

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article VIII**

Adopted

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Legislative Budget Board

By: Schwertner

Department of Insurance
Proposed Funding and Rider
Captive Insurance Specialist

Prepared by LBB Staff. 03/01/2023

Overview

The proposed rider and funding would provide \$300,000 in General Revenue-dedicated Fund No. 36, Texas Department of Insurance Operating, each fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose of retaining a specialist in the Captive Insurance market.

Required Action

1. On page VIII-18 of the Department of Insurance's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase funding in Strategy B.1.1, Industry Solvency Regulation, by \$150,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue-dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36.
2. On page VIII-25 of the Department of Insurance's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Captive Insurance Specialist.** Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Insurance of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2025, in General Revenue-dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36, in Strategy B.1.1, Industry Solvency Regulation, are for the purpose of retaining, through a competitive application process, a Captive Insurance specialist to support captive insurance oversight and related activities in the Texas captive insurance market.

**Texas Medical Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Physician Health Program Fee**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2023

Overview

Proposed rider would grant the Texas Medical Board unexpended balance authority within the biennium from General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Physicians Health Program Fund No. 5147 appropriated to the Texas Medical Board to administer the Texas Physician Health Program.

Required Action

On page VIII-35 of the Texas Medical Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

- _____. **Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Texas Physician Health Program.**
Unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, from appropriations made to the Texas Medical Board in Strategy B.1.2, Physician Health Program, in the 2024-2025 biennium are appropriated to the Texas Medical Board for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose (estimated to be \$0).

By Senator Schwertner

Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Article VIII
Contingency of SB 1414/HB 1560

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs any exceptional item request that is funded for the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) is contingent on the passage of the Sunset bill, SB 1414/HB 1560, or contingent on the Board's functions being transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

Required Action

On page VIII-61 of Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners' bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- _____. **Contingency on SB 1414/HB 1560.** Funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 for the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners exceptional items are made contingent on the continuation of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners by the Eighty-eight Legislature, Regular Session, 2023.

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Office of Public Insurance Counsel
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for SB 1140

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/03/2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Office of Public Insurance Counsel by \$713,120 in fiscal year 2024 and \$655,098 in fiscal year 2025 and provide authority for additional FTEs in fiscal year 2024 and 2025, and add a rider that directs the allocation for the purposes of implementing the provisions of SB 1140, or, or similar legislation relating to the adequacy and effectiveness of managed care plan networks, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

1. On page VIII-25 of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.1, Participate in Rates/Rules/Forms, in the amount of \$713,120 in fiscal year 2024 and \$655,098 in fiscal year 2025.
2. On page VIII-25 of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) from 10.0 to 16.0 in fiscal year 2024 and from 10.0 to 16.0 in fiscal year 2025.
3. On page VIII-26 of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____ **Contingency for SB 1140.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1140, or similar legislation relating to the adequacy and effectiveness of managed care plan networks, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Office of Public Insurance Counsel is appropriated \$713,120 in fiscal year 2024 and \$655,098 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.



By: Zaffirini

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Proposed Rider

Overview

The proposed rider and funding would appropriate \$680,000 in General Revenue--Dedicated No. 501 funding to be provided as a grant to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute for research, advocacy, and education of the Motorcycle Operator Training and Safety Program and for \$622,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated No. 501 funds to be provided as a grant to Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service for training motorcycle safety instructors to support program implementation.

Required Action

On page VIII-31 of the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, add the following new rider:

Contingency for SB 478. Contingent on the enactment of SB 478, or similar legislation relating to the administration of the motorcycle operator training and safety program; requiring an occupational license; authorizing a fee, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is appropriated \$680,000 in General Revenue--Dedicated No. 501 funding to be provided as a grant to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute for research, advocacy, and education of the Motorcycle Operator Training and Safety Program and for \$622,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated No. 501 funds to be provided as a grant to Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service for training motorcycle safety instructors to implement the provisions of the legislation. Funds appropriated for this purpose may pay for salaries.

By: Perry

Public Utility Commission of Texas, Article VIII
Proposed Rider
Contingency for SB 857

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/27/2023

Overview

Add two new riders as a contingency for SB 857. The first rider would appropriate \$1,800,000,000 to the Comptroller for deposit into the electric generating facility fund. The second rider would be informational and would describe the Public Utility Commission's access to the \$1,800,000,000 in the electric generating facility fund.

Required Action

- 1) On page I-25 of the bill pattern for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, add the following rider:

_____ **Contingency for SB 857.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 857, or similar legislation of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to the use of the electric generating facility fund to finance construction and maintenance of electric generating and transmission facilities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) power region; authorizing an assessment, becoming law and the constitutional amendment proposed by the Eighty-Eighth Legislature, Regular Session, providing for the creation of the electric generating facility fund to finance construction and maintenance of electric generating and transmission facilities being approved by the voters, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated \$1,800,000,000 and instructed to transfer and deposit \$1,800,000,000 to the electric generating facility fund established by Section 49-q, Article III, Texas Constitution.

- 2) On page VIII-57 of the bill pattern for the Public Utility Commission, add the following new rider:

_____ **Contingency for SB 857.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 857, or similar legislation of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to the use of the electric generating facility fund to finance construction and maintenance of electric generating and transmission facilities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) power region; authorizing an assessment, becoming law and the constitutional amendment proposed by the Eighty-Eighth Legislature, Regular Session, providing for the creation of the electric generating facility fund to finance construction and maintenance of electric generating and transmission facilities

being approved by the voters, the Public Utility Commission is granted access to the electric generating facility fund established by Section 49-q, Article III, Texas Constitution to provide loans to finance the construction of electric generating facilities and associated transmission facilities in the ERCOT power region, as authorized by SB 857.

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Not Adopted

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By: Zaffirini

**Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, South
Texas Weather Modification Association
Proposed Rider**

Overview

The proposed rider and funding would appropriate \$2,500,000 each year of the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for the purposes of implementing a grant to the South Texas Weather Modification Association for weather modification operations.

Required Action

On page VI-21 of the bill pattern for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, add the following new rider:

_____ For the purposes of implementing a grant to the South Texas Weather Modification Association for weather modification operations, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is appropriated \$2,500,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2025. Funds appropriated for this purpose may pay for salaries.

By: Hall



**Texas Medical Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Medical Board Complaints**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/23

Overview

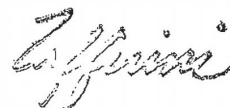
Proposed rider would prohibit any funds appropriated to the Texas Medical Board to be spent investigating complaints that are not filed by the patient or a relative of the patient.

Required Action

On page VIII-35 of the Texas Medical Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

Complaint Investigation Requirements. No funds appropriated to the Texas Medical Board may be expended on investigating complaints against a license holder that are not filed by the patient of the license holder or a person directly involved in the care of the patient of a license holder and concern a license holder's provision of care to that patient.

By: Zaffirini



**Public Utility Commission of Texas, Article VIII
Rider**

Overview

Add a rider in the Public Utility Commission bill pattern that appropriates \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in the biennium to implement an emergency backup power grant program for income-eligible Texans who depend on electricity to power life-sustaining medical equipment.

Required Action

On page VIII-___ of the Public Utility Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. For the purposes of implementing an emergency backup power grant program for income-eligible Texans who depend on electricity to power life-sustaining medical equipment., by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Public Utility Commission is appropriated \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year of the biennium in Goal A, Competition/Choice/Rates/Service.

By Senator Schwertner

Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Article VIII
Contingency of SB 1414/HB 1560

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs any appropriation from the General Revenue Fund for the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) to be used for the phase out of the agency operations if the board is not continued.

Required Action

On page VIII-61 of Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners' bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- ____. **Contingency on SB 1414/HB 1560.** Funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 for the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners are made contingent on the continuation of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. In the event that the agency is not continued, the funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are to be used to provide for the phase out of the agency operations.