

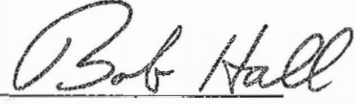
**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article VII**

Adopted

March 27, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

By: Hall



Texas Lottery Commission, Article VII

Proposed Rider

Digital or Phone Lottery Sales

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/3/2023

Overview

Add a rider that prohibits the Texas Lottery Commission from authorizing the order, purchase, or sale of lottery tickets by telephone or digitally.

Required Action

On page VII-12 of the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

Lottery Sales by Phone.

It is the intent of the Legislature, pursuant to Government Code, Section 466.015, the Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission shall not allow the order, purchase, or sale of lottery tickets by telephone including facilitating the sale of tickets via an application on a phone.

By: Kolkhorst

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/03/2023

Overview

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

Required Action

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

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

Senator West

____. **Southern Gateway Deck Park.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Texas Department of Transportation shall make available during the biennium \$10 million in federal funds, administered by the department, for the Southern Gateway Deck Park project, if the project meets federal funding requirements. IT is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated above would cover the Phase II Infrastructure of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project. Any use of project expenditures using federal funds shall be approved by the FHWA.

By: Hinojosa

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.

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- (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).

By: Paul Bellercont

Texas Workforce Commission

Additional Workforce Data

Overview

Texas spends \$110 billion annually on the programs in its education and workforce systems across local, state, and federal revenue sources. However, the state is unable to determine whether its programs lead Texans to particular jobs due to workforce data gaps. For example, the state does not have data allowing it to determine whether certificate graduates from a community college electricians program actually became employed as an electrician or other similar occupation.

With more than 70% of Texas jobs requiring more than a high school diploma for entry by 2036, and only 22% of Texas 8th graders currently going on to earn a postsecondary credential, it is becoming increasingly important for Texans to know the value of postsecondary education and training. Being able to prove that programs lead to good-paying, modern jobs would improve the state's ability to communicate that value while also helping focus education and workforce training providers towards workforce-aligned programs.

HB 3767 (87-R) sought to close this data gap by providing legislative intent to the Texas Workforce Commission to work with employers to enhance the workforce data collected by the state as part of employers' routine wage filings for unemployment insurance purposes. The proposed rider directs the TWC to provide a report on its progress, including information on necessary information technology upgrades to scale the collection of additional data statewide while easing employers' reporting experience.

Required Action

On page VII-XX of the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern in ___ Bill 1, add the following rider:

XX. Additional Workforce Data Report. The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit a report to the Legislature and the Office of the Governor no later than September 1, 2024 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.

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March 27, 2023

Legislative Budget Board



By: Zaffirini

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Workforce housing capital investment fund program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2023

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 workforce housing capital investment fund program in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap – HTF, for this purpose contingent on the enactment of House Bill 1704.

Required Action

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

Workforce housing capital investment fund program. 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 HB 1704, relating to the establishment of the workforce housing capital investment fund program, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session to implement the provisions of legislation.

By: Hall



Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Article VII

Proposed Rider

Contingency for Senate Bill 1293

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2023

Overview

Add a rider that prohibits the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs from expending funds that would be provided to local government entities for roadway projects in violation of prohibitions established in Senate Bill 1293, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page VII-8 of the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Article VII, in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for SB 1293.** Contingent on enactment of SB 1293, or similar legislation relating to a prohibition on certain roadway projects and to the distribution of affordable housing funds to local governmental entities that violate that prohibition, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is prohibited from providing appropriated funds to local government entities that violate the terms contained in the legislation.

By: Kolkhorst

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider
Port of Victoria Rail Expansion

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/02/2023

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of \$29.3 million in General Revenue in Strategy A.1.6, Construction Grants and Services, to fund a rail expansion project at the Port of Victoria.

Required Action

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

_____ **Port of Victoria Rail Expansion.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.6, Construction Grants and Services, \$29,300,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, is to be used to fund a rail expansion project at the Port of Victoria.

By: Schwertner

**Texas Department of
Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for SB XXX**

Overview

One-time appropriation of General Revenue to the Texas Department of Transportation by \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 and add a rider that directs the allocation for the purposes of implementing the provisions of SB XXX, or, or similar legislation relating creation of a General Aviation Airport Maintenance Backlog Program, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

1. On page VII-18 of the Department of Transportation's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, in the amount of \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2025.
2. On page VII-33 of the Department of Transportation's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Contingency for SB XXX. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill XXX, or similar legislation relating to the creation of a General Aviation Airport Maintenance Backlog Program, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Department of Transportation is appropriated \$25,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024 and \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Hinojosa

Texas Workforce Commission
Proposed Rider
Contingency for Legislation Relating to an Adult Workforce Diploma Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/27/2023

Overview

Prepare a rider which directs the Texas Workforce Commission to use funds appropriated in the agency's bill pattern to implement legislation relating to the implementation of an adult diploma program, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

1. On page VII-48 of the bill pattern for the Texas Workforce Commission, add the following new rider:

Contingency for an Adult Workforce Diploma Program. Contingent on enactment of legislation relating to the implementation of an adult diploma program by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session; out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Adult Education and Family Literacy, the Texas Workforce Commission shall implement the provisions of the legislation. Federal Funding may only be used to the extent allowable under the Adult Education State Grant Program and participating entities will receive reimbursements per course completion for qualified participants.

TWC shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than August 31, 2025, a report that includes an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program detailing the number of graduates and successful job placements, as well as earnings for successful graduates.

Texas Workforce Commission
Proposed Rider
JET Grants: Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/07/2023

Overview

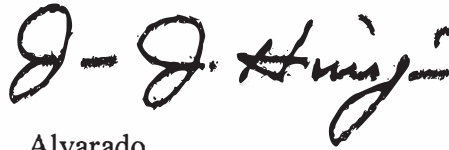
Add a rider that directs the Texas Workforce Commission to use appropriated funds for culinary arts and hospitality management career and technical education (CTE) courses/programs in the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) program.

Required Action

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

_____. **JET Grants: Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management.** The Texas Workforce Commission shall allocate \$5,000,000 within Strategy B.1.3, Jobs Education for Texas (JET), in fiscal year 2024 to culinary arts and hospitality management career and technical education (CTE) applicants, courses, or programs at 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.

A report on culinary arts and hospitality management CTE program performance must be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and Governor by August 31, 2025. The report shall be prepared in a format specified by the LBB and the Governor.



By: Alvarado

Texas Workforce Commission
Proposed Rider and Funding
Contingency for SB 592 or HB 1755

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/01/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Texas Workforce Commission by \$10,000,000 each fiscal year and add a rider directing use of this appropriation to implement the provisions of either SB 592 or HB 1755, contingent upon enactment.

Required Action

1. On page VII-35 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, in the amount of \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue Funds.
2. On page VII-48 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for SB 592 or HB 1755.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 592 or House Bill 1755, or similar legislation relating to the creation of the Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Workforce Commission is appropriated \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Whitmire / Alvarado

Texas Workforce Commission
Proposed Rider
Contingency for legislation relating to the Latino Learning Center of Houston.

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/01/2023

Overview

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$1,950,000 from General Revenue for the purposes of implementing the provisions of legislation relating to building renovations for the Latino Learning Center of Houston, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page VII-48 of the bill pattern for the Texas Workforce Commission, add the following new rider:

_____ **Contingency for Building Renovations to Latino Learning Center of Houston.**
Contingent on the enactment of legislation relating to building renovations on the Latino Learning Center of Houston by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Workforce Commission is appropriated \$1,950,000 for fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Schwertner

**Texas Workforce Commission
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/03/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Texas Workforce Commission by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 in a new strategy and add a rider that directs the allocation for the purposes of establishing and implementing the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center.

Required Action

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

_____. **Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC).** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.6.1, Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, includes \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 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.

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article VII**

Not Adopted

March 27, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

By: Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Proposed Motion and Rider

Rider __,

Overview

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.

Required Action

- 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.



By: Zaffirini

**Department of Motor Vehicles
Proposed Funding
Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention**

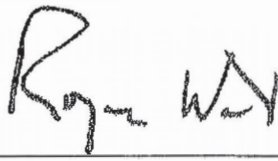
Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/02/2023

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.

By: West 

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider
Southern Gateway Project Phase II

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/03/2023

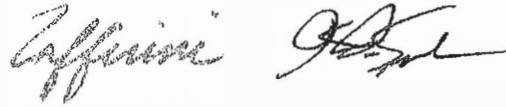
Overview

Increase General Revenue funding by \$60.0 million and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue appropriations to fund the design and construction of the Southern Gateway Project Phase II infrastructure.

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 \$60,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____ **Southern Gateway Project Phase II.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$60,000,000 in General Revenue for the 2024–25 biennium is to be used for the purpose of funding the design and construction of the Southern Gateway Project Phase II infrastructure.



By: Perry

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/28/2023

Overview

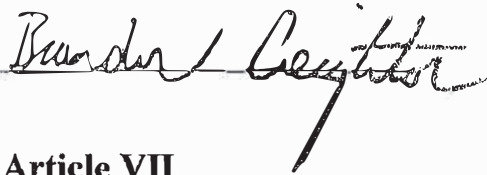
Amend a rider in the Department of Transportation (TxDO'T) bill pattern to appropriate \$1.1 billion in General Revenue for the planning, feasibility, public involvement, schematic, and environmental assessment to upgrade facilities to interstate standards on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

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.

By 

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-18 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.

	2024	2025
A.1.6. Strategy: Construction Grants & Services	\$ 883,124,258	\$ 310,047,498
	<u>\$1,233,124,258</u>	

2. On page VII-33 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.

By Brandon Ceythor

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

1. On page VII-18 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.

	2024	2025
A.1.6. Strategy: Construction Grants & Services	\$ 883,124,258	\$ 310,047,498
	<u>\$1,733,124,258</u>	

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

Appropriation for Funding Port Capital Improvement Projects

Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Construction Grants & Services, \$850,000,000 in 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.

By: Perry

Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Abilene Regional Airport

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/24/2023

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:

Abilene Regional Airport. 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: Brandon Coughlin

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.

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

By: Sparks/Perry

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Improvements to the Ector County Airport

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/02/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding by \$15.0 million and add a rider in the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation directing the use of these funds for airport expansion projects at the Ector County Airport

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 \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Improvements to the Ector County Airport. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, \$15,000,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, is to be used for airport expansion projects at the Ector County Airport.

By Senator Hughes

**Texas Department of Transportation, Article VII
AR-TX REDI Logistics Center Access**

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$3,700,000 for the extension of the existing frontage road on Interstate 30 that ends at mile marker 206 by not less than 4,300 linear feet.

AR-TX REDI, Texarkana's regional economic development organization, has developed the REDI East Texas Logistics Center. With a complex rail system in the Texarkana region, this logistics hub offers opportunities for companies to reach consumers or their customers on time and on schedule. The nearly 850-acre site provides connectivity to major highways throughout the region, but the property is difficult to access due to the Interstate 30 frontage road abruptly ending just before the property boundary on the north side.

In 2021, a major site selection firm noted that investment in road infrastructure at the site is critical to make the property more competitive with other locations throughout the southern United States. The existing frontage road needs to be extended (4,300 feet) to provide adequate road access to the property.

Required Action:

At the appropriate place in Article VII, insert the following rider:

Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation Strategy A.1.1, Plan/Design/Manage, Strategy A.1.2, Contracted Planning and Design, Strategy A.1.3, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, and Strategy A.1.6, Construction Grants and Services, an amount of \$3,700,000 shall be used to extend the existing frontage road on Interstate 30 that ends at mile marker 206 by not less than 4,300 linear feet.

By: Paxton



Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Improvements to the McKinney National Airport

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/1/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Department of Transportation by \$30.0 million in fiscal year 2024 and add a rider directing the use of this appropriation to fund airport expansion projects at the McKinney National 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 \$30,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024.
- (2) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Improvements to the McKinney National Airport.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$30,000,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023, is to be used to fund airport expansion projects at the McKinney National Airport.

By: Kelly Harmon

**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: Zaffirini

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 Senate 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 Senate 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 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.