LICENSURE SYSTEM	\$ 1,199,324	\$ 971,066	\$ 228,258	See Cross-Article Issue 1. See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.
A.2.1 COMPLAINTS AND ACTION	\$ 3,885,362	\$ 3,257,582	\$ 627,780	House provides \$206,000 in General Revenue for one additional Veterinarian FTE. House provides \$184,780 in General Revenue for one additional Attorney FTE. See Cross-Strategy Issues 1 and 2.
A.2.2 PEER ASSISTANCE	\$ 171,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 81,000	House provides \$81,000 in General Revenue for Peer Assistance costs.

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C.1.1 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 324,491	\$ 205,227	\$ 119,264	See Cross-Article Issue 2.
Contingency on SB 1414/HB 1560.		VII-54, Rider #3 Rider Packet page VIII-7		Senate rider makes funding for exceptional items contingent on the continuation of the agency.
State Office of Administrative Hearings Cases.		VII-54, Rider #4 Rider Packet page VIII-7		Senate rider directs \$50,000 in General Revenue to be used for case preparation associated with SOAH cases.

S08 SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ALL REGULATORY AGENCIES

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<p>Additional Five Percent Salary Increase for Specified Agencies.</p>	<p>VIII-55 VIII-59, Rider #8 Rider Packet page VIII-8</p>	<p>VIII-55</p>		<p>1) Additional 5 Percent Salary Increase House includes a new informational section that identifies \$9,416,840 in General Revenue for a 5% across-the-board salary increase for certain agency staff that is independent of the salary increase provided by Article IX, Section 17.18.</p>