

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on House Bill 1

2024-25 General Appropriations Bill

Article VII – Business and Economic Development

332 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

362 TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION

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

608 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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

601 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	VII-15	VII-16		
Cross-Strategy Issue				<p>Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, Budget Structure House allocates State Highway Fund - Proposition 1, 2014, and State Highway Fund - Proposition 7, 2015, funds for non-tolled roadway projects among Strategies A.1.2, A.1.3, A.1.4, and A.1.5.</p> <p>Senate amends the bill pattern budget structure and allocates State Highway Fund - Proposition 1, 2014, and State Highway Fund - Proposition 7, 2015, funds for non-tolled roadway projects to Strategy A.1.6, Proposition 1, 2014, and Strategy A.1.7, Proposition 7, 2015.</p>
Appropriations Made in Riders	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	House includes a rider appropriating \$10.0 million in General Revenue to the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund No. 0306. See House Rider #47, below.
A.1.2 CONTRACTED PLANNING AND DESIGN	\$ 3,057,367,524	\$ 1,306,301,567	\$ 1,751,065,957	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.3 RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION	\$ 3,128,576,739	\$ 1,770,060,289	\$ 1,358,516,450	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.4 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	\$ 9,788,805,059	\$ 4,397,499,895	\$ 5,391,305,164	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.5 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	\$ 9,973,853,935	\$ 5,703,780,506	\$ 4,270,073,429	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.6 CONSTRUCTION GRANTS & SERVICES	\$ 1,043,171,756	\$ 1,193,171,756	\$ 150,000,000	<p>Senate provides \$150.0 million in General Revenue for Port Capital Improvement Projects.</p> <p>House provides \$200.0 million in General Revenue in SB30 for the same purposes.</p>
A.1.6 PROPOSITION 1, 2014	\$ -	\$ 6,868,113,000	\$ 6,868,113,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
A.1.7 PROPOSITION 7, 2015	\$ -	\$ 5,902,848,000	\$ 5,902,848,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.

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

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Southern Gateway Deck Park		VII-32, Rider #47 Rider Packet page VII-9		Senate requires agency to make \$10.0 million in Federal Funds available for Phase II Infrastructure of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project if the project meets federal funding requirements and the expenditure of Federal Funds is approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.
Outreach and Education Programs on Transportation Safety	VII-32, Rider #48 Rider Packet page VII-10			House requires the agency to allocate \$250,000 each fiscal year to award grants through local councils of government to administer outreach and education programs on transportation safety that target at-risk populations in urban areas.
Discretionary Funds	VII-32, Rider #49 Rider Packet page VII-10			House includes legislative intent that the Transportation Commission may allocate up to 10 percent from funds appropriated for the Unified Transportation Program as discretionary funds for use by the commission, and requires the commission to submit to the LBB, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and each member of the House and Senate an annual report detailing the amount and use of the discretionary funds.
Interstate Highway 20 Passenger Rail Corridor Project	VII-32, Rider #50 Rider Packet page VII-10			House allocates \$10.0 million out of State Highway Fund appropriations in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, for the purpose of matching grant funds for the Interstate Highway 20 Passenger Rail Corridor Project, contingent on the project being awarded a federal grant under the Federal Railroad Administration Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program.

320 TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Technical Adjustments	VII-32	VII-33		<p>1) Adjust Fiscal Year Date in Senate Rider 9 Adjust the fiscal year date in Senate Rider 9, Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Programs and Pre-Apprenticeship Career Pathways, to read, "...for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose."</p> <p>2) Add Contingency Language to Senate Rider 52 Add the following language to the beginning of Senate Rider 52, Additional Workforce Data Report, "Pursuant to Labor Code, Section 204.0025, contingent on the appropriation of funds for the purpose of reporting," as the legislative intent of this rider is it is to be implemented with appropriated funds.</p>
B.1.1 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	\$ 63,133,474	\$ 50,820,177	\$ 12,313,297	House provides an increase of \$12,313,297 in General Revenue Funds for the Skills Development grant program.
B.1.2 APPRENTICESHIP	\$ 40,594,311	\$ 36,844,311	\$ 3,750,000	House provides an increase of \$3,750,000 in General Revenue Funds for the Pre-apprenticeship Career Pathways grant program.
Appropriation: Federal Funds.		VII-37 Rider 3 Rider Packet page VII-11		Senate requires Federal Funds reporting for funds granted to TWC for the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act received above the amounts appropriated to the agency in the General Appropriations Act.
Apprenticeship and Internship Opportunities for People with Disabilities.	VII-44 Rider 48 Rider Packet page VII-11	VII-45 Rider 49 Rider Packet page VII-11		<p>House requires reporting of all current apprenticeship and internship opportunities for individuals with disabilities by October 1, 2024.</p> <p>Senate requires reporting of all current apprenticeship and internship opportunities for individuals with disabilities by October 1 of every even-number year.</p>

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Cross Agency Coordination on Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Funding.		VII-46 Rider 51 Rider Packet page VII-12		Senate requires TWC to coordinate with Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to identify available funding sources that may be streamlined to increase the availability and accessibility of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs and requires a reports by August 31, 2024.
Additional Workforce Data Report		VII-47 Rider 52 Rider Packet page VII-14		<p>Pursuant to Labor Code, Section 204.0025 and contingent on the appropriation of funds, Senate rider requires TWC to report additional data relating to types of enhanced employment and earnings in the Texas workforce, the number of types of employers who have voluntarily provided enhanced employment and earnings data, and recommendations to enhance reporting of employment and earnings data statewide by September 1, 2024.</p> <p>See also, Technical Adjustment #2.</p>

32A REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFIT ACCOUNT

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No Issues	VII-45	VII-47		