

Conference Committee Issue Docket
Article VI, Natural Resources
Conferees: Senator Nichols and Representative Walle

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Article VI, Natural Resources SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
	Senate		House		Adopted	
	<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Department of Agriculture (551)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 8,659,503	\$ 8,673,327	\$ 13,280,256	\$ 13,280,256	\$ -	\$ -
Animal Health Commission (554)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 2,234,602	\$ 2,234,602	\$ 450,300	\$ 450,300	\$ -	\$ -
Commission on Environmental Quality (582)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 83,538,985	\$ 83,538,985	\$ 16,352,333	\$ 16,352,333	\$ -	\$ -
General Land Office (305)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,783,583	\$ 1,783,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (535)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parks and Wildlife Department (802)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 68,250,000	\$ 68,250,000	\$ 87,243,000	\$ 87,243,000	\$ -	\$ -
Railroad Commission (455)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 27,500,563	\$ 27,500,563	\$ 3,029,450	\$ 3,029,450	\$ -	\$ -
Soil and Water Conservation Board (592)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Water Development Board (580)						

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Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 10,636,190	\$ 10,836,944	\$ 14,070,607	\$ 20,070,607	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 202,603,426	\$ 202,818,004	\$ 134,425,946	\$ 140,425,946	\$ -	\$ -

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Department of Agriculture (551) 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 Agriculture		\$ 161,695,889	\$ 1,814,049,366	\$ 166,316,642	\$ 1,818,656,295			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		FY 2026758.2	FY 2027760.2	FY 2026755.2	FY 2027755.2			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	TCIP Facility and Land Donation Renovation. Senate provides capital budget authority only totaling \$1.0 million from General Revenue Funds within the agency's budget to renovate an office facility donated by the Texas Cooperative Inspection Program (TCIP), which is a fee funded program between the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). TDA currently provides support services and oversight for TCIP.	Adopted Capital Budget Authority Only		\$ -	\$ -			
2.	TDA Facilities Leases Renewal Increases. Senate provides \$0.2 million in General Revenue Funds for inflationary related cost increases for leased facilities.	\$ 224,400	\$ 224,400	\$ -	\$ -			
3.	Mexfly Trappers Vehicle Fuel and Operating Costs. Senate provides \$0.6 million in General Revenue Funds for fuel, maintenance, and repair of 18 existing vehicles for the Mexfly Trapper's program.	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ -			

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4.	Seniors Farmer's Market Operation GR. House provides \$0.1 million in General Revenue Funds for increased administrative and operational costs to support the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program internal administrative costs. TDA operates this portion of Federal Women, Infant and Children (WIC) nutrition grants based on its relationship with farmer's markets and agriculture.	\$-	\$-	\$80,256	\$80,256			
5.	Computer Equipment and Software. Senate provides \$0.1 million in All Funds to replace desktop computers with laptops to support a mobile computing strategy including: General Revenue: \$92,149 General Revenue Match for CDBG: \$6,527 Federal Funds: \$5,760 Appropriated Receipts: \$4,224 TDRA Federal Funds: \$3,840	\$98,676	\$112,500	\$-	\$-			
6.	Cybersecurity and Privacy Resources. Senate provides \$1.6 million in General Revenue Funds and 3.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 for a cyber security and privacy program to implement cybersecurity measures, assess evolving threats through ongoing risk assessment and safeguard business operations against cyber threats. The FTEs include four Cybersecurity Analyst I and one Privacy Analyst II positions.	\$1,589,118	\$1,589,118	\$-	\$-			
7.	TDA Website Rewrite. Senate provides \$0.9 million in General Revenue Funds to update the agency's 15 year old website.	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$-	\$-			

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8.	Agency Employee Salary Adjustments. Senate provides \$5.2 million in General Revenue Funds for staff salary increases to improve retention and recruitment. The request would provide an across the board increase of 10 percent for all agency employees.	\$ 5,247,309	\$ 5,247,309	\$ -	\$ -			
9.	Transfer Authority. Senate retains the rider prohibiting the Department of Agriculture from transferring amounts identified in Rider 19, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections: Cost Recovery Programs between strategies and programs. House deletes this rider.	VI-5, Rider #4 Rider Packet, page VI-1						
10.	Administrative Allocation: Councils of Government. House retains the rider requiring the agency to allocate up to 19 percent of federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds from available for technical assistance to councils of government. Senate deletes this rider.			VI-6, Rider #11 Rider Packet, page VI-1				
11.	Texas Economic Development Fund No. 183. House rider provides appropriation authority for unobligated fund balances from prior years.	VI-10, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page VI-1		VI-10, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page VI-1				

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12.	Plant Disease. House retains the rider requiring the agency to file a plant disease report on specific issues to the Legislature by December 1 of each even numbered year. Senate deletes the rider in agreement with the agency's interpretation that the rider requirement is duplicative of a similar reporting requirement in Agricultural Code, Section 71.027(c), due September 1 of each year to House and Senate Committees with primary jurisdiction over agriculture and rural affairs.			VI-10, Rider #23 Rider Packet, page VI-1				
13.	Rural Nursing Retention and Recruitment. Senate rider provides: (1) intent that recipient rural health facilities use funding to incentivize eligible nurses who shall commit to two years to receive a stipend; and (2) authorizes funds to be prorated and disbursed on an annual basis. House rider provides intent that grant recipients be required to commit to three years to receive a stipend.	VI-11, Rider #25 Rider Packet, page VI-2		VI-11, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page VI-2				

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14.	Agriculture Statewide Biosecurity Enforcement/Road Station Program / Agricultural and Livestock Entry Point Inspection Stations. Senate rider: (1) changes the rider name to "Agricultural Statewide Biosecurity Enforcement/Road Station Program;" and (2) removes the requirements that program funding provide for 60.0 FTEs each fiscal year. House rider: (1) retains the rider name "Agricultural and Livestock Entry Point Stations;" and (2) requires program funding to provide 60.0 FTEs each fiscal year.	VI-11, Rider #27 Rider Packet, page VI-2		VI-11, Rider #28 Rider Packet, page VI-2					
15.	Travel Expenses of the Commissioner within the Continental United States. Senate provides a rider: (1) prohibiting the agency from spending more than \$5,000 each fiscal year for payment or reimbursement for expenses related to the travel of the Commissioner of Agriculture within the Continental United States; (2) prohibiting reimbursement for expenses related to international travel; and (3) requiring the agency to submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee no later than August 31 of each fiscal year detailing the Commissioner's travel expenses for the fiscal year.	VI-11, Rider #29 Rider Packet, page VI-2							

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16.	Appropriation: License Plate Receipts. House provides a rider with unexpended balances authority within the biennium making appropriations from License Plate Trust Fund No. 802 estimated and providing an information listing of specialty license plates and the estimated plate sale revenue for each plate.			VI-11, Rider #30 Rider Packet, page VI-3				
17.	Department of Agriculture Grant Funding: Free Lunch. House provides \$13.2 million in General Revenue Funds to provide free lunch in lieu of reduced price lunch to qualified students with a rider requiring the agency to use \$6.6 million each fiscal year for that purpose.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,200,000	\$ 13,200,000			
				VI-12, Rider #31 Rider Packet, page VI-3				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 8,659,503	\$ 8,673,327	\$ 13,280,256	\$ 13,280,256	\$ -	\$ -	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

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Article VI, Natural Resources Animal Health Commission (554) 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, Animal Health Commission			\$ 37,396,606	\$ 40,930,050	\$ 35,712,304	\$ 39,245,748			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)			FY 2026226.2	FY 2027226.2	FY 2026219.2	FY 2027219.2			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1.	Veterinarian Additional Salary and Equity Adjustment. Senate provides \$1.2 million in General Revenue Funds and 4.0 FTEs including:								
a.	Adding four Veterinarian IV positions (4.0) FTEs.		\$ 1,022,000	\$ 1,022,000	\$ -	\$ -			
b.	Increasing salaries for one Veterinarian III and five Veterinarian V existing positions.		\$ 144,550	\$ 144,550	\$ -	\$ -			
2.	Fleet Safety and Improvements. Senate provides \$0.1 million in General Revenue Funds and 1.0 FTE for a Fleet Manager position to assist the current fleet manager in overseeing the agency's fleet.		\$ 116,500	\$ 116,500	\$ -	\$ -			
3.	Ectoparasite Field Identification Laboratory. Senate provides \$0.3 million in General Revenue Funds for two additional FTES, including \$141,324 for one Program Specialist V (1.0) FTE and \$87,828 for one Administrative Assistant III (1.0) FTE, including \$43,400 in operating and start up costs to establish an ectoparasite field identification laboratory and procure equipment.		\$ 272,552	\$ 272,552	\$ -	\$ -			

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4.	IT Infrastructure Improvements and Additional Funding for Business Administrator. Senate provides General Revenue Funds totaling \$0.4 million and 1.0 FTE for the following:							
	a. Funding for IT infrastructure improvements to replace switches, servers, and all wireless access points within agency offices.	\$134,300	\$134,300	\$-	\$-			
	b. Funding for one Business Analyst IV (1.0) FTE to perform agency specific tasks related to IT software and hardware systems.	\$233,100	\$233,100	\$-	\$-			
5.	Critical Central Administration Positions. Senate provides \$0.2 million in General Revenue Funds and 1.0 FTEs within the Human Resources (HR) Department and Financial Services Department, for an additional Central Administration position.	\$161,500	\$161,500	\$-	\$-			
6.	Secure Food Supply Program Enhancements. Senate provides \$0.2 million in General Revenue Funds and one Program Specialist IV position (1.0 FTE) for the development of Secure Food Supply plans for livestock producers in Texas.	\$150,100	\$150,100	\$450,300	\$450,300			
	House provides \$0.5 million in General Revenue and three Program Specialist IV positions (3.0 FTEs) for the same purpose.							

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7.	Laboratory Testing. Senate rider does not include section (c), requiring that no funds identified in the rider be used for salaries and wages or other personnel expenditures. House rider includes the incorrect additional language. Technical correction	VI-13, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page VI-4		VI-13, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page VI-4				
8.	Report on Livestock Threats Over the Next Ten Years. House provides a rider with unexpended balances authority requiring the agency to use \$100,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 to create and submit a report on threats to livestock over the next ten years to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock, the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs, and the Senate Finance Committee no later than December 1, 2026.			VI-13, Rider #10 Rider Packet, page VI-4				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 2,234,602	\$ 2,234,602	\$ 450,300	\$ 450,300	\$ -	\$ -	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

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Article VI, Natural Resources Commission on Environmental Quality (582) 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	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Commission on Environmental Quality		\$ 732,120,994	\$ 954,324,245	\$ 664,934,342	\$ 887,137,593		
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		FY 20263,006.3	FY 20273,009.3	FY 20263,052.3	FY 20273,058.3		
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1.	Enhance Permitting, Compliance, and Public Engagement. Senate provides \$2.7 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 10.0 FTEs each fiscal year to address increasing responsibilities due to increasing demands with Texas' growth and expanding federal requirements.						
a.	Regional Field Investigators. Senate provides \$2.5 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 9.0 FTEs each fiscal year to assist with enforcing compliance with state and federal regulations and to address a growing number of regulated entities increasing statewide.						
i.	Senate provides \$1.7 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 9.0 FTEs each fiscal year to increase regional staff enforcing state and federal regulations.	\$ 1,724,131	\$ 1,724,131	\$ 3,448,262	\$ 3,448,262		
ii.	Senate provides \$0.2 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds for calibration of air sampling and monitoring equipment.	\$ 154,000	\$ 154,000	\$ 308,000	\$ 308,000		

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Article VI, Natural Resources				Senate		House		Adopted	
Commission on Environmental Quality (582)				<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration				GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
	iii.	Senate provides \$0.3 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds to continue partnership with the University of Texas at Arlington to review Non-Community Public Water Systems.		\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000		
	iv.	Senate provides \$0.4 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds to address increased costs for occupational medical monitoring for annual medical surveillance and monitoring of staff with a potential for hazardous material exposure.		\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000		
	House provides \$5.1 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 19.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the same purposes.								
	b.	Occupational Licensing. Senate provides \$0.2 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Occupational Licensing Account No. 468 Funds and 1.0 FTE each fiscal year to process increasing license denial actions and hearings.		\$ 172,660	\$ 172,660	\$ 345,320	\$ 345,320		
		House provides \$0.3 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Occupational Licensing Account No. 468 Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the same purposes.							
2.	Salary Increase and Retention Efforts. Senate provides \$39.5 million in General Revenue Funds and various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds for salary increases to address vacancies by raising the average salary of targeted positions to the midpoint of their specific salary ranges (\$32.5 million) and a portion to be used for promotion and retention purposes (\$7.0 million).			\$ 39,501,584	\$ 39,501,584	\$ -	\$ -		

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3.	Produced Water. Senate provides \$3.4 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 16.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and 19.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to assist with processing an agency anticipated increase in produced water permitting applications through a more comprehensive process that would address concerns of potential impacts of produced water discharges to the environment and maintain the timely processing of applications.	\$ 3,368,465	\$ 3,368,465	\$ 6,736,931	\$ 6,736,931		
	House provides \$6.7 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 33.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and 39.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.						
4.	Administrative Support. Senate provides \$2.4 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds 6.0 FTEs in each fiscal year to support administrative functions of the agency and to address lease-related needs across regional offices.						
a.	Additional Staff Resources. Senate provides \$1.4 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 6.0 FTEs in each fiscal year to support administrative functions of the agency.	\$ 1,430,840	\$ 1,430,840	\$ -	\$ -		
b.	Cost Increases at Regional Offices. Senate provides \$0.9 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds to address lease increases across various regional offices. Senate also provides \$55,000 in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds in HB 500 for relocation of the Amarillo regional office.	\$ 945,544	\$ 945,544	\$ -	\$ -		

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Commission on Environmental Quality (582)		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
5.	Cybersecurity and Modernization. Senate provides \$10.2 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year to address agency information technology needs.						
a.	Cybersecurity. House provides \$7,494,879 in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds in HB 500, covering 14.0 FTEs each fiscal year included in SB1, to assist with cybersecurity practices including: establishing a comprehensive risk management program, implementing continuous monitoring and response, rapid detection and containment of threats, and other support activities.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
b.	Modernization. Senate provides \$9.9 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year to modernize two legacy applications, the Title V software and the Water Districts Database, to become web-based applications.	\$ 9,918,026	\$ 9,918,026	\$ -	\$ -		
	House provides the same amount in HB 500, covering 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year included in SB1, for the same purposes.						
c.	Personal Computer (PC) Replacement. Various General Revenue-Dedicated Funding to replace an increased number of workstations reaching the end of their lifecycle.	\$ 301,439	\$ 301,439	\$ -	\$ -		
	House provides the same amount in HB 500 for the same purposes.						
6.	Data Center Services (DCS). Senate provides \$24.4 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Funds to address agency forecasted increases in DCS costs.						

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	a.	Funding to maintain current obligations.	\$24,092,186	\$24,092,186	\$-	\$-		
		House provides the same amount in HB 500 for the same purposes.						
	b.	Funding for new projects.	\$280,110	\$280,110	\$-	\$-		
		House provides the same amount in HB 500 for the same purposes.						
7.	RESTORE the Texas Coast. House provides \$1.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 10.0 FTEs to fund dedicated administrative and staff costs for the Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revised Economies (RESTORE) of the Gulf Coast States Act program, which funds various projects through federal grants to improve the Texas coast. Staff would administer accumulated balances and future federal funds as they become available. The agency currently administers the program through existing staff splitting time between other job duties, but does not have staff dedicated entirely to the program.		\$-	\$-	\$1,713,820	\$1,713,820		

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8.	Air Quality Planning. The Senate rider: (1) has different expenditure limitations of General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 (Account No. 151) for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) planning activities; (2) allocates \$2,500,000 in Account No. 151 for PM2.5 activities; and (3) allocates a base amount to planning regions of up to \$118,750 for PM2.5 activities. The House rider: (1) has identical expenditure limitations for NAAQS and PM2.5 activities; (2) allocates \$4,500,000 in Account No. 151 for PM2.5 activities; and (3) allocates a base amount to planning regions of up to \$281,250 for PM2.5 activities.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	
		VI-20, Rider #7 Rider Packet, page VI-6		VI-20, Rider #7 Rider Packet, page VI-6		
9.	Emergency Response On-Call (Standby) and Overtime Pay. House adds a new rider that authorizes standby and overtime pay for staff performing emergency response duties and specifies the permitted compensation rates.			VI-26, Rider #32 Rider Packet, page VI-7		
10.	Water Quality Model Update. Senate provides \$1.0 million in General Revenue Funds and a new rider directing the agency to update a water quality stream model to reflect current conditions of a segment of the Neches River.	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	
		VI-26, Rider #33 Rider Packet, page VI-8				

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11.	Municipal Utility District (MUD) Report. House adds a new rider requiring the agency to study and develop a report that analyzes MUDs.			VI-27, Rider #34 Rider Packet, page VI-8					
12.	Monitoring and Report on Upper San Saba River. House provides \$0.5 million in General Revenue Funds and a rider directing the agency to monitor and report on characteristics of the Upper San Saba River.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	500,000	\$	500,000
				VI-27, Rider #35 Rider Packet, page VI-8					
13.	Interbasin Transfer Permit Guidance. House adds a new rider prohibiting the agency from expending any funding or resources for any permits related to an interbasin transfer of water from the Cypress Basin to any entities in the Group C regional water planning group.			VI-27, Rider #36 Rider Packet, page VI-9					
14.	Existing Environmental Remediation Agreements. House adds a new rider expressing Legislative intent that the agency use applicable appropriations to abide by the Remediation Funding Trust Agreement for remediation at the former Exide Battery Recycling Center.			VI-27, Rider #37 Rider Packet, page VI-9					
15.	Release of Water Quality Studies on Salinity. House adds a new rider requiring the agency to develop a report summarizing the results of long-term studies conducted between 2003 and 2025 regarding estuarine salinity gradients.			VI-27, Rider #38 Rider Packet, page VI-9					

			Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference	
Article VI, Natural Resources Commission on Environmental Quality (582) 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	
16.	Study on Desalination. House adds a new rider requiring the agency to study and develop a report on desalination.				VI-27, Rider #39 Rider Packet, page VI-10			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions			\$ 83,538,985	\$ 83,538,985	\$ 16,352,333	\$ 16,352,333	\$ -	\$ -
							<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Total, Full-time Equivalents							0.0	0.0

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			Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources General Land Office (305) 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, General Land Office			\$ 156,054,597	\$ 2,436,341,015	\$ 154,271,014	\$ 2,434,557,432			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)			FY 2026875.5	FY 2027875.5	FY 2026870.5	FY 2027870.5			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1.	Improve Cybersecurity Capabilities. Senate provides \$1.8 million in General Revenue Funds and 5.0 FTEs, including three Cybersecurity Analysts positions and two Support Staff positions, to provide for the enhancement and strengthening of the agency's cybersecurity capabilities, including third-party risk management and monitoring, monitoring of agency security telemetry, and resiliency of operations.		\$ 1,783,583	\$ 1,783,583	\$ -	\$ -			
2.	Appropriation of Receipts: Real Property Sales and Mineral Royalties. House amends the rider to direct the agency to report to the Legislative Budget Board information on expenditures of any real property acquisitions made through the appropriation authority provided by this rider within 30 calendar days of the transaction, and also directs the agency to publish this report on its website. (See Issue Docket Item #3 below.)		VI-31 Rider #9 Rider Packet, page VI-12		VI-32 Rider #9 Rider Packet, page VI-12				

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources General Land Office (305) 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
3.	Real Property Transactions Reporting Requirement. Senate provides a rider requiring the agency to report to the Legislative Budget Board information including the purpose and expenditure of any real property acquisitions or sales transactions made by the agency through the appropriation authority provided by Rider 9, Appropriation of Receipts: Real Property Sales and Mineral Royalties, within 30 calendar days of the transaction, and also include these acquisitions and expenditures in its Operating Budget and Legislative Appropriations Request. (See Issue Docket Item #2 above.)	VI-35 Rider #28 Rider Packet, page VI-12						
4.	Study on Private Landowner Participation in Border Security. House provides a rider to direct the agency to conduct a study to identify methods to increase private landowner cooperation with state border security activities, including cooperation with law enforcement, permission granted to a state entity for the temporary placement on a landowner's property of personnel, equipment, and infrastructure relating to border security; or property modification for the purpose of supporting border security. The rider requires the agency to submit a written report on the study to the legislature no later than September 1, 2026.			VI-37 Rider #30 Rider Packet, page VI-12				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 1,783,583	\$ 1,783,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (535) 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, Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission		\$986,454	\$986,454	\$986,454	\$986,454			
		<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	None.	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) 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, Parks and Wildlife Department		\$ 926,438,888	\$ 1,065,245,480	\$ 945,431,888	\$ 1,084,238,480			
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		3,268.9	3,268.9	3,271.9	3,271.9			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) Capital Budget Allocation Correction Senate capital budget rider does not accurately reflect an adopted increase in capital budget authority from Sporting Goods Sales Tax - Transfer to Parks and Wildlife Conservation and Capital Acct No. 5004 (SGST 5004) for Land Acquisition totaling \$628,110 in fiscal year 2026 and \$621,890 in fiscal year 2027 and for Construction and Major Repairs totaling \$11,650,000 in fiscal year 2027. House capital budget correctly reflects the adopted authority increase by fiscal year from SGST 5004 for the same capital budget categories. Technical Correction							

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) 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
2.	Method of Finance (MOF) Correction. Senate funding does not accurately reflect an adopted increase in General Revenue Funds totaling \$360,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$163,000 in fiscal year 2027 and a decrease in Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax of the same amounts each fiscal year to align funding with the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE). House funding correctly reflects both the adopted increase in General Revenue Funds and decrease in Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax in the same amounts each fiscal year. Technical Correction							
3.	Method of Finance (MOF) Adjustment- General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish, and Water Safety Account No. 9 to General Revenue Funds. House increases General Revenue Funds by \$20,700,000 in each fiscal year and decrease General Revenue- Dedicated Game, Fish, and Water Safety Account No. 9 (GR-D 9) by the same amount in each fiscal year due to projected declines in GR-D 9 fund balances.			Adopted				

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) 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
4.	Parks, Fisheries and Wildlife Capital Construction Needs. House provides \$5.2 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Lifetime License Endowment Fund 544 and \$0.4 million in General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 to fund capital construction for various land and facility holdings, including field offices, state parks, natural areas, historic sites, wildlife management areas, fish hatcheries and outreach centers.	\$-	\$-	\$5,643,000	\$5,643,000			
5.	Employee Compensation. Senate provides \$15.0 million in General Revenue Funds to fund targeted salary increases and classification upgrades for TPWD employees (excluding Schedule C employees).	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$-	\$-			
6.	Agency Technology Modernization. Senate provides \$7.8 million in General Revenue Funds for Information Technology projects identified by the agency as being critical including:							
a.	Expansion/Improvement of Agency Network. Senate provides \$1.3 million to increase core infrastructure to support connectivity upgrades at sites throughout the state.	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$-	\$-			
b.	Expanded Data Center Services. Senate provides \$1.3 million to increase cyber security to monitor/mitigate risks; procure additional digital tools and software licenses, and provide data oversight.	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$-	\$-			

			Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) 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	
	c.	Develop Low Code Applications. Senate provides \$1.4 million to increase licenses and contracted resources to develop and pilot applications to allow the agency to develop and implement applications to track, strategize and manage mission critical work and decisions with new, secure and scalable platforms.	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ -			
	d.	Data Management Program. Senate provides \$1.2 million to increase software licenses, storage and contractor resources to migrate to a centralized, more secure and scalable enterprise data environment. This includes software for data consolidation, building a program providing staff and constituents secure data for strategic planning and resource management.	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -			
	e.	Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Software Licenses/Resources. Senate provides \$0.6 million for software licenses and contractor resources to develop applications for support services and programming automated processes to improve efficiencies in repetitive work flows.	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ -			
	f.	Software Procurements. Senate provides \$2.0 million for software purchases across all divisions that would enhance or modernize current processes to provide more secure and efficient business practices to support customers.	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -			

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Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) 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
7.	Access to/Conservation of Fisheries & Wildlife Resources. House provides \$3.4 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish, and Water Safety Account No. 9 with 2.0 FTEs including: a. House provides \$1.6 million to retain existing hunting leases, additional hunting leases on private lands, and to increase available acreage. b. House provides \$1.8 million and 2.0 FTEs for staffing/operating to plan, design and implement small and large-scale bank and shoreline based angler access and fish habitat enhancements in streams and reservoirs statewide.							
	a. House provides \$1.6 million to retain existing hunting leases, additional hunting leases on private lands, and to increase available acreage.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000			
	b. House provides \$1.8 million and 2.0 FTEs for staffing/operating to plan, design and implement small and large-scale bank and shoreline based angler access and fish habitat enhancements in streams and reservoirs statewide.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000			
8.	Texas Farm & Ranch Lands Conservation Program. House provides \$15.0 million in General Revenue and 1.0 FTE to increase grant funding for the purchase of long-term conservation easements to increase acreage protected from fragmentation and development of the state’s fish, wildlife, water, and open space resources.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000			
9.	Game Warden 50-Hour Work Week. Senate provides \$38.5 million in General Revenue Funds to provide funding for a 50-hour work week for game wardens. House provides \$43.2 million in General Revenue Funds in Strategy C.1.1 to provide funding for a 50-hour work week for game wardens and park police.	\$ 38,500,000	\$ 38,500,000	\$ 43,200,000	\$ 43,200,000			

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) 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
10.	Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST). House amends the rider to include:							
a.	additional qualifying language so that appropriated amounts designated elsewhere for benefit and debt service costs paid from Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) in addition to agency appropriations would be included in the calculation determining the amount of additional SGST that would be appropriated to the agency upon the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) finding that the maximum allocation of SGST revenue for the agency in the biennium exceeded amounts included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA);							
b.	a requirement that agency proposed allocation plans for additional SGST determined to be available by the CPA above amounts initially appropriated during the biennium would be automatically approved unless the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) issued a disapproval of the plan within 90 calendar days of the date the request was submitted;							
c.	additional appropriation authority for any SGST balances remaining in General Revenue-Dedicated Accounts into which SGST was transferred in prior appropriation years and not spent and/or from available General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 (Account No. 64) funds in an amount equivalent to any CPA estimated SGST reductions during the biennium from SGST amounts appropriated in the agency's bill pattern;							

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			Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) 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
	d.	a requirement that appropriations from Account No. 64 for the purpose of funding a shortfall in SGST would be contingent upon: a. sufficient balances being available in Account No. 64; b. Account No. 64 appropriations would be used for the same purposes as the SGST that was originally appropriated in the GAA, or in subsequent approvals; and c. the agency coordinating with and providing advance notification to the LBB and the CPA before initiating the change in appropriations.							
11.	Battleship Texas. Senate provides \$7.0 million in General Revenue Funds for operation and maintenance of Battleship Texas and amends the related rider to require the agency to use the appropriations for this purpose and to provide unexpended balance authority within the biennium.		\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$-	\$-			
			VI-49 Rider #34 Rider Packet, page VI-18		VI-51 Rider #34 Rider Packet, page VI-18				

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) 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
12.	Appropriation: Boater Education Fees. Senate rider: (1) identifies estimated appropriations by fiscal year from boater education exam and course fees collected under Comptroller's Revenue Object Code 3462 (COBJ 3462); (2) requires expenditures from the collected revenue for the program to be in accordance with Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 31.108; and (3) appropriates revenues collected under COBJ 3462 during the 2026-27 biennium above amounts included in the Comptroller Biennial Revenue Estimate. House rider: (1) identities estimated biennial appropriations from collected boater fee revenues, including boater education deferred fees; and (2) requires collected revenues to be used for the program and allows expenditures to include salaries, operating costs, and capital transportation and equipment items.	VI-50 Rider #41 Rider Packet, page VI-18		VI-52 Rider #41 Rider Packet, page VI-18				
13.	Grant for the Robb Elementary Memorial. House includes \$10,000,000 for Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants for a memorial at Robb Elementary with a rider requiring the agency to use the appropriations for this purpose and providing unexpended balance authority within the biennium.	\$-	\$-	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000			
				VI-53 Rider #45 Rider Packet, page VI-19				
14.	Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Recovery and Rehabilitation.	\$-	\$-	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000			

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) 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
	House provides \$10.0 million in General Revenue Funds for the purpose of providing grants for the Texas State Aquarium with a rider requiring the agency to use the appropriations for this purpose and providing unexpended balance authority within the biennium.			VI-53 Rider #46 Rider Packet, page VI-19				
15.	Study on Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 Revenues and Balances. House provides a rider directing the agency to conduct a study of the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 revenues and balances, and to report any findings and recommendations to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office no later than September 1, 2026.			VI-53 Rider #47 Rider Packet, page VI-19				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 68,250,000	\$ 68,250,000	\$ 87,243,000	\$ 87,243,000	\$ -	\$ -	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

			Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Railroad Commission (455) 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, Railroad Commission			\$ 374,385,770	\$ 487,338,354	\$ 349,914,657	\$ 462,867,241			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)			FY 20261,138.6	FY 20271,138.6	FY 20261,150.6	FY 20271,150.6			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1.	Produced Water Injection Data Reporting System. Senate provides \$7.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs to develop a system to collect produced water and injection data from well sites and make it available to industry, state regulators, and other interested parties. HB 500 provides \$7.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs for the same purposes.		\$ 7,685,824	\$ 7,685,824	\$ -	\$ -			
2.	Oil and Gas Authorized Pit Registration System. Senate provides \$2.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs to produce a new information technology system to provide information about pits used to store or manage oil field fluids and oil and gas waste, particularly regarding size, location, and uses of fluids and waste. This system would allow data to be publicly available. HB 500 provides \$2.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs for the same purposes.		\$ 2,748,000	\$ 2,748,000	\$ -	\$ -			

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Railroad Commission (455) 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
3.	Oversight and Safety Regulatory Filing and Permitting Systems. Senate provides \$6.3 million in General Revenue Funds to produce a new online filing system to (1) streamline utility company reporting through a paperless process; and (2) enhance Railroad Commission auditing capabilities related to the sale of natural gas. HB 500 provides \$6.3 million in General Revenue Funds for the same purposes.	\$ 6,288,068	\$ 6,288,068	\$ -	\$ -			
4.	Underground Injection Well Investigation Team. House provides \$2.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 10.0 FTEs to investigate hydrogeologic phenomena resulting from the injection of produced water into subsurface formations.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,687,310	\$ 2,687,310			
5.	Site Remediation Program Support. House provides \$0.3 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs to review complex cleanup projects and respond to public information requests about cleanup projects.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 342,140	\$ 342,140			
6.	GIS Cloud Upgrade. Senate provides \$2.1 million in General Revenue Funds to migrate the current geographic information system (GIS) from its current platform to a cloud-based platform.	\$ 2,142,778	\$ 2,142,778	\$ -	\$ -			
7.	Microfilm Digitization. Senate provides \$0.9 million in General Revenue Funds to digitize existing microfilm records in the Austin office.	\$ 907,496	\$ 907,496	\$ -	\$ -			

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Railroad Commission (455) 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
8.	Data Center Services (DCS) Adjustment. Senate provides \$7.7 million in General Revenue Funds for Data Center Services costs for new projects including Technology Solutioning Services (TSS) Rate Card for migration from Remedy to new ticketing system, Informatica Intelligent Cloud Services Software as a Service (SaaS) Procurement, TSS Application Development efforts for the RRC Access Management Process, and Increased Mainframe and Software Service Charges/SaaS for LoneSTAR migration; and General Revenue to maintain current obligations. This includes:							
	a. Funding to maintain DCS current obligations. HB 500 provides \$3.0 million in General Revenue Funds for the same purposes.	\$2,997,132	\$2,997,132	\$-	\$-			
	b. Funding for new DCS projects. HB 500 provides \$4.7 million in General Revenue Funds for the same purposes.	\$4,731,265	\$4,731,265	\$-	\$-			

		Outstanding Items for Consideration		Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Railroad Commission (455) 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	
9.	Hydrogen Sulfide Mapping Study. The House provides a rider requiring the agency to conduct a mapping study and assessment that determines and shows in a geographical manner: (1) a list and map of oil and gas wells with hydrogen sulfide levels greater than 100PPM; (2) a list and map of oil and gas infrastructure including storage tanks that contain products that have hydrogen sulfide levels greater than 100PPM; and (3) a list of such wells and infrastructure located within 5 miles of residential properties. The rider requires the agency to provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board and all members of the Legislature by September 1, 2026.		VI-59, Rider # 19 Rider Packet, page VI-21			
10.	Report on Oil-Field Electric Infrastructure. The House provides a rider requiring the agency to develop and submit a report no later than August 31, 2026, to each member of the Legislature on oil-field electric infrastructure in the state. This must include information on the location of oil-field electric infrastructure and the risks posed by not modifying that infrastructure, recommendations for improving or removing oil-field electric infrastructure, and any additional information RRC considers necessary.		VI-60, Rider # 20 Rider Packet, page VI-21			
11.	Report on Inactive Oil and Gas Wells. The House provides a rider requiring the agency to develop and submit a report no later than August 31, 2026, to each member of the Legislature on inactive oil and gas wells in the state. The report must include information on the location of each inactive oil and gas well, the risks posed by not plugging each of them, a plan to plug or restore each of them, and any additional information that RRC considers necessary.		VI-60, Rider # 21 Rider Packet, page VI-22			

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Railroad Commission (455) 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
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$27,500,563	\$27,500,563	\$3,029,450	\$3,029,450	\$-	\$-	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Soil and Water Conservation Board (592) 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, Soil and Water Conservation Board	\$ 91,167,050	\$ 164,466,674	\$ 91,167,050	\$ 164,466,674			
	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
					<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents					0.0	0.0	

			Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Water Development Board (580) 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, Water Development Board			\$ 195,909,641	\$ 445,072,498	\$ 199,344,058	\$ 454,306,161			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)			FY 2026535.5	FY 2027535.5	FY 2026544.5	FY 2027544.5			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1.	Targeted Salary Adjustments. Senate provides \$3.4 million in General Revenue Funds and \$0.2 million in Federal Funds to provide targeted salary increases to raise the average annual salary of several targeted positions to the midpoint of specific salary ranges, and to provide specific increases to other positions difficult to fill and retain.		\$ 3,428,979	\$ 3,629,733	\$ -	\$ -			
2.	Agricultural Water Conservation Fund. House provides General Revenue Funds and 3.0 FTEs each fiscal year to capitalize the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358 (AWCF) in fiscal year 2026; provide authority to spend the AWCF funds; and to provide three positions to administer the additional AWCF funds. This includes: (1) \$795,118 in General Revenue Funds and 3.0 FTEs to administer AWCF grant and loan funding; (2) \$6,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to be deposited to the credit of the AWCF; and (3) \$6,000,000 in the AWCF to provide grant and loan funding during the biennium.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,795,118	\$ 12,795,118			

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Water Development Board (580) 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
3.	Information Technology (IT) Risk Mitigation. Senate provides \$1.6 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year to support mitigation of IT risks to assist with Microsoft server migrations. HB 500 provides \$2.7 million in General Revenue Funds, with 5.0 FTEs each fiscal year, for the same purposes and to modernize applications and improve data security and practices.	\$1,550,422	\$1,550,422	\$-	\$-			
4.	Groundwater Data Collection and Analysis. Senate provides \$0.4 million in General Revenue Funds and 1.0 FTE each fiscal year to provide additional support for groundwater programs, primarily to conduct spring and well monitoring and allow for existing staff to dedicate more time to data analysis. House provides \$0.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the same purpose.	\$372,560	\$372,560	\$745,121	\$745,121			
5.	Surface Water Data Collection and Analysis. House provides \$1.6 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year to provide additional support for surface water programs, including: (1) to maintain stream gages through fiscal year 2027; (2) improve reservoir evaporation dataset accuracy; and (3) continue reservoir volumetric and sedimentation surveys of water supply reservoirs.	\$-	\$-	\$1,612,368	\$1,612,368			

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Article VI, Natural Resources Water Development Board (580) 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	
6.	TexMesonet Coverage. House provides \$1.9 million in General Revenue Funds to support the buildout of agency-operated mesonet stations across Texas and to expand the existing network of regional partnerships to increase statewide coverage of the TexMesonet program and hydrometeorological network. According to the agency, the funding would enable statewide coverage by 2030, whereas at current funding levels would not be achieved until 2034 or later.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,880,000	\$ 1,880,000			
7.	Agency Digitization Initiative (ADI). Senate provides \$2.5 million in General Revenue Funds to complete the initiative of digitizing all existing agency records and to continue maintaining and storing records in the future.	\$ 2,540,000	\$ 2,540,000	\$ -	\$ -			
8.	Data Center/Shared Technology Services (DCS). Senate provides \$2.7 million in General Revenue Funds to maintain current obligations for DCS based on revised estimates provided by the Department of Information Resources (DIR).	\$ 2,744,229	\$ 2,744,229	\$ -	\$ -			
9.	Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) Needs Assessment Study. House provides \$0.8 million in General Revenue Funds and a new rider directing the agency to conduct an EDAP Needs Assessment Study.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000			
				VI-73, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page VI-23				

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Water Development Board (580) 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
10.	Statewide Floodplain and Grant Management System. House provides \$2.0 million in General Revenue Funds and a rider with unexpended balance authority within the biennium directing the agency to implement and maintain a statewide floodplain and grant management system.	\$-	\$-	\$1,988,000	\$1,988,000			
				VI-73, Rider #28 Rider Packet, page VI-23				
11.	Study on North American Development Bank (NADB) Collaboration. House provides \$0.3 million in General Revenue Funds and a rider with unexpended balance authority within the biennium directing the agency to study and develop a report on current and future collaboration between NADB and the agency. The rider requires the report to be provided to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Water Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, the House Appropriation Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee no later than December 1, 2026.	\$-	\$-	\$250,000	\$250,000			
				VI-74, Rider #29 Rider Packet, page VI-24				
12.	Recycled Municipal Wastewater for Aggregate Production Operations (APOs). House adds a new rider directing the agency to use appropriations to conduct and publish a study of the feasibility of APOs using recycled municipal wastewater from groundwater wells of the Edwards and Trinity aquifers.			VI-74, Rider #30 Rider Packet, page VI-24				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$10,636,190	\$10,836,944	\$14,070,607	\$20,070,607	\$-	\$-	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	