

**Senate Finance Committee  
Riders - Article VI**

**Adopted**

**March 12, 2025**

**Legislative Budget Board**



By: Senator Nichols

**Commission on Environmental Quality, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Water Quality Model Update**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 27, 2025

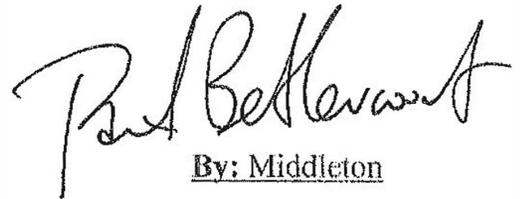
**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in fiscal year 2026 by \$1,000,000 in Strategy A.1.2, Water Assessment and Planning, in the bill pattern of the Commission on Environmental Quality in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, for the purpose of updating a water quality model for a segment of the Neches River with a rider requiring that the funding be used for this purpose.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-18 of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy A.1.2, Water Assessment and Planning, in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-30 of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Water Quality Model Update.** Amounts appropriated above include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.2, Water Assessment and Planning, that shall be used for the purpose of updating a water quality stream model to reflect current conditions of a segment of the Neches River. The agency may contract with an entity to conduct the assessment and rebuild of the model. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

  
By: Middleton

**Parks and Wildlife Department  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Battleship Texas**

**Overview**

Over the last several sessions, the Legislature has supported the repair and renovation of the Battleship Texas. As the renovation process is concluding, an additional \$7,000,000 is requested to complete the restoration of the iconic Texas symbol. The \$7,000,000 request will go to finish the redecking and renovation of the bathrooms. These final renovations will ensure that the Battleship Texas is able to welcome and support the increased number of visitors.

**Required Action**

Beginning on page VI-41 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern, add the following:

- On page VI-41 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to the Parks and Wildlife Department by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026;
- On page VI-42 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in Strategy D.1.1., Improvements and Major Repairs, in the Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern increase strategy allocations by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026; and
- On page VI-54 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in the Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern amend the following rider:

**34. Battleship Texas.** (a) The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall submit annual reports based on information provided by the Battleship Texas Foundation to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office related to the repair, renovation, operation, and maintenance of the Battleship Texas. The reports shall be provided no later than September 1 of each fiscal year and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board. The report shall include, at minimum:

- (1) A copy of the most recent draft or fully executed Memorandum of Understanding developed between the agency and the Battleship Texas Foundation;
- (2) The status of state funds granted to the Battleship Texas Foundation from TPWD;
- (3) Performance indicators and timelines for activities related to Battleship Texas preservation efforts; and
- (4) Performance indicators for educational outreach programs conducted by the Battleship Texas Foundation.

(b) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1., Improvements and Major Repairs, the Parks and Wildlife Department shall use \$7,000,000 in General Revenue for the repair, renovation, operation, and maintenance of the Battleship Texas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

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**Article XI**

**March 12, 2025**

**Legislative Budget Board**

By: Miles and Alvarado



**Texas Department of Agriculture, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Contingency for SB 431**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 4, 2025

**Overview**

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern of the Department of Agriculture to provide \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.1, Trade and Economic Development, for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 431, Eighty-ninth legislature, Regular Session, relating to the use of state money for the Urban Farm Microenterprise Support Program, with a new rider making the appropriation contingent upon the enactment of the legislation.

**Required Action**

- 1) On page VI-1 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.1, Trade and Economic Development, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2) On page VI-13 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

**Contingency for SB 431.** Out of the amounts appropriated above and contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 431, or similar legislation, relating to the use of state money for the Urban Farm Microenterprise Support Program, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Department of Agriculture shall use \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue in Strategy A.1.1, Trade and Economic Development, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

**Texas Animal Health Commission**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Contingency for Senate Bill 503**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/25/2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.1.2, Information Resources, of the Texas Animal Health Commission bill pattern by \$2,595,374 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,295,374 in fiscal year 2027 and increase agency positions by 5.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the purpose of establishing an electronic registry of livestock marks and brands with a new rider making the appropriations and additional FTEs contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 503, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-14 of the Texas Animal Health Commission bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Funds in Strategy B.1.2, Information Resources, by \$2,595,374 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,295,374 in fiscal year 2027.
2. On page VI-14 of the Texas Animal Health Commission bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" by 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027.
3. On page VI-17 of the Texas Animal Health Commission bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for Senate Bill 503.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 503, or similar legislation, relating to the establishment of an electronic registry of livestock marks and brands, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Animal Health Commission is appropriated \$2,595,374 for fiscal year 2026 and \$1,295,374 for fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.2, Information Resources, and the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" in the agency's bill pattern is increased by 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and by 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to implement the provisions of the legislation.

Carl Alvarado

By Johnson/Alvarado

***Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Article VI***  
**Recycling Refund Trust Fund**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$1 million to the Recycling Refund Trust Fund, contingent on enactment of 89R SB 728. SB 728 creates a bottle deposit on all non-dairy beverage containers and consumers would be eligible to receive a refund per returned container at any redemption center. Unredeemed refunds would be included in the Recycling Refund Trust Fund for the purposes of maintaining, operating, and constructing redemption centers and paying refunds to consumers. The rider would provide an initial state investment in the trust fund. Following this initial investment, this fund is designed to be fully self-sustaining.

**Required Action**

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

**Recycling Refund Trust Fund.** Contingent on the passage of SB 728 in the 89<sup>th</sup> session, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall deposit \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 to the Recycling Refund Trust Fund. The Texas Beverage Container Recycling Consortium shall use appropriated funds to create and implement the Beverage Container Recycling Refund Program in accordance with Subtitle B, Title 5 Health and Safety Code Chapter 375.



By: Senator Alvarado

**Commission on Environmental Quality, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Aboveground Storage Vessel Safety (ASVS) Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy D.1.1, Storage Tank Administration and Cleanup, of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) bill pattern by \$792,424 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,475,301 in fiscal year 2027, and increase the “Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE)” in the agency’s bill pattern by 6.0 in fiscal year 2026 and 38.0 in fiscal year 2027, to continue implementation of the Performance Standards for Safety at Storage Vessels Program established by Senate Bill 900, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, and referred to by TCEQ as the Aboveground Storage Vessel Safety (ASVS) program. In addition, add a new rider that includes the sum total amount of \$336,413 in General Revenue Funds and 2.6 FTEs appropriated each fiscal year for this purpose in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, and the new amounts and FTEs added by this action with the requirement that those appropriations and FTEs be used for the ASVS program.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-19 of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy D.1.1, Storage Tank Administration and Cleanup, by \$792,424 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,475,301 in fiscal year 2027.
2. On page VI-18 of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase the “Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE)” in the agency’s bill pattern by 6.0 in fiscal year 2026 and 38.0 in fiscal year 2027.
3. On page VI-30 of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Aboveground Storage Vessel Safety (ASVS) Program.** Amounts appropriated above include from the General Revenue Fund \$1,128,837 and 8.6 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,811,714 and 40.6 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy D.1.1, Storage Tank Administration and Cleanup, to continue implementation of the ASVS program established by Senate Bill 900, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Blanco

*Peter P. Stone*

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Grant for Franklin Mountains State Park**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 19, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider for the purpose of providing a grant for Franklin Mountains State Park for the reconstruction of the Wyler Aerial Tramway.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Grant for Franklin Mountains State Park.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing a grant for Franklin Mountains State Park in El Paso, Texas for the reconstruction of the Wyler Aerial Tramway. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

J. J. Hing

By                  

**Article VI - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Proposed Funding and Rider**

**Overview**

Provide unexpended balance authority for funds appropriated for the Oyster License Buyback Program in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, 2023.

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of purchasing oyster licenses through the Oyster License Buyback Program. TPWD intends to leverage these funds with outside philanthropic support to accelerate buyback activities.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, by \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-56 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**. Appropriation and Unexpended Balance Authority: Oyster License Buyback Program.**

- (a) Any unobligated and unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2025, that were appropriated to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, for the purchase of oyster licenses in the General Appropriations Act for the 2024-25 biennium (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.
- (b) Amounts appropriated above to TPWD in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, include \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for the purpose of purchasing oyster licenses through the Oyster License Buyback Program. Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated in General Revenue for oyster license buybacks as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By   
Author/Sponsor

**Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
Lynchburg Pump Station

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$177,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of addressing the Lynchburg Pump Station infrastructure resiliency and redundancy needs in the City of Houston's water distribution system.

Water pumped from the Lynchburg Pump Station is provides 67% of the raw water for the entire Houston region. The canal that feeds the Lynchburg pump station is a single point of failure, and it distributes raw water to the City of Houston's East Water Purification Plant (EWPP) and the Southeast Water Purification Plant (SEWPP) and 618 local petrochemical manufacturing facilities, which account for 44% of the entire petrochemical production of U.S. Over the last 70 years since its creation, severe corrosion and wear has occurred at the Lynchburg Pump Station. The Houston water system requires the repair and replacement of its PCC pipeline systems, the replacement of pump station infrastructure and equipment, and the addition of a redundant pipeline and canal system to mitigate the loss of water service in the event of a failure. Without full replacement and redundancy, there will be a risk of sever losses to Houston and local industrial facilities.

**Required Action**

1. page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$177,500,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Lynchburg Pump Station.** Amounts appropriated above include \$177,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of addressing the Lynchburg Pump Station in the City of Houston's water distribution system through replacement and repair of pump station infrastructure and building water pipeline and canal redundancy of the system. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By 

**Texas Water Development Board**  
**Article VI**  
**Contingency Rider for SB 718**  
**Groundwater Science, Research, and Innovation Fund**

Overview

Contingency Rider for SB 718, relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.

Groundwater provides over half of the state's water supply. As Texas' population continues to grow and our water demands increase, accurate groundwater science is critical to ensuring robust water planning in Texas. Both the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) have important, statutorily-mandated roles related to the determination of groundwater availability for water planning in Texas.

This appropriation funds a program to allow TWDB to provide grants to GCDs to fund local research, data, modeling, and innovative projects to improve understanding of local groundwater conditions, enhance groundwater models for planning and decision-making, increase groundwater use efficiency and water conservation efforts, protect groundwater quality, or increase groundwater recharge. The research collected by GCDs through this program would support groundwater management and be used by TWDB to improve groundwater data in Texas and refine regional groundwater availability models.

Required Action

1. On page VI-\_\_\_\_\_ of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase the General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.2.1., Technical Assistance and Modeling, by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. Increase FTEs for the Texas Water Development Board by 2.0 for each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 biennium and increase the General Revenue appropriations to support those 2.0 FTEs by \$220,000 for each fiscal year of the 2026 - 2027 biennium.

3. On page VI-\_\_\_\_\_ of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern of House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 718, or similar legislation relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Water Development Board is appropriated \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue in Strategy A.2.1, Technical Assistance and Modeling, to implement provisions of the legislation and shall deposit these funds in the newly created groundwater science, research, and innovation fund. The Texas Water Development Board may commit up to \$2,000,000 annually from this fund for issuance of grants authorized by the legislation. Any unobligated or unexpended balances as of August 31, 2027 appropriated for this purpose are reappropriated for this purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2027. The “Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)” in the agency’s bill pattern is increased by 2.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 for administrative and staff costs to administer this program and an additional \$220,000 for each fiscal year is appropriated from General Revenue to Strategy A.2.1, Technical Assistance and Modeling, for this purpose.

4. Adjust the article totals and methods of financing accordingly.

**Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Water Data Analytics Platform**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations by \$4,950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,650,000 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy E.1.2, Information Resources, in the bill pattern of the Texas Water Development Board in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, for the purpose of creating a comprehensive data analytics platform to modernize statewide water management and planning and adding a rider to require the funds be used for this purpose.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy E.1.2, Information Resources, by \$4,950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,650,000 in fiscal year 2027.
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Water Data Analytics Platform.** Amounts appropriated above include \$4,950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,650,000 in fiscal year 2027, from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy E.1.2, Information Resources, that shall be used for the purpose of implementing advanced software tools to modernize statewide water management and planning in alignment with the State Water Plan (SWP). The agency shall use these appropriations to develop a comprehensive data analytics platform capable of:

- (a) Providing real-time insights into municipal, agricultural, and industrial water use;
- (b) Enabling top-down Application Programming Interface integration to support compatibility with existing smart meter systems and other data sources used by utilities statewide;
- (c) Delivering actionable insights and demand forecasting based on weather, drought, and climate conditions to inform strategic water management and planning;
- (d) Demonstrating a proven track record of working with Texas utilities to achieve demand reduction goals as outlined in the SWP;
- (e) Demonstrating the ability to scale to accommodate data from hundreds of Texas utilities;
- (f) Demonstrating future compatibility with irrigation districts and groundwater conservation districts, including expansion capabilities; and
- (g) Demonstrating robust security measures for third-party data integration.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

## **Water Development Board, Article VI**

### **Proposed Funding and Rider Delta Region Water Management Project**

#### **Overview**

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Water Development Board by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for a grant for the Delta Region Water Management Project with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for this purpose.

The Delta Region Water Management Project is a first-of-its-kind regional water supply project located in the northernmost areas of Hidalgo County and eastern Willacy County. This forward thinking reclamation project will capture and treat water from a major Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 (HCDD1) drainage outfall channel, unlocking a new water source for the region.

#### **Required Action**

- 1) On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2) On page VI-\_\_\_ of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Delta Region Water Management Project.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Delta Region Water Management Project.

**Senate Finance Committee  
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**Not Adopted**

**March 12, 2025**

**Legislative Budget Board**

**Department of Agriculture, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program**

**Overview**

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Department of Agriculture by \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for the Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program.

This program was authorized with the passage of HB 2155 during the 86<sup>th</sup> Session, Regular Session, and reauthorized with the passage of HB 1371 during the 87<sup>th</sup> Session, Regular Session. The funds for this grant program are to reduce wait times for agricultural inspections of vehicles at ports of entry along the Texas-Mexico border.

**Required Action**

- 1) On Page VI-\_\_ of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.1., Trade & Economic Development, by \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2) On page VI-\_\_ of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program.** Out of the funds appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy A.1.1, Trade & Economic Development, \$750,000 in fiscal year from General Revenue should be used to administer the Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program.

*Zaffarini*

By: \_\_\_\_\_



**Department of Agriculture  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Central Texas Food Bank**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February  
27, 2025

**Overview**

Increase appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Agriculture in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), with a new rider for the purpose of providing a grant to the Central Texas Food Bank to provide food to low- income residents.

**Required Action**

- 1) On page VI-2 of the Department of Agriculture's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
  
- 2) On page VI-13 of the Department of Agriculture's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

**Central Texas Food Bank.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Department of Agriculture in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to provide a grant to the Central Texas Food Bank for the purpose of providing food for low-income residents. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Cal Alvarado

By Johnson/Alvarado \_\_\_\_\_

***Natural Resources, Article VI***  
**Local Air Pollution Grants**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$10 million per biennium for Local Air Pollution Grants to bolster local air pollution programs.

**Required Action**

On page II-XXX of Natural Resources' bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Local Air Pollution Grants.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, no less than \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning shall be designated for the City of Dallas to utilize as additional funding for local air pollution programs under Health and Safety Code Section 382.0622.



By Alvarado

*Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Article VI*

**Air Quality Planning**

**Overview**

The following action amends Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rider 7 that directs \$7-9 million for air quality planning. This amendment makes updates to align the two subsections of the program and to increase funding for particulate matter planning activities.

**Required Action**

On page VI-23 of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern, amend Rider 7 as follows:

**7. Air Quality Planning.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above include \$4,500,000 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, for air quality planning activities to reduce ozone in “affected counties” (as defined in Health and Safety Code, Section 386.001(2)) not designated as nonattainment areas for the O3 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as of September 1, 2023~~2024~~, and other areas at significant risk of being designated nonattainment for the O3 NAAQS in the future as approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). These activities may be carried out through interlocal agreements.

Expenditure of these funds is limited to: inventorying emissions, monitoring of pollution levels, air pollution data analysis; modeling pollution levels; regional air quality planning; and administration of the program. TCEQ shall allocate a base amount of \$281,250 to each state planning region containing such areas and the remaining funds proportionally to each state planning region with a combined population of affected counties in excess of 350,000. Grants issued from appropriations identified in this rider should require that no more than 10 percent of the allocation be used for administrative purposes and prohibit the expenditure of the following: marketing and outreach activities, bicycle use programs, carpooling awareness, environmental awareness campaigns, and locally enforceable pollution reduction programs. The grant recipients shall channel the funds to those projects most useful for the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

For informational purposes, the affected counties that are not designated “nonattainment” for the O3 NAAQS as of September 1, 2023~~2024~~, include Bastrop, Caldwell, Comal, El Paso, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hood, Hunt, Jefferson, Nueces, Orange, Rusk, San Patricio, Smith, Travis, Upshur, Williamson, and Wilson Counties. Additional “attainment/unclassifiable” areas may also be added by TCEQ to

this grant program based on their status as being part of a core-based statistical area (CBSA) with O3 design values in excess of 60 parts per billion (ppb).

- (b) Amounts appropriated above include \$4,500,000 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, for air quality planning activities to reduce fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in “affected counties” (as defined in Health and Safety Code, Section 386.001(2)) not designated as nonattainment areas for PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as of September 1, 2023~~2024~~, and other areas at significant risk of being designated nonattainment for PM2.5 NAAQS in the future as approved by the TCEQ. These activities may be carried out through interlocal agreements.

Expenditure of these funds is limited to: inventorying emissions, monitoring of pollution levels, air pollution data analysis; modeling pollution levels; regional air quality planning; and administration of the program. The TCEQ may allocate a base amount up to \$281,250 to each state planning region containing such areas and the remaining funds proportionally to each state planning region with a combined population of affected counties in excess of 350,000. Grants issued from appropriations identified in this rider should require that no more than 10 percent of the allocation be used for administrative purposes and prohibit the expenditure of the following: marketing and outreach activities, bicycle use programs, carpooling awareness, environmental awareness campaigns, and similar locally enforceable pollution reduction programs. The grant recipients shall channel the funds to those projects most useful for the SIP.

Additional “attainment/unclassifiable” areas may be added by TCEQ to this grant program contingent on available resources based on their status as being part of a core-based statistical area (CBSA) with an annual PM2.5 design value in excess of 8 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), or 24-hour PM2.5 design value in excess of 25  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Article VI**  
**Proposed Rider and Funding**  
**Bays & Estuaries Program**

**Overview**

The proposed rider and funding would provide \$1,400,000 each fiscal year, or \$2,800,000 for the 2026–27 biennium, in General Revenue funding to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to be divided equally between the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program and the Galveston Bay Estuary Program.

The natural environments of the Texas Coast contribute resources and invaluable ecosystem services – such as recreational benefits, seafood, flood prevention and habitat – that bolster business development, improve quality of life, and attract people to Texas. While the coast’s built environments provide the support services, transportation, and infrastructure systems that allow communities, businesses and families to grow and flourish up and down the coast.

Two of the 28 estuaries in the United States National Estuary Program are located in Texas, indicating the importance of the estuarine environment along our coast. The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program and the Galveston Bay Estuary Program have been serving the Texas coast for over 25 years by delivering innovative, non-regulatory, and locally-based solutions focused on clean water, healthy habitats, and resilient communities and economies.

The proposed rider will build on investments that were made by the Texas Legislature during the 2024-2025 biennium that resulted in 28 projects on the Texas Coast focused on habitat restoration, land acquisition, water quality improvements, public access enhancements, stormwater enhancements, shoreline protection, education and outreach initiatives, oil spill response, and fisheries research. These previous investments also leveraged millions of dollars in funding from additional partners, with CBBEP’s 17 projects alone leveraging over \$6 million in additional investment.

The proposed rider will support increased funding to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to continue bolstering efforts by Texas’ two National Estuary Programs to ensure that our bays and estuaries remain a vibrant part of the region’s environmental and economic landscape by preserving and enhancing their role as a recreational resource, international seaport, and habitat for fish and wildlife.

**Required Action**

On page VI-\_\_ of the bill pattern for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Estuaries Program.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is appropriated \$1,400,000 in General Revenue funding in each fiscal year of the 2026–27 biennium to be divided equally between the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program and the Galveston Bay Estuary Program.

*Cal Allen*

*Judith Zaffirini*

By: Senator Zaffirini

**Commission on Environmental Quality, Article VI  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Hydrogen Sulfide Monitoring and Assessment**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 26, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 appropriations in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of purchasing, installing, and managing additional hydrogen sulfide monitoring stations, that meet state and federal standards, to monitor for ground level concentrations of hydrogen sulfide. In addition, add a rider requiring the funds to be used for these purposes and requiring the agency to use existing appropriations to complete a study assessing current emissions and ambient air quality standards and which considers the adoption of rules that protect public health and the environment and to provide a report of its findings.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-18 of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 funds in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027.
2. On page VI-30 of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Hydrogen Sulfide Monitoring and Assessment.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above include \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, that shall be used for the for the

purpose of purchasing, installing, and managing additional hydrogen sulfide monitoring stations, that meet state and federal standards, to monitor for ground level concentrations of hydrogen sulfide. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

- (b) Out of the amounts appropriated above, the agency shall identify areas that are likely to have high levels of hydrogen sulfide due to regulated industry and locate monitors in those areas.
- (c) Out of the amounts appropriated above, the Commission on Environmental Quality shall conduct an assessment of emissions and ground level concentrations of hydrogen sulfide emissions. It is the intent of the legislature that the assessment shall not prevent the agency from engaging in hydrogen sulfide-related rulemaking or enforcement efforts either before or after finalization of the assessment. The agency shall provide a copy of the assessment to the Legislative Budget Board and relevant legislative committees no later than September 1, 2026, containing the following information:
  - (1) The current maximum allowable ground level concentrations of hydrogen sulfide authorized by state rule;
  - (2) list of existing Commission monitoring stations that monitor hydrogen sulfide concentrations;
  - (3) Data on the findings from those monitoring stations in terms of ground level concentrations of hydrogen sulfide;
  - (4) Emissions data on hydrogen sulfide from regulated industries;
  - (5) Any identified gaps in monitoring stations where the Commission believes additional monitoring would be helpful to identify maximum concentrations of hydrogen sulfide;
  - (6) A review of any relevant state or national health studies conducted within the last 10 years indicating the impacts of

hydrogen sulfide on public health and whether the current maximum ground level concentrations in Texas are protective of public health;

- (7) Information on any enforcement actions taken against regulated industries due to high levels of ground level concentrations of hydrogen sulfide or unauthorized emissions of hydrogen sulfide;
- (8) A review of how other states have established maximum concentrations of ground level hydrogen sulfide concentrations; and
- (9) Any recommendations on potential changes in the current maximum concentrations of hydrogen sulfide to better protect public health.

*Peter P. Stone*

By \_\_\_\_\_

**TCEQ/Article VI  
Enforcement of Existing Riparian and Appropriated Water Rights**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs TCEQ to enforce current law, which prohibits illegal use and overuse of State water. Illegal diversions waste State water, jeopardize legally held riparian and appropriated water rights holders, and threaten Texas rivers, flora and fauna. The rider prioritizes enforcement of violations that were documented over ten years ago and requires a status report of enforcement activities as well as recommendations of other Texas rivers threatened by illegal use and overuse.

**Required Action**

On page VI-30 of TCEQ's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Enforcement of Existing Riparian and Appropriated Water Rights.** TCEQ is directed to protect riparian and appropriated water rights holders by prohibiting the use of illegal alluvial wells and other unauthorized diversions. TCEQ shall also ensure that water rights holders comply with the limits of their water rights. TCEQ will prioritize enforcement on the Upper San Saba River to finalize investigations that were started in 2013 to avoid low- and zero-flow conditions in the river and assess the efficacy of such enforcement efforts on water flow. TCEQ will report, by December 1, 2026, to the Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs and House Natural Resources committees on the status of its identification of illegal wells, instances of excessive use of water rights, and the enforcement status of these violations of the Water Code. TCEQ shall make recommendations for further action on the San Saba as well as identifying other rivers that are at risk from the illegal misuse and overuse of State water.



By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

**General Land Office and Veteran's Land Board, Article VI  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Rio Grande Valley Reefs**

**Overview**

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the General Land Office and Veteran's Land Board by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant for the Rio Grande Valley Reef with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, for this purpose

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-31 of the General Land Office and Veteran's Land Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-40 of the General Land Office and Veteran's Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Rio Grande Valley Reef.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, \$1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 shall be used to provide a grant to the Rio Grande Valley Reef. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



By Hinojosa of Hidalgo

**General Land Office, Article VI  
Proposed Rider  
Wastewater Treatment Study**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$500,000 for a study on the status of wastewater treatment systems along the coast.

**Required Action**

On page VI-xx of General Land Office's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Wastewater Treatment Study.** Included in amounts appropriated above, the General Land Office is appropriated \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026. The GLO shall study and report on the status of wastewater treatment plants and septic systems along the coast and the future impact of these aging systems on local communities.

By: West

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Grant for Southern Gateway Park**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 19, 2025

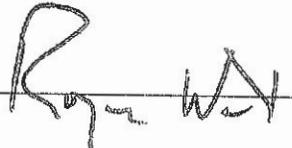
**Overview**

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant for the Southern Gateway Park project for the build out and construction of the park.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:
  - \_\_\_\_. **Grant for Southern Gateway Park.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing a grant to the Southern Gateway Park Project for build out and construction of the project. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: \_\_\_\_\_



**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Proposed Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 19, 2025

**Overview**

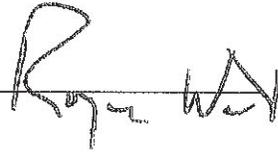
Add a rider to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern which would direct the agency to grant available and permitted federal funds for the Southern Gateway Park project.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern of Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

- **Grant for Southern Gateway Park.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall make available during the biennium \$10,000,000 in federal funds administered by the department for a grant for the Southern Gateway Park Project if the project meets federal funding requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature that any funds granted by TPWD would support the construction of the project. Any use of project expenditures using federal funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

By: \_\_\_\_\_



**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Grant for Southwestern Medical District**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 19, 2025

**Overview**

Add a rider to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern which would direct the agency to grant available and permitted federal funds for the purpose of providing a grant to the Texas Trees Foundation for planning and construction for the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project in Dallas.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern of Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Grant for Southwestern Medical District.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall make available during the biennium \$20,000,000 in federal funds administered by the department for the purpose of providing a grant to the Texas Trees Foundation for planning and construction for the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project in Dallas if the project meets federal funding requirements. Any use of project expenditures using federal funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

**Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Napako Nature Center**

**Overview**

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Parks and Wildlife Department by \$10,00,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for a grant for the Napako Nature Center with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, for this purpose.

The Napako Center is a proposed cultural and environmental hub in Pharr, Texas, designed to honor the Coahuiltecan people's ancient ceremonial journey, while fostering community engagement, sustainable living and wildlife preservation. The center will provide a space for education, cultural preservation, and environmental stewardship.

**Required Action**

- 1) On page VI-42 of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2) On page VI-\_\_ of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Napako Nature Center.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Napako Nature Center.

Carl Alvarado

By: Alvarado

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Grant for John R. Harris Park**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 21, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant for the John R. Harris Park for construction activities.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Grant John R Harris Park.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the John R. Harris Park for construction activities. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Menendez:  
By: Alvarado

***Article VI - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
San Antonio Zoo – Texas HOME Exhibit Rider***

**Overview**

San Antonio Zoo, founded in 1914 and operated by the San Antonio Zoological Society, is a non-profit organization committed to securing a future for wildlife.

Through its passion and expertise in animal care, conservation, and education, the zoo's mission is to inspire its community to love, engage with, act for, and protect animals and the places they live. The zoo welcomes over a million visitors annually and is consistently ranked as a top tourist attraction in Texas.

San Antonio Zoo is a 50+-acre zoo home to over 750 species, many of which are endangered or extinct in the wild. On average, San Antonio Zoo contributes nearly \$1,000,000 annually to research and grants dedicated to habitat preservation, conservation, and repopulation of endangered species in Texas, and across the world. San Antonio Zoo is also involved in local community training and stewardship projects, and has been a critical leader in the reintroduction of native Texas species, such as the Whooping Crane and Horned Toad.

This rider would provide \$5 million in funding for an exhibit focused on the preservation of Texas wildlife for future generations, education of the critical role of responsible hunting and fishing, and partnerships with higher education institutions, the Zoological Society and other partners to further conservation efforts across the state in concert with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

**Required Action**

1. On page XX of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Park Grants, by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page XX of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **San Antonio Zoo – Texas HOME Exhibit.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in Strategy B.2.1, Local Park Grants, include \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing a grant to the San Antonio Zoo to develop a Texas-themed exhibit focused on the unique wildlife and landscapes of Texas. The grant agreement between TPWD and the San Antonio Zoo shall include a 3:1 private-public dollars match requirement.

Carl Alvarado

By Miles and Alvarado

***Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI***  
**Local Park Grant Project**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$3,075,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the Cloverland and Tom Bass local parks in Harris County.

**Required Action**

On page VII-\_\_\_ of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Local Park Grant Project.** Out of funds appropriated in the above strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, the Texas Parks and Wildlife shall direct \$3,075,000 for the Cloverfield and Tom Bass local parks in Harris County.



By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Grant for Olmito Park**

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$9,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider which would direct the agency to provide a grant the Olmito Park Nature Center Project for construction activities.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$9,600,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Grant for Olmito Park.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$9,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the Olmito Park Nature Center Project for construction activities. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI  
Proposed Rider  
Local Park Grants**

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 with a new rider for the purpose of providing a grant for a public all-abilities park in the City of Pharr.

**Required Action**

1. On Page VI-42 of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue Funds in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, by \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-\_\_ of the Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Local Parks Grants.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the construction of an all-abilities park in the City of Pharr. Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated in General Revenue for these grants as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

**Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Wildlife Recovery and Professional Development Training Center and Increased Capacity**  
**for Rescued Wildlife**

**Overview**

The Texas State Aquarium established the nation's only emergency operations center dedicated to wildlife disasters in partnership with seven state and federal agencies and institutions. It has returned almost 10,000 animals to their natural habitat since its inception, including over 3,600 sea turtles. The state's wildlife needs outpace the Aquarium's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildlife disasters. As a critical partner in advancing Texas's wildlife resiliency strategy, the Aquarium is embarking on a master campus plan to construct the country's first Wildlife Recovery and Professional Development Training Center, increase wildlife rehabilitation capabilities, and create the Texas Coastal Resiliency Center.

**Required Action**

On page VI-\_\_\_ of the Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_ . **Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Recovery and Rehabilitation.** Included in the amounts appropriated to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.2., Boating Access and Other Grants, is \$35 million in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 to provide grants to Texas State Aquarium to develop a Wildlife Recovery and Professional Development Training Center, increase capacity and rehabilitation capabilities for rescued wildlife, and develop the Texas Coastal Resiliency Center.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlan**

**Overview**

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Parks and Wildlife Department by \$10,00,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for a grant for the Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlan with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, for this purpose.

The Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlan is a regional environmental community center located in the Rio Grande Valley that will foster ecological education, enhance preservation, and expand tourist and economic benefits. The center envisions 14 acres of educational space for school-aged children, university students and ecologists/urban planners, an interactive educational outdoor teaching pavilion, classroom and amphitheater, a visitor's center and connections to a series of hiking and nature trails.

**Required Action**

- 1) On page VI-42 of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$10,00,000 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2) On page VI-\_\_ of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlan.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlan.

By: Senator Hall

*Bob Hall*  
Bob Hall

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Chronic Wasting Disease**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 26, 2025

**Overview**

Add a new rider in the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) bill pattern to express legislative intent for the TPWD to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences for the purposes of cooperatively developing and completing a Chronic Wasting Disease statewide plan and to add a requirement that would prohibit TPWD from expending any funds for CWD enforcement activities until the statewide plan is completed.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

**Chronic Wasting Disease Statewide Plan.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, it is the intent of the legislature that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences for the purposes of cooperatively developing and completing a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) statewide plan that includes:

- (a) Specific details on the historic and current rate of CWD in the state;
- (b) Specific and measurable annual goals for containment or eradication of CWD in the state;
- (c) Incorporation of measures to increase the genetic durability of Texas deer against CWD as it is being studied by the Texas A&M University;
- (d) No more than the minimum standards for a herd plan of the type recommended in the CWD Program Standards and CWD Herd certification Program established by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Limitations on restricted movement of deer at a breeder facility only if there is a confirmed diagnosis of CWD at the facility or release site; and
- (e) Specific steps for a deer breeder to take to remove any restrictions placed on the facility.

None of the funds appropriated above may be spent for CWD enforcement activities until the statewide plan required by this rider is completed.

By: Senator Perry

**Texas Parks & Wildlife Department**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 27, 2025

**Overview**

Increase appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in the bill pattern for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, by \$28,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, for the purpose of providing grants through the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP).

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-43 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, by \$28,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-57 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Appropriation: Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP).** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, include \$28,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing grants through the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP). Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated in General Revenue for TFRLCP grants as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Carl Albin

Judith Zaffirini

By: Senator Zaffirini

**Railroad Commission  
Proposed Rider  
Hydrogen Sulfide Mapping Study**

**Overview**

Add a new rider in the Railroad Commission's bill pattern, in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, requiring the Commission to assess and map wells and storage tanks with high levels of hydrogen sulfide levels.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-64 of the Railroad Commission's bill pattern, in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Hydrogen Sulfide Mapping Study** of the amounts appropriated above to the Railroad Commission, the Commission shall conduct a mapping study and assessment that determines and shows in a geographic manner:

- (a) A list and map of oil and gas wells with hydrogen sulfide levels that are greater than 100 parts per million (PPM);
- (b) A list and map of oil and gas infrastructure, including storage tanks that contain products that have hydrogen sulfide levels that are greater than 100 PPM;
- (c) A list of those wells or infrastructure that are located within 5 miles of residential properties.

The Commission shall provide a report with the information required in this rider to the Legislative Budget Board and the Legislature by September 1, 2026.



**Soil and Water Conservation Board**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Flood Control Dam Construction**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in the bill pattern for the Soil and Water Conservation Board by \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy A.2.2, Flood Control Dam Construction, for the purpose of starting new repair or upgrade projects on high hazard flood control dams, and by \$147,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$102,500 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy A.2.1, Flood Control Dam Maintenance, with 1.0 FTE each fiscal year to provide funding for a new flood control dam safety engineer position. In addition, add a new rider restricting funding and FTEs for these purposes.

**Required Action**

- 1) On page VI-65 of the Soil and Water Conservation Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy A.2.1, Flood Control Dam Maintenance, by \$147,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$102,500 in fiscal year 2027, and increase the FTEs by 1.0 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.
- 2) On page VI-65 of the Soil and Water Conservation Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy A.2.2, Flood Control Dam Construction, by \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2027.
- 3) On page VI-68 of the Soil and Water Conservation Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

**. Flood Control Dam Construction.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above include \$147,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$102,500 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and 1.0 FTE in each fiscal year in Strategy A.2.1, Flood Control Dam Maintenance, for the purpose of funding a new Flood Control Dam Safety Engineer position.
- (b) Amounts appropriated above include \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.2.2, Flood Control Dam Construction, for the purpose of repairing or upgrading additional high hazard flood control dams that are not meeting safety standards. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



**Texas Water Development Board**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Statewide Floodplain Management and Grant Administration System**

Add funding and a new rider at the Water Development Board to direct funds to the implementation of a Statewide Floodplain Management and Grant Administration System, supporting disaster resilience, National Flood Insurance Program compliance, and efficient grant management.

The system will enhance Texas' flood mitigation capabilities by providing the Water Development Board, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and local communities with a centralized, cloud-based platform for floodplain management, disaster response, and grant tracking. The program will support state and local governments in improving flood resilience, accelerating disaster recovery, and optimizing federal grant distribution.

**Required Action**

- 1) On page VI-69 of the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy B.1.2, Statewide Flood Planning by \$948,750.00 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027.
- 2) On page VI-77 of the Water Development Board bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**Statewide Floodplain and Grant Management System**

(a) Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Statewide Flood Planning, the Water Development Board shall provide \$768,750.000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from General Revenue Funds to implement and maintain a State Floodplain Management and Grant Administration System. This funding shall support:

- Floodplain management and National Flood Insurance Program workflows for the Water Development Board and the Texas Division of Emergency Management.
- Statewide grant management for the Water Development Board Flood Mitigation Assistance grant-making process.
- A public-facing portal to facilitate local government and resident engagement on flood risk mitigation.

(b) Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Statewide Flood Planning, the Water Development Board shall provide \$112,500.000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support a Shared Service Floodplain Management Program, making floodplain management tools available to local Texas communities. This program shall:

- Provide National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System compliance support.
- Include jurisdictions with geospatial risk mapping and flood damage assessment tools.

- Ensure local communities have access to real-time disaster response and damage assessment workflows.

(c) Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Statewide Flood Planning, the Texas Water Development Board shall provide \$67,500.00 in each fiscal year of the biennium for system security, data integrity, and platform maintenance, including:

- Sensitive data monitoring for Repetitive Loss Properties.
- Automated flood risk assessment integration with Federal Emergency Management Agency and state datasets.
- Long-term system support for platform enhancements and cybersecurity measures.



By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

**Water Development Board, Article VI  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Lift Station Upgrades**

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$5,300,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of upgrading a lift station and associated water infrastructure in the City of Alamo, Texas.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$5,300,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Lift Station Upgrades.** Amounts appropriated above include \$5,300,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of upgrading a lift station and associated water infrastructure in the City of Alamo, Texas. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

## Water Development Board, Article VI

### Proposed Funding and Rider Nueces County Drainage District # 2

#### Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Water Development Board by \$3,937,500 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue for a grant for the Petronila Drainage Improvements Project with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for this purpose.

The Nueces County Drainage District # 2 was created on March 8, 1915. The District is responsible for providing adequate drainage in the wester part of Nueces County. The Petronila Drainage Improvements Project consists of a 10 acre detention pond on the north side of Petronila that will assist in alleviating drainage and recapture storm water runoff for agricultural irrigation.

#### Required Action

- 1) On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$937,500 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2) On page VI-\_\_ of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Petronila Drainage Improvements Project.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, \$3,937,500 in fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant for the Petronila Drainage Improvements Project.

**Texas Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Statewide Advanced Water Data Analytics and Integration**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$6.6 million for the modernization of Texas's water data management systems. Texas's current water data systems are outdated and fragmented, relying on online forms, static spreadsheets, and manual processes. These methods create delays, inaccuracies, and inefficiencies that undermine the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) ability to plan and manage water resources effectively. Without real-time insights, the state is left vulnerable to costly water shortages, economic risks, and missed opportunities to lead in innovation.

This investment will modernize water management by equipping critical entities that report to the TWDB-water utilities, wholesale water providers, industrial users, and irrigation and groundwater districts-with advanced dashboards. These tools automate data collection and deliver precise, cost-effective roadmaps aligned with the State Water Plan, empowering users to reduce demand, optimize resources, and save billions in avoided costs.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-69 of the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.2.2 by \$4,950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,650,000 in fiscal year 2027.

2. On page VI-\_\_\_ of the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Statewide Advanced Water Data Analytics and Integration.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, include \$4,950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,650,000 in fiscal year 2027 to implement advanced software tools for modernizing statewide water management and planning.

The Water Development Board is directed to utilize a comprehensive data analytics platform capable of:

1. Providing real-time insights into municipal, agricultural, and industrial water use;
2. Enabling top-down API integration to support compatibility with existing smart meter systems and other data sources used by utilities statewide; and
3. Delivering actionable insights and demand forecasting based on weather, drought, and climate conditions to inform strategic water management and planning.

The selected platform must also demonstrate:

1. A proven track record of working with Texas utilities to achieve demand reduction goals as outlined in the State Water Plan;
2. The ability to scale to accommodate data from hundreds of Texas utilities;
3. Future compatibility with irrigation districts and groundwater conservation districts, including expansion capabilities; and
4. Robust security measures for third-party data integration.

The Board shall ensure that the platform supports the objectives of the State Water Plan, which prescribes that, by 2030, 32% of future water supplies originate from voluntary demand reduction strategies in municipal, agricultural, industrial, and drought management sectors. The solution must provide tools to streamline reporting, optimize water conservation programs, and improve cost-effective planning for both state and local entities.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2027, are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027.



By Hinojosa of Hidalgo

*Texas Water Development Board, Article VI*  
**Banco Morales Reservoir Surplus Water Impound**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$38,686,350 for the Banco Morales Reservoir Surplus Water Impound project.

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) seeks funding for the Banco Morales Reservoir surplus water impound project. The project aims to impound and meet BPUB's future municipal water needs by allowing the beneficial use of water from the Rio Grande and capturing water currently allowed to flow into the Gulf of Mexico. Existing municipal and industrial water supply sources for the BPUB cannot satisfy the region's anticipated future needs.

The project's location was selected because Brownsville is downstream from the major water users along the river. The reservoir would provide a pool of water from which BPUB can pump, capturing excess flows on the lower Rio Grande for municipal use. Once the water is released from Falcon Dam, no opportunity exists to impound water at a downstream location in the event of rain or changed conditions.

The project will impound surplus water from the Lower Rio Grande in an off-channel raw storage reservoir. The current off-channel storage capacity is 216 million gallons, and the proposed project will add 400 million gallons of storage capacity.

Banco Morales Reservoir is proposed between the existing International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) levee system and the City of Brownsville levee along the Rio Grande, and the site is adjacent to BPUB's Water Treatment Plant #1.

**Required Action**

On page 779 of Senate Bill 1 as introduced within the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Banco Morales Reservoir Surplus Water Impound.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy 3.1.1., \$38,686,350 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated over the 2026-2027 biennium to support excavated material being moved off-site and the establishment of a berm to control run off and create a barrier around the area.

By Hinojosa of Hidalgo

**Texas Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Direct Potable Reuse**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$12,627,000 for the Direct Potable Reuse project.

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) seeks funding for a Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) project to enhance water sustainability in the Rio Grande Valley. The DPR project involves introducing advanced-treated reclaimed water directly into the potable water system or the raw water supply before it enters a drinking water treatment plant. This initiative aligns with Senate Bill 905, mandating the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to develop regulatory guidance for DPR.

BPUB has begun planning and engineering for an Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) project to divert up to 8.0 million gallons per day (MGD) of effluent discharge from its Robindale Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Resaca De La Guerra, augmenting the raw water supply for BPUB Water Treatment Plant 2.

This project is crucial as the Rio Grande Valley faces increasing water scarcity. Implementing DPR strategies will optimize water resources, reduce reliance on traditional sources, and ensure a resilient water supply system.

**Required Action**

On page 779, of Senate Bill 1 as introduced within the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Direct Potable Reuse.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2., \$12,627,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated over the 2026-2027 biennium to support the Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) project to enhance water sustainability in the Rio Grande Valley.



By Hinojosa of Hidalgo

*Texas Water Development Board, Article VI*

**Optimization and Expansion of the Brackish Groundwater Treatment Facility**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$244,306,000 for the expansion and completion of the brackish Groundwater Treatment Facility.

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) seeks funding to optimize and expand the brackish Groundwater treatment Facility. The Groundwater Treatment Facility, completed in 2004, has an initial capacity of 7.5 million gallons per day (MGD) and costs \$29 million. It uses reverse osmosis membranes to treat brackish water from the Rio Grande Alluvium, utilizing 20 wells.

In 2015, the Texas Water Development Board funded a \$13 million expansion, increasing the facility's capacity to 10.0 MGD and adding microfiltration pretreatment to improve water quality. This facility saves approximately 11,200 acre-feet of surface water annually from the Rio Grande, highlighting its importance in reducing reliance on surface water and enhancing regional water security.

Despite its design capacity of 10.0 MGD, the facility's actual production averages around 6.5 MGD. In 2023, BPUB completed an engineering study to optimize potable water production, identifying 15 projects that could increase production to 10 MGD. BPUB is seeking funding to complete the work and expand the facility's capacity from 10 MGD to 20 MGD. The expansion could be completed by 2030 if funding is available.

The optimization and expansion projects will further enhance the facility's capacity and efficiency, ensuring a sustainable water supply for the future.

**Required Action**

On page 779 of Senate Bill 1 as introduced within the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Optimization and Expansion of the Brackish Groundwater Treatment Facility.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1., \$244,306,000 from a the General Revenue Fund is appropriated over the 2026-2027 biennium to support the expansion and completion of the brackish groundwater treatment facility.



By: Cook/Alvarado

**Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Cypress Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation Project**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 10, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$54,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of supporting the construction of the Cypress Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation Project.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$54,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:
  - \_\_\_\_\_. **Cypress Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation Project.** Amounts appropriated above include \$54,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for the purpose of supporting the construction of the Cypress Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation Project. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



By: Senator Alvarado

**Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Greens Bayou Watershed Improvements**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 21, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of making channel improvements within the Greens Bayou Watershed in Harris County to support flood control and mitigation.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Greens Bayou Watershed Improvements.** Amounts appropriated above include \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of making channel improvements within the Greens Bayou Watershed in Harris County to support flood control and mitigation. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



By: Senator Alvarado

**Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Detention Basin Construction**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 21, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of constructing the Aldine Westfield South Detention Basin in Harris County to support flood control and mitigation.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026.
  
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Detention Basin Construction.** Amounts appropriated above include \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of constructing the Aldine Westfield South Detention Basin in Harris County to support flood control and mitigation. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



By: Senator Alvarado

**Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Oxygenator Replacement**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 21, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$65,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of replacing an oxygenator for the City of Houston at the 69<sup>th</sup> Street Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$65,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:
  - \_\_\_\_\_. **Oxygenator Replacement.** Amounts appropriated above include \$65,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of replacing an oxygenator for the City of Houston at the 69<sup>th</sup> Street Wastewater Treatment Plant. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Carl Alvarado

By: Senator Alvarado

**Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Leaky Pipe Replacement**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 21, 2025

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$510,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of addressing leaking pipes in the City of Houston's water distribution system through repair and replacement of particular lines throughout the system.

**Required Action**

1. On page VI-69 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$510,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-80 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, As Introduced, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Leaky Pipe Replacement.** Amounts appropriated above include \$510,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of addressing leaking pipes in the City of Houston's water distribution system through repair and replacement of particular lines throughout the system. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.