

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article VII – Business and Economic Development

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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13. **Reporting on Weatherization Efforts.** As part of its efforts to help low-income Texans eligible for weatherization to conserve energy and lower bills, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) shall use funds appropriated above to coordinate with investor-owned utilities, from which TDHCA receives funds, and that offer energy efficiency programs for Texans meeting low-income eligibility criteria to make sure the monies available for low-income energy efficiency programs spent both through the agency and through utility programs are effectively and adequately spent. The TDHCA shall use funds appropriated above to produce an annual report with information about the number of low-income households benefiting from energy efficiency monies through state, federal and utility-funded programs, the total amount of federal, utility and state funds expended on the programs, the average amount spent per unit weatherized in each program, as well as the peak electricity demand reduction, the amount overall electric energy saved, the amount of money saved and the number of job and job years created. A copy of the annual report shall be delivered to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker, and Governor, as well as made available on TDHCA's website by March 15th of 2026 and March 15th of 2027.
17. **Feasibility Study to Address Homelessness.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 is provided to conduct a study on the feasibility of certain models to address homelessness. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose. The study shall consider partnerships with institutions of higher education, private entities, and local governments; the use of small dwelling units, as defined by the agency; and community development services and plans provided through programs at institutions of higher education. Not later than December 31, 2026, the agency shall prepare and submit to the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and the Legislative Budget Board a written report that includes a summary of the results of the study conducted and any recommendations for legislative or other action based on the results of the study.

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18. Local Rental Assistance Pilot Program. The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) shall:

1. Conduct a needs assessment for rental assistance programs addressing high-need underserved populations at risk of homelessness and shall partner in this assessment with local nonprofit entities providing rental assistance programs supporting Texans experiencing housing insecurity in underserved areas.
2. Partner with local nonprofit entities on a direct rent assistance program targeted to persons at risk of homelessness. Appropriations above include \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.2, HOME Program, in fiscal year 2026 for a partnership identified in this provision serving communities in Dallas County and Denton County.

To the extent allowed by federal and state law, TDHCA shall use any available appropriations to collaborate with community nonprofit entities statewide providing housing, nutrition, workforce development, and financial education to individuals, families and seniors living with poverty. TDHCA shall coordinate as necessary with the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Department of Agriculture, and other relevant state entities to support such local community initiatives. TDHCA shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Governor, the members of the House Appropriations Committee, and the members of the Senate Finance Committee no later than October 1st of each fiscal year on their efforts to support such local community initiatives.

19. Transitional Housing Program Funding. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year is for the purpose of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate a transitional housing program that addresses the needs of homeless veterans in four areas of the state through the collaboration of the agency with peer-to-peer veteran support groups that offer interim housing, physical and mental health services, literacy training, job training, family counseling, credit counseling, education services, and services designed to prevent homelessness.

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Lottery Sales Report. The Texas Lottery Commission shall submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board and members of the Legislature on the ratio of lottery sales to non-lottery sales in the top ten lottery sales retailer locations in the State of Texas.
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Lottery Terminals Report. The Texas Lottery Commission shall submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board on the number of retail locations with more than 3 lottery terminals on the retailer’s premises.

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14. Capital Budget Transfer Authority for RTS Modernization.

- (a) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, of this Act, funds appropriated to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the Registration and Titling System (RTS) Replacement Phase One capital budget project and the RTS Modernization capital budget project may be transferred to the Data Center Services - Shared Technology Services capital budget item, as needed, to expend and track project costs in accordance with state statutes and rules governing Data Center Services expenditures for state agencies. Such capital budget transfers to the Data Center Services - Shared Technology Services capital budget item may be made without regard to the limitations on capital budget transfer authority in Article IX, Section 14.03, of this Act.
- (b) "Data Center Consolidation," "Data Center Services," or "Shared Technology Services" for the purposes of this rider are defined as services provided by the Department of Information Resources in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2054, including software licensing services, application services, security services, and public and private cloud services.

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13. Reporting Requirements.

- a. **Trade Transportation Activities.** The Department of Transportation shall provide a report to the department's border district legislators and to the respective metropolitan planning organizations on the department's trade transportation activities in such border districts during the 2026-27 biennium. The department shall report annually no later than January 1, each year of the biennium. The report shall also be provided to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.
- b. **Cash Forecast.** In addition to other information that might be requested by the Legislative Budget Board, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, in the format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, a monthly cash forecast report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on state and federal funds received in State Highway Fund No. 006 as specified by the Legislative Budget Board. At any time, if the department becomes aware of any variances to estimated amounts appropriated above out of state and federal funds received in State Highway Fund No. 006, the department shall immediately notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor in writing specifying the affected funds and the reason for the anticipated change. The monthly cash forecast report shall include detailed explanations of the causes and effects of current and anticipated fluctuations in the cash balance.
- c. **Project Status Report.** The Department of Transportation shall provide to each member of the House and Senate, unless a member requests it not be provided, a status report on all highway construction projects, airport projects, rail projects, toll road projects, turnpike projects, toll authorities, regional mobility authorities, and toll road conversion projects by legislative district, currently under contract or awaiting funding. The report shall include projects that would be funded fully or in part by state, federal, or toll funds. The report shall be filed prior to January 1, each fiscal year. In addition, 90 calendar days prior to any loan being approved by the Transportation Commission for any toll project, all members of the district within which the project is located shall be notified on the status of the project and how other projects in any district would be affected. Additionally, 30 calendar days prior to any loan being approved by the Transportation Commission for a non-tolled transportation project, all members of the district within which the project is located shall be notified on the status of the project and how other projects in any district would be affected.
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- (1) all rail projects, toll road projects, and turnpike projects included in the draft Unified Transportation Program located within each member of the House and Senate's district no later than 10 calendar days after being identified and at least 2 business days prior to public release of the draft Unified Transportation Program;
- (2) the receipt of an application requesting approval to create a regional mobility authority or regional tollway authority located within each member of the House and Senate's district no later than 10 calendar days after receipt of an application and of the Transportation Commission's consideration of an application no later than 10 calendar days prior to commission action;
- (3) any toll authority or regional mobility authority board member who discloses to the department that the board member owns or participates in any holding included in a proposed project immediately after the department receives that information; and
- (4) the receipt of written notification for a proposed passenger rail or toll road project within each member of the House and Senate's district, whether or not it involves any state or federal funding no later than 10 calendar days after receipt.

e. **Public Transportation Activities.** The Department of Transportation shall develop and submit an annual report to the Legislature no later than March 15, each fiscal year on public transportation activities in Texas. The report shall at a minimum include monthly data on industry utilized standards which best reflect: ridership, mileage, revenue by source, and service effectiveness, such as passengers per revenue mile. In order to meet the mandates of Transportation Code, Chapter 461, relating to the coordination of public transportation and to implement the legislative intent of Transportation Code, Section 461.001, the Department of Transportation is directed to engage the services of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, or any entity that the Department of Transportation deems appropriate, to maintain an inventory of all public transportation providers in the state to determine the types and levels of services being provided by each of them and the extent to which those providers can assist the state in meeting the mandates of the statute.

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- (B) written notification outlining:
- i. the use and projected impacts of any additional federal funds available to the Department of Transportation above amounts estimated for the 2026-27 biennium; and/or
- ii. the Department of Transportation's plan for addressing any reductions in federal funds, including federally-mandated funding rescissions.
- (2) The Department of Transportation shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor any documentation required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration regarding the Department of Transportation's proposed use of additional federal funds and/or proposed actions to address federal funds reductions, including federally-mandated funding rescissions, as soon as possible prior to submitting the required documentation to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.
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- h. **Toll Project Revenue and Funds Report.** Using funds appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, in the format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, an annual report of all state toll project revenues received and any other related funds that are deposited outside of the state treasury, including the purpose and use of such funds by the department. The report shall be submitted no later than November 1, in each year of the biennium.

- i. **Appropriations from State Highway Fund No. 006.** Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the department shall provide the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor with a detailed plan for the use of appropriations from State Highway Fund No. 006 which includes, but is not limited to:
 - (1) each construction project's enhancement of the state's economy, traffic safety, and connectivity;
 - (2) a detailed account of the level of traffic congestion reduced by each proposed project, in districts that contain one of the 50 most congested roads; and
 - (3) a district by district analysis of pavement score targets and how proposed maintenance spending will impact pavement scores in each district.

- j. **Congested Road Segments.** Out of funds appropriated above, the department shall expend necessary funds to prominently post, no later than November 1, the top 100 congested road segments on its website and:
 - (1) the annual hours of travel delays and the economic value of the delays for each segment;
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Planning Organization which shall include, when appropriate, alternatives to highway construction; and

- (3) at least a quarterly update of the current status in completing the mitigation plan for each road segment.

- k. **Pass-through Tolling Agreements.** The Department of Transportation shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than November 1 of each fiscal year, in the format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, providing information on all existing pass-through tolling or pass-through financing agreements of the department.

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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 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;

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- (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 slow, stop, suspend, 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, the Department of Transportation shall notify the contractor in writing. This notification must be given to the contractor at least 90 days in advance of the order to slow, stop, pause, or otherwise alter.
- (c) If notice is given to slow, stop, suspend, pause, or otherwise alter a contract or work authorization 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 report that notice in writing to the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Directors, and the Chief Engineer within three days. The notice shall also be posted within 10 days to the corresponding contract information required to be posted on the website in accordance with subsection (a).
- (d) 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 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 slowed, stopped, suspended, or paused, and the total dollar amount of capacity that has been affected.

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50. Sergio Ivan Rodriguez Memorial Pedestrian Bridge Project. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the 2026-27 biennium is to be used for the purpose of funding the design and construction of the Sergio Ivan Rodriguez Memorial Pedestrian Bridge at the Union Pacific rail line located in the vicinity of Milby High School in Houston, Texas, to provide a safe crossing for students and other pedestrians.

51. Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization and Expansion Project. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.1, Plan/Design/Manage, the amount of \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used for the purpose of funding the Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization and Expansion Project development study in the City of El Paso.

51. Southern Gateway Deck Park. Out of amounts appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall make available during the 2026-27 biennium \$10,000,000 in Federal Funds administered by the Department of Transportation 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 construction and buildout of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project. Any project expenditures using Federal Funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

52. Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project. Out of amounts appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall make available during the 2026-27 biennium \$10,000,000 in Federal Funds administered by the Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding the Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project in El Paso if the project meets federal funding requirements. It is the intent of the legislature that funds appropriated above would cover the costs for development of construction documents for the Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project. Any project expenditures using Federal Funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

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- 52. 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 over State Highway 71 to connect the City of Smithville, Texas, and the Vernon L. Richards Riverbend Park.
- 53. Presidio International Bridge.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Transportation convey the portion of the Presidio International Bridge owned by this state to Presidio County pursuant to Subchapter B, Chapter 202, Transportation Code, and that the process of transferring the bridge begin on the effective date of this Act.

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8. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Skills Development and Jobs and Education for Texans (JET). Any unobligated and unexpended balances of General Revenue Fund 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 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.

51. Expansion of Senior Keys to Independence Program (SKIP). Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1 Vocational Rehabilitation, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year 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.

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51. Appropriation: GR-Dedicated Business Enterprise Program Account No. 492. Amounts appropriated above out of Business Enterprise Program Account No. 492 are estimated revenues and receipts from an assessment of net proceeds from each vending facility in the program, in accordance with the Randolph-Sheppard Act at 34 C.F.R. § 395.1(s). The Texas Workforce Commission is appropriated any additional revenues (estimated to be \$0) for the purpose of maintenance and replacement of equipment and other allowable program expenditures.

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- 52. Enhanced Workforce Data System.** Amounts appropriated above in B.3.3., Labor Market and Career Information include \$1,053,512 in fiscal year 2026 and \$518,816 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds for the purpose of implementation of recommendations pursuant to Texas Workforce Commission’s Rider 52, Additional Workforce Data Report, 2024-25 General Appropriations Act, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Workforce Commission shall make necessary 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.
- 53. Chapter 133 Apprenticeship Training Program.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2., Apprenticeship, include \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds for the Texas Workforce Commission to serve additional participants in the Chapter 133 Apprentice Training Program.
- 54. 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 paramedical 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.

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- (b) Of amounts appropriated in each fiscal year under Subsection (a) of this section, Texas Workforce Commission must use at least \$1,500,000 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.

55. Certified Caregiver Pilot Program. Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Local Child Care Solutions, include \$450,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to provide certified caregiver services during evening hours for up to six months under the oversight of Workforce Borderplex Solutions.

56. Statewide Expansion of Leadership Development Program. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, State Workforce Services, \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds for the Texas Workforce Commission shall be allocated 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. The Texas Workforce Commission shall select the organization responsible for the expansion of this initiative.

The organization shall submit an annual report to the Texas Workforce Commission by September 1 of each fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027, detailing the following:

- (a) The number of leaders engaged in the program, disaggregated by sector (business,

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- government, education, non-profit) and demographic indicators (e.g. diversity, regional representation).
- (b) Outcomes from leadership development programs, including leading and participating in community initiatives, policy initiatives, and regional collaborations.
 - (c) Programmatic achievements, challenges, and key partnerships developed through the statewide expansion.
 - (d) Future plans for further statewide expansion and the development of new leadership initiatives, collaborations and strategic partnerships that are responsive to regional needs throughout Texas.

57. Mobile Statewide Workforce Development Pilot Program. Out of the funds appropriated above for Goal B, in each fiscal year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2027, the amount of \$1,000,000 may be used only for the purpose of creating a mobile statewide workforce development pilot program to generate student, parent and educator interest in technical professions in the construction, manufacturing, transportation, and utility industries by emphasizing the high-tech, high-wage potential of these student career paths and utilizing a mobile workshop that brings elements of skilled professions to students through simulators and virtual reality experiences. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.