

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article 7 – Business and Economic Development

Conference Committee Issue Docket
Article VII
Conferees: Senator Nichols and Representative Walle

Decisions as of May 23, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

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	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
Article VII, Business and Economic Development SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-Dedicated All Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-Dedicated All Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-Dedicated All Funds	
Department of Housing and Community Affairs (332)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Texas Lottery Commission (362)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 667,633,050	\$ 667,633,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Department of Motor Vehicles (608)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 175,000,000	\$ 175,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Texas Department of Transportation (601)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 33,900,000	\$ 33,900,000
Texas Workforce Commission (320)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 103,152,228	\$ 366,023,546	\$ 66,704,140	\$ 196,787,036	\$ 109,836,370	\$ 470,002,162
Reimbursements to the UC Benefit Account (32A)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ 1,218,656,596	\$ 80,404,140	\$ 210,487,036	\$ 143,936,370	\$ 504,102,162

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Article VII, Business and Economic Development Department of Housing and Community Affairs (332) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Department of Housing and Community Affairs	\$ 28,484,177	\$ 910,351,940	\$ 29,184,177	\$ 911,051,940			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	393.0	389.0	393.0	389.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Reporting on Weatherization Efforts House includes a rider requiring the agency to produce a report on its efforts to help low-income Texans eligible for weatherization to conserve energy and lower bills.			VII-7, Rider 13 Rider Packet page VII-1				SENATE
2. Feasibility Study to Address Homelessness House provides \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026, with unexpended balance authority within the biennium, in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, and a rider directing the appropriation to conduct the study.			\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	
			VII-7, Rider 17 Rider Packet page VII-1				HOUSE
3 Local Rental Assistance Pilot Program House provides \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, and a rider directing this appropriation for a rental assistance pilot program operated through a partnership with nonprofit entities in Dallas and Denton Counties.			\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000			
			VII-7, Rider 18 Rider Packet page VII-2				SENATE

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4.	Transitional Housing Program Funding House allocates \$200,000 from existing appropriations each fiscal year in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, for the operation of a transitional housing program that addresses the needs of homeless veterans.			VII-7, Rider 19 Rider Packet page VII-2				SENATE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						393.0	389.0	

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Article VII, Business and Economic Development Texas Lottery Commission (362) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration			Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Texas Lottery Commission			\$ 667,633,050	\$ 667,633,050	\$ -	\$ -			
			FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)			321.5	321.5	330.5	330.5			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1.	Agency Appropriations Senates provides \$677,633,050 in All Funds for agency operations.		\$ 667,633,050	\$ 667,633,050	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
	House provides funding for the following items in HB 500: \$1,589,344 for infrastructure upgrades to the Bingo Operation Service System (BOSS) and Bingo Service Portal (BSP). \$1,795,158 for Centralized Accounting Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS) transition.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
2.	FTEs House provides 9.0 additional FTEs for IT items funded in HB 500.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE

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5.	Lottery Sales Report Senate requires the Texas Lottery Commission to submit a quarterly report to the LBB and members of the Legislature on the ratio of lottery sales to nonlottery sales in the top ten lottery sales retailer locations in the State of Texas.	VII-12, Rider #17 Rider Packet page VII-3						HOUSE
6.	Lottery Terminals Report Senate requires the Texas Lottery Commission to submit a quarterly report to the LBB on the number of retail locations with more than 3 lottery terminals on the retailer’s premises.	VII-12, Rider #18 Rider Packet page VII-3						HOUSE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Remove the Lottery Commission bill pattern from the General Appropriations Bill.							ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 667,633,050	\$ 667,633,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

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Article VII, Business and Economic Development Department of Motor Vehicles (608) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Department of Motor Vehicles		\$ 277,679,126	\$ 708,540,908	\$ 102,679,126	\$ 533,540,908			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		952.0	952.0	952.0	952.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Registration and Titling System Replacement Senate provides \$175.0 million in General Revenue Funds and capital budget authority to implement the second phase of the legacy Registration and Titling System (RTS) Replacement project. House provides \$125.0 million in General Revenue in HB 500 for the same purpose.	\$ 175,000,000	\$ 175,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	HOUSE
2.	Capital Budget Transfer Authority for RTS Modernization Senate authorizes the agency to exceed the 25.0 percent capital budget appropriation transfer limits in Article IX, Section 14.03, of the General Appropriations Act, for transfers from the RTS Modernization capital budget project to the Data Center Services (DCS) capital budget project for any elements of the RTS Modernization project that must be paid through DCS.	VII-16, Rider #14 Rider Packet page VII-4						SENATE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 175,000,000	\$ 175,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						952.0	952.0	

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Article VII, Business and Economic Development Texas Department of Transportation (601) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate 2026-27 Biennial Total GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House 2026-27 Biennial Total GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Texas Department of Transportation		\$ 151,330,436	\$39,895,409,514	\$ 154,330,436	\$39,898,409,514			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		13,175.0	13,175.0	13,175.0	13,175.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization Project House provides \$3.0 million in General Revenue and a rider directing the use of this appropriation to fund the Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization Project development study.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	SENATE
				VII-33, Rider #51 Rider Packet page VII-11				
2.	Sergio Ivan Rodriguez Memorial Pedestrian Bridge Project Senate provides \$10.0 million in General Revenue and a rider directing the use of this appropriation for the design and construction of the pedestrian bridge project.	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	SENATE
		VII-33, Rider #50 Rider Packet page VII-11						
3.	State Highway 71 Pedestrian Crossing House provides \$10.0 million in General Revenue and a rider directing the use of this appropriation for the design and construction of the pedestrian crossing project.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	HOUSE as amended
				VII-33, Rider #52 Rider Packet page VII-12				
4.	Reporting Requirements, Subsection (h) Toll Project Revenue and Funds Report Senate requires an annual report to LBB of all state toll project revenue received and other related funds that are deposited outside the state treasury.	VII-25, Rider #13 Rider Packet page VII-5						SENATE

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5.	Engineering and Engineering-Related Service Contracts House requires reporting of information relating to active engineering and engineering-related service contracts.			VII-32, Rider #50 Rider Packet page VII-9				HOUSE as amended	
6.	Southern Gateway Deck Park Senate requires agency to make \$10.0 million in Federal Funds available for construction and buildout 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.		VII-33, Rider #51 Rider Packet page VII-1 1					SENATE	
7.	Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project Senate requires agency to make \$10.0 million in Federal Funds available for development of construction documents for the Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza 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.		VII-33, Rider #52 Rider Packet page VII-1 1					SENATE	
8.	Presidio International Bridge House specifies legislative intent that the Department of Transportation convey the portion of the Presidio International Bridge owned by the state to Presidio County.			VII-33, Rider #53 Rider Packet page VII-1 2				SENATE	

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Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project Add a rider to require the agency to make \$20.0 million in Federal Funds available for planning and construction of the Southwestern Medical District 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.							ADOPT
2.	State Highway 99 Access Road Improvements Delete Rider 46, State Highway 99 Access Road Improvements, and reduce General Revenue Funds by \$20.0 million.					\$ (20,000,000)	\$ (20,000,000)	ADOPT Amounts included in HB 500
3.	Texarkana Regional Airport Delete Rider 48, Texarkana Regional Airport, and reduce General Revenue Funds by \$22.0 million.					\$ (22,000,000)	\$ (22,000,000)	ADOPT Amounts included in HB 500
4.	Space Industry Corridor Increase General Revenue Funds by \$5.0 million and add a rider directing the allocation of \$131.0 million in State Highway Funds for construction and maintenance of the state highway infrastructure in coordination with the Texas Space Commission as identified in the Texas Space Industry Highway Transportation Needs Assessment report.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	ADOPT
5.	Exempt Position Salary Change the exempt position salary group for the Executive Director from Group 9 to Group 10.					\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT

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6.	New Bridge Increase General Revenue Funds for a bridge at Little York Road and Hirsch Road and add a rider directing the use of the appropriation for this purpose.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	ADOPT
7.	New Bridge Increase General Revenue Funds for a bridge at Tidwell Road and Hirsch Road and add a rider directing the use of the appropriation for this purpose.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	ADOPT
8.	Improvements to Farm to Market Road 653 Increase General Revenue Funds for El Campo Utility Relocation and Infrastructure and add a rider directing the use of the appropriation for this purpose.					\$ 28,400,000	\$ 28,400,000	ADOPT
9.	Texas State Railroad Increase General Revenue Funds for the Texas State Railroad and add a rider directing the use of the appropriation for this purpose.					\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	ADOPT
10.	Victoria Regional Airport Increase General Revenue funds for the Victoria Regional Airport and add a rider directing the use of the appropriation for this purpose.					\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 33,900,000	\$ 33,900,000	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						13,175.0	13,175.0	

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Article VII, Business and Economic Development Texas Workforce Commission (320) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Texas Workforce Commission	\$ 633,876,546	\$ 5,910,028,138	\$ 597,428,458	\$ 5,740,791,628			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	5,063.5	5,063.5	5,064.5	5,064.5			
Technical Adjustments:							
1. Adjustment to Strategy A.3.2, Child Care Quality Activities, for the adopted Professional Development for Early Childhood Education rider appropriation that was put in Strategy A.3.1, Local Child Care Solution Cost Neutral	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Adopt		
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Vocational Rehabilitation Federal Funds Senate provides \$70. 4 million in General Revenue Fund to match an available \$260.2 million in federal grants for Vocational Rehabilitation to meet current participant needs and to address projected participant growth. House provides \$35.2 million in General Revenue Fund to match an available \$130.1 million in federal grants for Vocational Rehabilitation to meet current participant needs and to address projected participant growth.	\$ 70,413,360	\$ 330,579,152	\$ 35,206,680	\$ 165,289,576	\$ 70,413,360	\$ 330,579,152	SENATE

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		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
2.	Apprenticeship Training House provides \$13.0 million in General Revenue Funds for the Chapter 133 Apprenticeship Training Program.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,034,430	\$ 13,034,430	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	HOUSE less \$3,034,430
3.	Texas Veteran Leadership Program House provides \$3.4 million in General Revenue Funds for 22.1 existing FTEs that would provide services to 5,650 veterans statewide each year.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,391,148	\$ 3,391,148	\$ 3,391,148	\$ 3,391,148	HOUSE
4.	Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program Client Services Senate provides \$9.4 million in General Revenue Funds for increased demand of the Older Individuals Who Are Blind (OIB) program.	\$ 9,434,759	\$ 9,434,759	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,434,759	\$ 9,434,759	SENATE
5.	Career Schools and College Senate provides \$204,754 in General Revenue Funding for existing staff salary increase within the Career School and College program.	\$ 204,754	\$ 204,754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	HOUSE
6.	Labor Market Information Senate provides \$687,136 in General Revenue Funding and authority for additional FTEs (3.0) in the agency's labor market information department to meet increased demand for economic data from the public and U.S. Department of Labor.	\$ 687,136	\$ 687,136	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	HOUSE

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7.	Civil Rights Division House provides \$549,554 in General Revenue Funding to maintain 4.0 of the additional 6.0 FTE's received in the 2024-25 biennium to reduce the backlog of Equal Employment Opportunity complaints from 1,500 to 350 cases of EEO complaints by the end of FY 2025.	\$-	\$-	\$549,554	\$549,554	\$549,554	\$549,554	HOUSE
8.	UI Fraud Detection and Deterrence Senate provides \$3.3 million in General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 funding with capital budget authority to implement a UI Fraud Detection and Deterrence system. House provides funding for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$3,264,540	\$3,264,540	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	ADOPT HOUSE Amounts in HB 500 with General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165
9.	UI Cyber Security Senate provides \$3.2 million in General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 funding with capital budget authority to implement items identified in the Texas Cybersecurity Framework Assessment to improve TWC's cybersecurity. House provides funding for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$3,162,408	\$3,162,408	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	ADOPT HOUSE Amounts in HB 500 with General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 166

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10.	UI Data Center Consolidation (Mainframe) Senate Provides \$11.8 million in General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 with capital budget authority funding to continue TWC's Unemployment Insurance (UI) Data Center Services Mainframe. House provides \$11.0 million for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$ 11,843,221	\$ 11,843,221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,975,221	\$ 10,975,221	HOUSE less \$868,000
11.	UI State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) Senate provides \$2.6 million in General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 funding with capital budget authority to implement the SIDES Monetary & Potential Charging Module, Determination & Decisions Module, Benefit Charges Chargeback Module, Single Sign-on using Okta, and additional Fact-finding Module. House provides funding for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$ 2,613,576	\$ 2,613,576	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT HOUSE Amounts in HB 500 with General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165
12.	Network Modernization Senate provides General Revenue and General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 funding and Federal Funds with capital budget authority to address TWC network deficiencies identified in a AT&T Network Assessment which pose a risk to the TWC cybersecurity posture. House provides funding for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$ 1,528,474	\$ 4,234,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT HOUSE Amounts in HB 500 with General Revenue, General Revenue -Dedicated Fund 165, and Federal Funds

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13.	Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Skills Development and Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) The house authorizes unexpended balances authority for the General-Revenue Dedicated Fund Lone Star Workforce of the Future Account No 5198.			VII-38, Rider #8 Rider Packet page VII-13				HOUSE as amended to require LBB approval	
14.	Expansion of Senior Keys to Independence Program (SKIP). The senate requires TWC to allocate \$1.0 million for expansion of the SKIP program to other cities throughout the state.	VII-47, Rider #51 Rider Packet page VII-13				\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	SENATE as amended to include \$500,000 per year in General Revenue with corresponding change to associated rider.	
15.	Appropriation: GR-Dedicated Business Enterprise Program Account No. 492 The house authorizes estimated appropriations for the Business Enterprise Program Account No. 492 for the purpose of maintenance and replacement of equipment and other allowable program expenditures.			VII-47, Rider #51 Rider Packet page VII-13				HOUSE	
16.	Enhanced Workforce Data System House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses for upgrades to the state unemployment insurance data system and associated information technology and staffing costs to allow for enhanced reporting of employment and earnings data as part of routine wage filings required by the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.			\$ 1,572,328	\$ 1,572,328	\$ 1,572,328	\$ 1,572,328	HOUSE	
				VII-48, Rider #52 Rider Packet page VII-14					

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17.	Chapter 133 Apprenticeship Training Program House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses to serve additional participants in the Chapter 133 Apprentice Training Program.			\$ 7,000,000\$ 7,000,000				SENATE	
				VII-48, Rider #53 Rider Packet page VII-14					
18.	Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses for the purpose of providing funding for emergency medical response service staffing.			\$ 5,000,000\$ 5,000,000		\$ 2,500,000\$ 2,500,000		HOUSE as amended to provide \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2026 and 1.5 FTE positions with corresponding change to associated rider.	
				VII-48, Rider #54 Rider Packet page VII-14					
19.	Certified Caregiver Pilot Program House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses to provide certified caregiver services during evening hours for up to six months under the oversight of Workforce Borderplex Solutions.			\$ 450,000\$ 450,000				SENATE	
				VII-48, Rider #55 Rider Packet page VII-15					
20.	Statewide Expansion of Leadership Development Program House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses for the creation of leadership development programs, organizing forums, hosting leadership dialogues, and fostering partnerships to drive solutions to critical issues such as workforce development, economic opportunity, education, governmental effectiveness, and infrastructure across the state.			\$ 500,000\$ 500,000				SENATE	
				VII-48, Rider #56 Rider Packet page VII-15					

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21	Mobile Statewide Workforce Development Pilot Program House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses only for the purpose of creating a mobile statewide workforce development pilot program.			VII-49, Rider #57 Rider Packet page VII-16				SENATE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Child Care Assistance Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) funding to serve additional eligible children through the child care assistance program.						\$ 100,000,000	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 103,152,228	\$ 366,023,546	\$ 66,704,140	\$ 196,787,036	\$109,836,370	\$ 470,002,162	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						5,065.5	5,065.5	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VII, Business and Economic Development Reimbursements to the UC Benefit Account (32A) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Reimbursements to the UC Benefit Account		\$ 8,164,124	\$ 30,235,647	\$ 8,164,124	\$ 30,235,647			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
None								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

By: _____

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider Amendment
State Highway 71 Pedestrian Crossing

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/20/2025

Overview

Amend Department of Transportation rider, State Highway 71 Pedestrian Crossing, to specify that the design and construction of the crossing is to be part of the State Highway 71 facility.

Required Action

Amend the following rider included on page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1:

- . **State Highway 71 Pedestrian Crossing.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.8, Construction Grants and Services, include \$10,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of funding the design and construction of a pedestrian crossing as part of the ~~over~~ State Highway 71 facility to connect the City of Smithville, Texas, and the Vernon L. Richards Riverbend Park.

By: _____

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider Amendment
Engineering and Engineering-Related Service Contracts

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/02/2025

Overview

Amend Department of Transportation rider, Engineering and Engineering-Related Service Contracts, to modify the timing and specifications for the reporting of certain information regarding active engineering and engineering-related service contracts.

Required Action

Amend the following rider included on page VII-32 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern in the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1:

50. Engineering and Engineering-Related Service Contracts.

- (a) The Department of Transportation shall publish on its website, within 30 days of execution, all active engineering and engineering-related service contracts, including but not limited to those for design, schematic/environmental, planning, land surveying, right-of-way acquisition, highway improvements, and construction, engineering, and inspection. The information shall be updated at least monthly ~~weekly~~. Information to be posted shall include:
 - (1) the contract number;
 - (2) the prime firm;
 - (3) the total contract amount;
 - (4) the date of execution and termination date;
 - (5) the type of contract;
 - (6) whether it is a specific deliverable or indefinite deliverable contract;
 - (7) the general description of the scope of services;
 - (8) work authorizations, supplemental work authorizations, and supplemental agreements issued to date;
 - (9) the total paid under the contract to date; and
 - (10) a list of applicable geographies of the contract.
- (b) If the Department of Transportation determines it is necessary to ~~show, stop,~~ or suspend, pause, or otherwise pause, or otherwise alter the schedule or table of deliverables identified in a contract or work authorization for an engineering or engineering-related service contract for more than 30 days ~~for more than 30 days~~, the Department of Transportation shall notify the contractor in writing and as required by the contract. ~~This notification must be given to the contractor at least 90 days in advance of the order to show, stop, pause, or otherwise alter.~~
- (c) ~~If notice is given Prior to stopping or suspending to show, stop, suspend, pause, or otherwise alter a contract or work authorization subject to subsection (b) for more than 30 days issued under an engineering or engineering-related service contract, the district, area office, division, or other office within the Department of Transportation that issued the notice shall obtain approval in writing from report that notice in writing to the Executive Director; the Deputy Executive Directors, for Program Delivery and the Chief Engineer within three days. The approval notice shall also be posted within 30-40 days with the corresponding contract information required to be posted on the website in accordance with subsection (a).~~
If notice is given Prior to stopping or suspending to show, stop, suspend, pause, or otherwise alter a contract or work authorization subject to subsection (b) for more than 30 days issued under an engineering or engineering-related service contract, the district, area office, division, or other office within the Department of Transportation that issued the notice shall obtain approval in writing from report that notice in writing to the Executive Director; the Deputy Executive Directors, for Program Delivery and the Chief Engineer within three days. The approval notice shall also be posted within 30-40 days with the corresponding contract information required to be posted on the website in accordance with subsection (a).

- (d) As required by subsection (a), ~~The~~ Department of Transportation shall post and continuously update on its website a list of all active indefinite deliverable engineering and engineering-related service contracts. Information to be posted for each contract shall include the date of execution, date of termination, disciplines covered, total dollar capacity, total dollar capacity used to date, total dollar capacity available, and geography of the contract.
- (e) The Department of Transportation shall provide a biannual ~~quarterly~~, ~~written~~ report to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor detailing the number of active engineering or engineering-related service contracts or work authorizations that have been ~~stowed~~, stopped or suspended pursuant to subsection (b), or ~~passed, and the total dollar amount of capacity that has been affected.~~

By: _____

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider
Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/02/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to require the agency to make available \$20.0 million in Federal Funds administered by TxDOT to the Texas Trees Foundation for planning and construction of the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project if the project meets federal requirements.

Required Action

Add the following rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern:

- _____. **Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall make available during the 2026-27 biennium \$20,000,000 in Federal Funds administered by the Department of Transportation to the Texas Trees Foundation for the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project in the City of Dallas if the project meets federal funding requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated above would cover the planning and construction of the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project. Any project expenditures using Federal Funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

By: _____

Texas Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/25/25

Required Action

Add the following rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern:

54. Space Industry Corridor. Out of amounts appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall allocate \$131,000,000 in State Highway Fund No. 006 funding for the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of constructing or maintaining the state highway infrastructure in coordination with the Texas Space Commission, as identified in the Texas Space Industry Highway Transportation Needs Assessment report and the department’s 2026 Unified Transportation Program. In constructing or maintaining the state highway infrastructure, the department shall give consideration for the critical infrastructure needs using local government and private sector partnerships. Out of amounts appropriated above, the Department of Transportation is appropriated \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to Strategy E.1.1, Central Administration.

By: _____

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Railroad Grade Crossing Bridge Project at Tidwell Road and Hirsch Road

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/19/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$5.0 million and add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation directing the appropriation to be used to fund the planning, development, and construction of a bridge at the railroad grade crossing at Tidwell Road and Hirsch Road in Houston.

Required Action

- (1) In the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2026 by \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- (2) Add the following rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern:

_____. **Railroad Grade Crossing Bridge Project at Tidwell Road and Hirsch Road.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the 2026-27 biennium is to be used for the purpose of funding the planning, development, and construction of a bridge at the railroad grade crossing at Tidwell Road and Hirsch Road in Houston.

By: _____

Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Improvements to Farm to Market Road 653

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/19/2024

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding by \$28.4 million and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue appropriations to fund certain improvements to Farm to Market Road 653 in Wharton County.

Required Action

- 1) In the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2026 by \$28,400,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) Add the following rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern:
 - _____. **Improvements to Farm to Market Road 653.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$28,400,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used for the purpose of funding water line relocation, road reconstruction, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and storm water drainage along Farm to Market Road 653 in the City of El Campo in Wharton County.

By: _____

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas State Railroad

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/19/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$10.0 million and add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation directing the appropriation to be used to fund projects related to the Texas State Railroad.

Required Action

- (1) In the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy D.1.3, Rail Construction, in fiscal year 2026 by \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- (2) Add the following rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern:
 - _____. **Texas State Railroad.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy D.1.3, Rail Construction, the amount of \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the 2026-27 biennium is to be used for the purpose of funding projects related to the Texas State Railroad.

By: _____

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider
Improvements to Victoria Regional Airport

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/19/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of \$2.5 million in General Revenue Funds in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, to fund airport expansion and improvement projects at Victoria Regional Airport.

Required Action

Add the following rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern:

- _____. **Improvements to Victoria Regional Airport.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$2,500,000 in General Revenue Funds for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, shall be allocated to fund airport expansion and improvement projects at Victoria Regional Airport.

By: _____

Article VII, Department of Transportation
Proposed Funding and Rider
Railroad Grade Crossing Bridge Project at Little York Road and Hirsch Road

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/19/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$5.0 million and add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation directing the appropriation to be used to fund the planning, development, and construction of a bridge at the railroad grade crossing at Little York Road and Hirsch Road in Houston.

Required Action

- (1) In the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2026 by \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- (2) Add the following rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern:

_____. **Railroad Grade Crossing Bridge Project at Little York Road and Hirsch Road.**
Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the 2026-27 biennium is to be used for the purpose of funding the planning, development, and construction of a bridge at the railroad grade crossing at Little York Road and Hirsch Road in Houston.

By: _____

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Propose Rider Amendment
Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Skills Development and Jobs and Education for
Texans (JET)

Prepared by LBB Staff, 04/30/2025

Overview

Amend Rider 8, Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Skills Development and Jobs and Education for Texans (JET), to expand UB authority to include funds from the new General Revenue-Dedicated Lone Star Workforce of the Future Account No. 5198 and require approval from the Legislative Budget Board to transfer funds between strategies.

Required Action

1. On page VII-44 in the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, amend the following rider in Senate Bill 1:

Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Skills Development and Jobs and Education for Texans (JET). Any unobligated and unexpended balances of General Revenue Fund and GR-Dedicated Lone Star Workforce of the Future Account No. 5198 appropriations made to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in Strategies B.1.1, Skills Development, and B.1.3, Jobs and Education for Texans (JET), as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Additionally, notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Section 14.01 of the Act, amounts appropriated to TWC above in Strategies B.1.1, Skills Development, and B.1.3, Jobs and Education for Texans (JET), may be transferred between these strategies without limitation, as may be necessary to ensure services are provided to as many eligible participants as possible. Transfers between these strategies require written notification to be provided to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and Governor and no later than 30 business days after the transfer and a report on transfers (regardless of whether transfers were actually made during that quarter) to be submitted to the LBB and Governor quarterly. The report shall be prepared in a format specified by the LBB and the Governor shall be considered approved unless the LBB issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the LBB concludes its review of the request and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Speaker of the House, and the Lieutenant Governor.

By: _____

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Propose Rider
Expansion of Senior Keys to Independence Program (SKIP)

Prepared by LBB Staff, 04/30/2025

Overview

Amend Rider 51, Expansion of Senior Keys to Independence Program (SKIP), to increase General Revenue Funds appropriations identified in the rider for the Texas Workforce Commission from \$100 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy B.2.1, Vocational Rehabilitation for the program.

Required Action

On page VII-47 in the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, amend the following rider in Senate Bill 1:

_____. **Expansion of Senior Keys to Independence Program (SKIP).** Amounts Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1 Vocational Rehabilitation, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year include \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds that may be used by the Texas Workforce Commission for expansion of the SKIP program to other cities throughout the state. These funds may cover the cost of the program, the aids kits that each customer takes homes, travel costs, lodging expenses, and other support services.

By: Lujan

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/02/2025

Overview

Add a rider that directs \$2.5 million in General Revenue to support programs that incentivize and increase the number of Emergency Medical Technicians and fund Emergency Medical Services education programs.

Required Action

On page VII-47 of the Texas Workforce Commission’s bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program.**

- a) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, include \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds for the purpose of providing funding for emergency medical response service staffing, including:
 - ~~(1) Funding for programs to incentivize and increase the number of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and paramedics that provide care on an ambulance.~~
 - ~~(2) Funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education programs, including distance learning programs, to increase the number of EMTs and paramedics graduating from EMS education programs.~~
- b) Of amounts appropriated in each fiscal year under Subsection (a) of this section, Texas Workforce Commission must use at least \$24,500,000 to provide grants to EMS employers or state-certified EMS training providers for the purposes of providing scholarships for EMT-Basic, EMT-Advanced, and Paramedic students.
- c) It is the intent of the legislature that, consistent with state law, the Texas Workforce Commission prioritize funding appropriated under Subsection (a) of this section for rural and underserved areas.
- d) Any unexpended balances in appropriations made to Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, for the Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.