

House Appropriations Committee - Subcommittee Budget Recommendations
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Article VIII, Regulatory Total, Article VIII, Regulatory Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
State Office of Administrative Hearings (360)						
Total	\$ 6,014,097	\$ 6,014,097	\$ 591,438	\$ 591,438	\$ 387,416	\$ 387,416
Total, Full-time Equivalents	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Behavioral Health Executive Council (510)						
Total	\$ 1,332,120	\$ 1,332,120	\$ 370,760	\$ 370,760	\$ 961,360	\$ 961,360
Total, Full-time Equivalents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.0
Board of Chiropractic Examiners (508)						
Total	\$ 176,804	\$ 176,804	\$ 18,245	\$ 18,245	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000
Total, Full-time Equivalents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Board of Dental Examiners (504)						
Total	\$ 1,323,259	\$ 1,323,259	\$ 622,143	\$ 622,143	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Funeral Service Commission (513)						
Total	\$ 2,264,458	\$ 2,264,458	\$ 1,517,552	\$ 1,517,552	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000
Total, Full-time Equivalents	8.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0
Board of Professional Geoscientists (481)						
Total	\$ 52,818	\$ 52,818	\$ 52,818	\$ 52,818	\$ -	\$ -

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Total, Full-time Equivalents		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Health Professionals Council (364)							
Total		\$ (422,860)	\$ 57,140	\$ (422,860)	\$ (182,860)	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Office of Injured Employee Counsel (448)							
Total		\$ 1,608,384	\$ 1,608,384	\$ 452,166	\$ 452,166	\$ 424,620	\$ 424,620
Total, Full-time Equivalents		11.0	11.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Department of Insurance (454)							
Total		\$ 30,621,131	\$ 30,621,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,405,093	\$ 22,405,093
Total, Full-time Equivalents		73.0	73.0	0.0	0.0	73.0	73.0
Office of Public Insurance Counsel (359)							
Total		\$ 1,009,291	\$ 1,009,291	\$ 127,822	\$ 127,822	\$ 532,083	\$ 532,083
Total, Full-time Equivalents		1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
Department of Licensing and Regulation (452)							
Total		\$ 28,704,389	\$ 28,704,389	\$ 575,966	\$ 575,966	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents		12.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Texas Medical Board (503)							
Total		\$ 45,182,489	\$ 45,182,489	\$ 5,268,007	\$ 5,268,007	\$ 15,577,338	\$ 15,577,338
Total, Full-time Equivalents		64.0	64.0	23.0	23.0	14.0	14.0
Texas Board of Nursing (507)							

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	Total	\$	7,533,474	\$	7,533,474	\$	7,429,548
	Total, Full-time Equivalents		15.0		15.0		15.0
Optometry Board (514)							
	Total	\$	8,014	\$	8,014	\$	-
	Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0		0.0		0.0
Board of Pharmacy (515)							
	Total	\$	3,976,791	\$	3,976,791	\$	2,641,489
	Total, Full-time Equivalents		14.0		14.0		14.0
Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (533)							
	Total	\$	439,968	\$	439,968	\$	67,645
	Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0		0.0		0.0
Board of Plumbing Examiners (456)							
	Total	\$	3,179,656	\$	3,179,926	\$	930,325
	Total, Full-time Equivalents		7.0		7.0		0.0
Racing Commission (476)							
	Total	\$	8,070,210	\$	7,867,950	\$	3,737,795
	Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0		0.0		0.0
Securities Board (312)							
	Total	\$	1,120,454	\$	1,120,454	\$	1,080,454
	Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0		0.0		0.0

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	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Public Utilities Commission (473)						
Total	\$ 16,090,800	\$ 16,090,800	\$ 2,061,200	\$ (2,997,938,800)	\$ 10,078,200	\$ 3,010,078,200
Total, Full-time Equivalents	55.0	55.0	8.0	8.0	41.0	41.0
Office of Public Utility Counsel (475)						
Total	\$ 1,748,000	\$ 1,748,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (578)						
Total	\$ 788,760	\$ 788,760	\$ 32,710	\$ 32,710	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Total, Full-time Equivalents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special Provisions to Article VIII (S08)						
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	\$ 160,822,507	\$ 161,100,517	\$ 14,441,084	\$ (2,986,188,646)	\$ 67,119,366	\$ 3,067,119,366
<u>NO-COST ADJUSTMENTS</u>						
1 Racing Commission (476)	\$ -	\$ 870,000	\$ -	\$ 870,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total, NO COST ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ 870,000	\$ -	\$ 870,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total GR & GR-D Adopted Items less Cost-out Adjustments	\$ 160,822,507	\$ 160,230,517	\$ 14,441,084	\$ (2,987,058,646)	\$ 67,119,366	\$ 3,067,119,366

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	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents	263.5	263.5	48.0	48.0	167.5	167.5

Article VIII, Regulatory State Office of Administrative Hearings (360) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Agency Requests:							
1.	Salary Increase General Revenue funding to increase the salaries of agency administrative law judges (ALJ), support staff, and regional ALJs to equivalent levels at comparable state agencies.	\$ 3,512,646	\$ 3,512,646				
2.	Cybersecurity Staff General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 2.0 FTEs to improve the agency's cybersecurity program that includes: 1.0 Data Officer (\$130,540 each fiscal year) 1.0 Information Security Officer (\$157,953 each fiscal year) Funding for this item is included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$ 585,640	\$ 585,640				
3.	Increasing IT Software Costs General Revenue funding for an anticipated 17 percent increase in various software license costs supporting legal research, process automation, hybrid hearings, an emergency alert system, secure file sharing, cloud services, and a legal library.	\$ 387,416	\$ 387,416			\$ 387,416	\$ 387,416
4.	Filling Vacant Positions General Revenue funding to backfill currently vacant judge and support staff positions for cases from agencies funded through General Revenue.	\$ 591,438	\$ 591,438	\$ 591,438	\$ 591,438		

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5. Administrative Law Judge Salary Differentials General Revenue funding to establish salary differentials among the four statutorily-required levels of seniority for ALJs and to promote judges to these new positions. ALJ III – \$124,056 (agency benchmark) ALJ IV – \$129,056 (ALJ III + \$5,000) Master I – \$137,066 (B29 mid-point) Master II – \$165,851 (B31 mid-point)			\$ 842,267	\$ 842,267				
6. Chief Administrative Law Judge Compensation Request for General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Chief ALJ salary cap from \$184,805 in Group 5 to \$232,150 in Group 7.			\$ 94,690	\$ 94,690				
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total			\$ 6,014,097	\$ 6,014,097	\$ 591,438	\$ 591,438	\$ 387,416	\$ 387,416
			FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents			2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ (29,240)	\$ (29,240)	\$ (29,240)	\$ (29,240)		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Texas Psychology Licensing Exam, Initial Design General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2026, with unexpended balance authority within the biennium, to complete the initial design phase of a new, Texas-owned psychology licensing examination.	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000			\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
2.	Additional Staff General Revenue funding to fill six existing vacant staff positions for which the agency does not have sufficient resources that includes: 1.0 Attorney (\$82,000 each fiscal year) 1.0 Supervising Attorney (\$100,000 each fiscal year) 2.0 Program Supervisor IV (\$60,000 per FTE each fiscal year) 1.0 Licensing Administrative Assistant II (\$42,000 each fiscal year) 1.0 Ombudsman IV (\$68,000 each fiscal year).	\$ 836,360	\$ 836,360			\$ 836,360	\$ 836,360
3.	National Practitioner Data Bank Request for General Revenue funding to subscribe to the National Practitioner Data Bank continuous query feature, to address a recent finding by the State Auditor's Office.	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000		

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4.	Relocate FTEs and their Funding out of Indirect Administration Request to relocate 4.0 FTEs and an amount of General Revenue equal to their salaries and other related costs totaling \$1,207,724 from Strategy C.1.1, Indirect Administration, to other strategies. 2.0 FTEs and \$615,938 in General Revenue would be relocated to Strategy A.1.1, Licensure, and 2.0 FTEs and \$591,786 would be relocated to Strategy B.1.1, Enforcement.			Adopt as amended			
5.	New Rider, Judgments and Settlements Request a new rider that would specify that payments of judgments or settlements, including attorney's fees, resulting from actions brought under the Texas Constitution or Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act that arise from claims challenging the validity or constitutionality of a state law and prosecuted or defended by the Office of the Attorney General that are obtained against BHEC or the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners shall be paid out by the Comptroller and not by BHEC.	\$ -	\$ -	Adopt			
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 1,332,120	\$ 1,332,120	\$ 370,760	\$ 370,760	\$ 961,360	\$ 961,360

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Chiropractic Examiners (508) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 18,245	\$ 18,245	\$ 18,245	\$ 18,245		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Staff Salary Increases Request for General Revenue appropriations of \$39,261 each year to increase staff salaries to support staff recruitment and retention.	\$ 78,522	\$ 78,522				
2.	Increase Internet Bandwidth Request for General Revenue appropriations of \$18,000 each year to increase the agency's internet bandwidth from 20Mbps to 100Mbps.	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000			\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000
3.	Paralegal Certificate Program Request for General Revenue one-time appropriations of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2026 to fund a legal assistant position's enrollment in a Paralegal Certificate program.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000				
4.	Executive Director Compensation Request for General Revenue appropriations and authority to increase the Executive Director salary cap from \$108,720 to \$120,000 within Group 2.	\$ 22,560	\$ 22,560				

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5.	Increased Funding for the Health Professions Council Request for General Revenue appropriations to fund the agency's share of cost increases at the Health Professions Council. This is also the subject of the above technical adjustment and would not be needed if the technical adjustment is funded.	\$11,477	\$11,477				
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$176,804	\$176,804	\$18,245	\$18,245	\$36,000	\$36,000
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (504) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ (42,181)	\$ (42,181)	\$ (42,181)	\$ (42,181)		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Staff Salary Increases General Revenue funding for a ten percent salary adjustments for all eligible staff to address staff retention and reduce turnover.	\$ 641,474	\$ 641,474				
2.	Funding to Fill Vacant License & Permit Specialist III Positions General Revenue funding to fill 3.0 vacant License & Permit Specialists III positions (\$58,000 per FTE each fiscal year) due to growth of the licensee population and the new agency responsibility of approving local infiltration anesthesia permits for dental hygienists.	\$ 360,024	\$ 360,024	\$ 360,024	\$ 360,024		
3.	Funding to Fill a Vacant License & Permit Specialist IV Position General Revenue funding to fill a vacant License & Permit Specialist IV position at \$60,000 each year.	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000		
4.	Funding to Fill a Vacant Staff Attorney III Position General Revenue funding to fill a vacant Staff Attorney III position at \$90,000 each year to assist with a backlog of enforcement cases and growth in the number of jurisdictional complaints filed.	\$ 184,300	\$ 184,300	\$ 184,300	\$ 184,300		

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5.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director salary from \$141,867 in Group 3 to \$171,688 in Group 4.	\$59,642	\$59,642				
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$1,323,259	\$1,323,259	\$622,143	\$622,143	\$-	\$-
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Funeral Service Commission (513) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$13,952	\$13,952	\$13,952	\$13,952		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding to increase the annual authorized salary amount for the Executive Director position from \$107,948 in Group 2 to \$149,240 in Group 3 in fiscal year 2026 and to \$165,000 in Group 4 in fiscal year 2027.	\$99,104	\$99,104				
2.	Salary Increases General Revenue funding to increase compensation for agency staff.	\$65,802	\$65,802				
3.	Agency Automation General Revenue funding to improve operations through automation to efficiently serve licensees and the public.	\$330,000	\$330,000			\$330,000	\$330,000
4.	Licensing Department Staff General Revenue funding and 4.0 FTEs for additional Program Specialists II at \$53,000 each year per FTE to staff the licensing department.	\$424,000	\$424,000	\$424,000	\$424,000		
5.	Additional Investigator Position General Revenue funding and 1.0 FTE for an additional investigator position at \$72,500 in FY 2026 and \$76,500 in FY 2027 to address a growing number of complaints filed with the agency.	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000		

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6.	Office Expansion General Revenue funding for additional office space to meet the needs of the expanding staff.	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000		
7.	Additional Staff Attorney Position General Revenue funding and 1.0 FTE for an additional staff attorney position at \$88,800 in fiscal year 2026 and \$91,800 in fiscal year 2027 to address a backlog of enforcement cases.	\$ 180,600	\$ 180,600	\$ 180,600	\$ 180,600		
8.	New Administrative Assistant Position General Revenue funding and 1.0 FTE for a new administrative assistant position at \$66,300 each year to perform tasks currently performed by more specialized staff thereby permitting them to focus greater attention on their particular responsibilities.	\$ 132,600	\$ 132,600				
9.	New Administrative Assistant Position General Revenue funding and 1.0 FTE for a new administrative assistant position at \$58,200 in fiscal year 2026 and \$61,200 in fiscal year 2027 to perform tasks currently performed by more specialized staff thereby permitting them to focus greater attention on their particular responsibilities.	\$ 119,400	\$ 119,400				
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 2,264,458	\$ 2,264,458	\$ 1,517,552	\$ 1,517,552	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000

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		GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		8.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Professional Geoscientists (481) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 5,018	\$ 5,018	\$ 5,018	\$ 5,018		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Additional Program Specialist II Position General Revenue funding for an additional Program Specialist II position at \$45,000 in fiscal year 2027 with one-time startup costs of \$2,800.	\$ 47,800	\$ 47,800	\$ 47,800	\$ 47,800		
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 52,818	\$ 52,818	\$ 52,818	\$ 52,818	\$ -	\$ -
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0

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Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Adjust General Revenue funding and capital budget authority for the migration of servers and data associated with the Information Technology Shared Services program into DIR's Data Center Services/Shared Technology Services, to reflect DIR's updated cost estimate.	\$ (422,860)	\$ (422,860)	\$ (422,860)	\$ (422,860)		
2.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjust the amount of Interagency Contracts authority with pro-rata General Revenue funding at member agencies, to cover additional cost increases not funded by recommendations associated with onboarding PT/OT to the Shared Regulatory Database and higher software licensing costs in the Information Technology Shared Services, Laserfiche, and Web Administration programs.	\$ -	\$ 240,000	\$ -	\$ 240,000		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Increased Funding from Member Agencies Request for Interagency Contracts authority, with pro-rata General Revenue funding at member agencies, to cover additional cost increases not funded by recommendations associated with onboarding PT/OT to the Shared Regulatory Database and higher software licensing costs in the Information Technology Shared Services, Laserfiche, and Web Administration programs. This is also the subject of Technical Adjustment #2, above.	\$ -	\$ 240,000				

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<u>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</u>							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ (422,860)	\$ 57,140	\$ (422,860)	\$ (182,860)	\$ -	\$ -
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Injured Employee Counsel (448) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	None.						
Agency Requests:							
1.	Case Management System General Revenue-Dedicated funding and 4.0 additional full-time equivalents for IT modernization of the COMPASS system. The requested positions are as follows: a) 1.0 Information Technology Business Analyst II \$80,421 at each year. b) 1.0 Programmer IV at \$102,980 each year. c) 1.0 Data Analyst V at \$102,980 each year. d) 1.0 Program Specialist V at \$70,662 at each year. Funding for this item is included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$ 731,598	\$ 731,598				
2.	First Responders Unit General Revenue-Dedicated funding and 3.0 additional full-time equivalents for additional support in the newly created First Responder Unit. The requested positions are as follows: a) 2.0 Ombudsman IV at \$80,421 per FTE each year. b) 1.0 Ombudsman I at \$53,723 each year.	\$ 452,166	\$ 452,166	\$ 452,166	\$ 452,166		

Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Injured Employee Counsel (448) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
3.	Early Assistance Program General Revenue-Dedicated funding and 4.0 additional full-time equivalents for additional support in the newly created Early Assistance Program. The requested positions are as follows: a) 3.0 Ombudsman I at \$53,723 per FTE each year. b) 1.0 Customer Service Representative II at \$43,914 each year.	\$ 424,620	\$ 424,620			\$ 424,620	\$ 424,620
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 1,608,384	\$ 1,608,384	\$ 452,166	\$ 452,166	\$ 424,620	\$ 424,620
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		11.0	11.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Department of Insurance (454) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	None.						
Agency Requests:							
1.	Targeted Salary Increases						
	a) General Revenue-Dedicated funding for salary increases for legal, actuarial, and support positions to improve recruitment and retention.	\$ 395,640	\$ 395,640				
	b) General Revenue-Dedicated funding for salary increases for Attorneys and General Counsel.	\$ 2,226,600	\$ 2,226,600				
2.	ALJ Salary Increases General Revenue-Dedicated funding for salary increases for administrative law judge positions within the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC).	\$ 1,590,226	\$ 1,590,226				

Article VIII, Regulatory Department of Insurance (454) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
3.	Additional Operational Staff General Revenue-Dedicated funding with authority for an additional 73.0 full-time equivalent positions across the agency to support increased agency workload. The requested positions are in the following areas: Financial Regulation: 12.0 Financial Examiner III and 1.0 Financial Examiner VIII. Property and Casualty: 5.0 Compliance Analyst I, 4.0 Actuary III, 2.0 Program Specialist VI, and 1.0 Data Analyst III. General Counsel: 6.0 Attorney IV Enforcement: 1.0 Attorney I, 1.0 Attorney II, and 1.0 Investigator III. Fraud: 6.0 Sergeant, 1.0 Captain, 1.0 Criminal Analyst I, 1.0 Program Specialist III. Information Technology: 3.0 Data Analyst V, 2.0 Information Technology Business Analyst III, 2.0 Project Manager IV, 3.0 Systems Administrator V, 2.0 Systems Analyst V, and 2.0 Information Technology Support Specialist IV.	\$ 12,313,969	\$ 12,313,969			\$ 12,313,969	\$ 12,313,969
4.	Salary Increase and Reclassification of SFMO General Revenue-Dedicated funding to provide salary increases to investigators within the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) and reclassify them as Schedule C employees.	\$ 1,791,532	\$ 1,791,532				

Article VIII, Regulatory Department of Insurance (454) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
5. Case Management System General Revenue-Dedicated funding with authority for an additional 6.0 full-time equivalent positions for IT staff to replace the COMPASS claims-management system. The requested positions are as follows: a) 2.0 Program Specialist V at \$70,662 each year. b) 1.0 Programmer IV at \$102,980 each year. c) 1.0 Systems Analyst V at \$91,936 each year. d) 1.0 Information Technology Business Analyst III at \$91,836 each year. e) 1.0 Data Analyst V at \$102,980 each year. Funding for this item is included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$ 1,097,040	\$ 1,097,040				
6. Fraud and SFMO Vehicles One-time General Revenue-Dedicated funding to replace 10 vehicles for the SFMO and 10 vehicles for the Insurance Fraud Unit.	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 1,115,000				
7. SFMO Equipment and Travel One-time General Revenue-Dedicated funding to replace aging equipment and travel expenses within the SFMO.	\$ 1,174,700	\$ 1,174,700			\$ 1,174,700	\$ 1,174,700
8. Operational IT Projects General Revenue-Dedicated funding for new and ongoing software products associated with network adequacy, data management, data collection, learning management, and analytics.	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,450,000			\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,450,000

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9.	IT Ongoing Price Increases General Revenue-Dedicated funding to address price increases of contracted data center service levels, ongoing software licenses, and replacing unsupported equipment.	\$ 6,466,424	\$ 6,466,424			\$ 6,466,424	\$ 6,466,424
10.	Rider 14, Appropriation: Agent and Adjuster Licensing Fee Collections. Agency requests to amend the rider to limit the amount appropriated each fiscal year and the amount eligible for unexpended balance authority between the 2024-25 and 2026-27 biennium to \$1,000,000.	\$ -	\$ -	Adopt			
<u>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</u>							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 30,621,131	\$ 30,621,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,405,093	\$ 22,405,093
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		73.0	73.0	0.0	0.0	73.0	73.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Public Insurance Counsel (359) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$13,600	\$13,600	\$13,600	\$13,600		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Restoration of One-Time Funding Restoration of General Revenue funding that was removed as one-time funding for the Policy Comparison Tool.	\$114,222	\$114,222	\$114,222	\$114,222		
2.	Targeted Salary Increases						
	a) General Revenue funding to provide salary increases for actuarial and form review staff.	\$86,768	\$86,768				
	b) General Revenue funding to provide salary increases for attorneys.	\$28,923	\$28,923				
3.	COPA Program General Revenue funding to contract with third-party services to assist with implementing the Certificate of Public Advantage Program. HB 1 as introduced provides \$0.4 million for the COPA Program.	\$400,000	\$400,000			\$400,000	\$400,000
4.	Additional Attorney General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 0.5 FTEs for an additional attorney position.	\$132,083	\$132,083			\$132,083	\$132,083

Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Public Insurance Counsel (359) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
5.	Deputy Public Counsel Salary Supplement General Revenue funding to provide a salary supplement to the Deputy Public Counsel vacant position in an effort to attract more candidates to the job posting.	\$ 61,711	\$ 61,711				
6.	Additional IT Specialist General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 1.0 FTEs for an Information Specialist III position specializing in communications and technological support.	\$ 163,181	\$ 163,181				
7.	HPC Cost Increases General Revenue funding to cover increased costs to Health Professions Council membership following IT upgrades included in recommendations and would not be needed if the technical adjustment is funded.	\$ 8,804	\$ 8,804				
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 1,009,291	\$ 1,009,291	\$ 127,822	\$ 127,822	\$ 532,083	\$ 532,083
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (452) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Add a new rider to exempt funds designated for the attachment of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections (ALRC) requirements in the Article VIII Special Provisions. These amounts were originally exempted from ALRC by Article IX, Section 18.59, 2024-25 GAA, but the section was deleted in the bill as introduced.	\$ -	\$ -	Adopt			
Agency Requests:							
1.	Additional Staff, Vacant Positions, and Salary Increases						
	a) General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 12.0 full-time equivalent positions. The requested positions are: a) 1.0 Hydrologist II at \$59,580 each year. b) 1.0 Program Specialist II at \$54,600 each year. c) 2.0 Program Specialist III at \$60,113 each year. d) 1.0 Program Specialist IV at \$68,194 each year. e) 1.0 Program Specialist V at \$75,521 each year. f) 1.0 Licensing Specialist III at \$54,500 each year. g) 1.0 Attorney III at \$103,000 each year. h) 2.0 Legal Assistant III at \$67,000 each year. i) 1.0 Accountant III at \$59,500 each year. j) 1.0 Programmer V at \$111,517 each year.	\$ 2,216,430	\$ 2,216,430	\$ 1,108,215	\$ 1,108,215		

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (452) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds	
	b) General Revenue funding to provide agency wide salary increases to current staff and to vacant positions to improve recruitment and retention.	\$ 2,512,451	\$ 2,512,451				
2.	Cyber Security Projects General Revenue funding and capital budget authority to modernize the agency's cybersecurity system alongside several new cybersecurity projects.	\$ 1,438,000	\$ 1,438,000			\$ 1,438,000	\$ 1,438,000
3.	Financial Crimes Intelligence Center						
	a) General Revenue funding for the Financial Crimes Intelligence Center (FCIC) for 25 additional staff.	\$ 7,174,707	\$ 7,174,707				
	b) General Revenue funding for the FCIC to provide salary raises to their staff.	\$ 2,912,467	\$ 2,912,467				
	c) General Revenue funding for the FCIC for 17 additional vehicles leases.	\$ 1,281,174	\$ 1,281,174				
	d) General Revenue funding for the FCIC for additional field operations equipment.	\$ 4,307,314	\$ 4,307,314				
	e) General Revenue funding for additional IT hardware and software subscriptions, including additional buildouts of the digital forensic laboratory.	\$ 4,022,847	\$ 4,022,847			\$ 4,022,847	\$ 4,022,847
4.	New Helpdesk System General Revenue funding for the replacement of the agency's Helpdesk System.	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000

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	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
5. Agency Computer Replacement One-time General Revenue funding and capital budget authority to replace 459 agency computers due for replacement.	\$ 522,068	\$ 522,068			\$ 522,068	\$ 522,068
6. Vehicles One-time General Revenue funding and capital budget authority for the purchase of 9 vehicles. Funding for this item is included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$ 515,000	\$ 515,000				
7. AI Customer Service General Revenue funding and capital budget authority to implement artificial intelligence into the agency's customer service program.	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
8. New Rider, Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Modern and Comprehensive Licensing System Agency requests amending the rider to grant unexpended balance authority carry over of unexpended funds for the Legacy Modernization project in the 2024-25 biennium into the 2026-27 biennium for the same purpose of developing a comprehensive, cloud-based licensing system. It is estimated that the agency will need to carry over funds to complete the project, but the amount cannot be estimated at this time.	\$ -	\$ -	Adopt			

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9.	New Rider, Combative Sports Program Appropriation Agency requests a new rider that would appropriate 50 percent of the tax collected by the agency from combative sports event promoters to assist in hiring contracted staff for the regulation of combative sports events.	\$ 1,151,931	\$ 1,151,931	\$ 575,966	\$ 575,966		
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 28,704,389	\$ 28,704,389	\$ 1,684,181	\$ 1,684,181	\$ 6,632,915	\$ 6,632,915
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		12.0	12.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Medical Board (503) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Restoration of Reduced Funding General Revenue funding to restore the 2022-23 budget reduction and provide additional funding both for existing staff positions and to support payroll-related costs associated with the statewide salary increase.	\$ 2,478,750	\$ 2,478,750				
2.	Executive Director Salary Supplement General Revenue funding to provide the Executive Director exempt position with a salary raise of \$78,726 in fiscal year 2026 and \$82,662 in fiscal year 2027 if the requested amendments to Rider 3, Salary Supplementation, are adopted.	\$ 161,388	\$ 161,388				
3.	Staff Salary Increases General Revenue funding to provide salary adjustments for all staff to improve recruitment and retention.	\$ 8,637,242	\$ 8,637,242				
4.	HEALS Case Management System General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding with capital budget authority and 6.0 additional full-time equivalent positions to provide for a new case management system.	\$ 10,131,895	\$ 10,131,895			\$ 10,131,895	\$ 10,131,895

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Medical Board (503) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds	
5.	Inflationary Increases and Expert Panelists General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding to cover inflationary cost increases in operations, membership to the Health Professions Council, for continuing education, and to provide an increase in the hourly rates for expert panelists.	\$ 1,827,163	\$ 1,827,163			\$ 1,827,163	\$ 1,827,163
6.	Ongoing IT Operations General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding with capital budget authority and 8.0 additional FTE positions for legacy system modernization and to support ongoing IT operations.	\$ 3,618,280	\$ 3,618,280			\$ 3,618,280	\$ 3,618,280
7.	Increased Agency Staff General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding, capital budget authority and 42.0 additional FTE positions to support increasing workload, train expert panelists, and for facility expansion.	\$ 9,887,878	\$ 9,887,878	\$ 4,943,939	\$ 4,943,939		
8.	Ombudsman Program General Revenue funding and 4.0 additional FTE positions for the creation of an Ombudsman office to assist in dispute resolution.	\$ 602,515	\$ 602,515	\$ 301,258	\$ 301,258		
9.	Annual Leave Payouts General Revenue funding for lump sum annual leave payments due to anticipated turnover and increased amounts of retirement-eligible staff.	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000				

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Medical Board (503) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
10.	Amend Rider 3, Salary Supplementation. Agency requests to amend the rider to have the authority to increase the Executive Director salary under the following conditions: - \$40,000 in FY2026 and \$42,000 in FY2027 if the Executive Director is a medical doctor. - \$38,726 in FY2026 and \$40,662 in FY2027 if the Executive Director is an attorney. - \$78,726 in FY2026 and \$82,662 in FY2027 if the Executive Director is a medical doctor and an attorney.	\$-	\$-				
11.	New Rider, Contingent Appropriation from IMLC Licensees. Agency requests a new rider that would appropriate an undetermined amount of General Revenue and authority for 4.0 FTEs contingent upon the agency generating sufficient revenue from another state activating an Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.	\$-	\$-				
12.	New Rider, Lump Sum Retirement Payouts. Agency requests a new rider that restricts \$300,000 in requested General Revenue each fiscal year to be used for lump sum payouts for retiring employees.	\$-	\$-				

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Medical Board (503) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds	
13.	New Rider, Doctor Surcharge Fees. Agency requests a new rider that provides estimated appropriation authority to all unobligated and unexpended balances and all revenues in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate to Strategies A.1.1, Licensing, and B.1.1, Enforcement, from Health Professional Fee revenues generated by the doctor surcharge and deposited to the credit of General Revenue-Dedicated Public Assurance Account No. 5105 for the agency's licensing and enforcement programs. In addition, the rider would grant unexpended balance authority for these funds between the 2024-25 biennium and 2026-27 biennium, and unexpended balance authority within the 2026-27 biennium.	\$ 7,214,568	\$ 7,214,568				
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 45,182,489	\$ 45,182,489	\$ 5,268,007	\$ 5,268,007	\$ 15,577,338	\$ 15,577,338
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		64.0	64.0	23.0	23.0	14.0	14.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Nursing (507) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$59,954	\$59,954	\$59,954	\$59,954		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Additional Staff General Revenue appropriations for 15.0 additional FTEs: a) 1.0 Enforcement Manager (\$88,000 per year) b) 6.0 Investigators (\$57,000 per FTE each year) c) 1.0 Human Resources Specialist (\$54,000 per year) d) 1.0 Nursing Education Specialist (\$100,000 per year) e) 1.0 Budget and Policy Analyst (\$90,000 per year) f) 1.0 Customer Service Representative (\$44,000 per year) g) 1.0 Message Center Representative (\$45,000 per year) h) 1.0 Records Retention Specialist (\$41,000 per year) i) 1.0 Payroll Specialist (\$61,000 per year) j) 1.0 Data Analyst (\$84,000 per year).	\$1,898,000	\$1,898,000			\$1,898,000	\$1,898,000
2.	Information Technology Upgrade						
	a) General Revenue appropriations with capital budget authority for Enforcement System and Education Program System modernization.	\$4,135,000	\$4,135,000			\$4,135,000	\$4,135,000
	b) General Revenue appropriations with capital budget authority for website modernization.	\$650,000	\$650,000			\$650,000	\$650,000

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	c) Request for a new rider that would exempt any funds appropriated for Exceptional Item 2 from Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections requirements.					Adopt to Article XI	
3.	Additional Funding for the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies General Revenue appropriations of \$213,274 each year for ongoing costs to allow the agency to transfer additional collections from existing revenue to the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS). TCNWS has requested this additional funding for two Research Specialist FTEs that were previously eliminated and to cover a slight increase in operational costs.	\$ 426,548	\$ 426,548			\$ 426,548	\$ 426,548
4.	Additional Funding for the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses General Revenue appropriations of \$160,000 each year for ongoing costs for additional funding for the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). TPAPN funding from the agency has remained at the same level since the 2017-18 biennium, and TPAPN has been operating at a deficit, relying on additional fees and depleting reserves, due to rising costs. There would be no impact on agency fees.	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000			\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Nursing (507) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
5.	Executive Director Compensation Request for authority to increase the Executive Director salary cap from \$171,547 to \$203,337, an annual increase of \$31,790, within Group 5. No additional funding is requested.	\$ -	\$ -				
6.	Increased Funding for the Health Professions Council Request for General Revenue appropriations to fund the agency's share of cost increases at the Health Professions Council. This is also the subject of the above technical adjustment and would not be needed if the technical adjustment is funded.	\$ 43,972	\$ 43,972				
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 7,533,474	\$ 7,533,474	\$ 59,954	\$ 59,954	\$ 7,429,548	\$ 7,429,548
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Optometry Board (514) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 8,014	\$ 8,014	\$ 8,014	\$ 8,014		
Agency Requests:							
1.	None.						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 8,014	\$ 8,014	\$ 8,014	\$ 8,014	\$ -	\$ -
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (515) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- Dedicated All Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ (26,914)	\$ (26,914)	\$ (26,914)	\$ (26,914)		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Additional Staff General Revenue appropriations with authority for an additional 11.0 FTEs to address increased agency workloads within the following agency functions: a) Information Technology: Programmer IV (\$110,000 per year), Programmer V (\$125,000 per year), Network Specialist IV (\$90,000 per year), Web Administrator III (\$90,000 per year), Program Specialist III (\$62,136 per year), Database Administrator III (\$95,000 per year). b) Finance: Accountant VII (\$102,980 per year) c) Licensing: Programmer Supervisor VII (\$91,836 per year), 2.0 Program Specialist III (\$62,136 per year each) d) Prescription Monitoring Program: Epidemiologist IV (\$95,000).	\$ 2,104,659	\$ 2,104,659			\$ 2,104,659	\$ 2,104,659
2.	Vehicle Replacement General Revenue funding for the replacement of eight vehicles that are over 10 years old and over approximately 100,000 miles. Funding for this item is included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000				

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3.	Information Technology Upgrades						
	a) General Revenue funding for one-time funding in fiscal year 2026 for the purchase of Adobe licenses.	\$ 53,340	\$ 53,340			\$ 53,340	\$ 53,340
	b) General Revenue funding to fund an additional 15 Tableau software license subscriptions.	\$ 24,990	\$ 24,990			\$ 24,990	\$ 24,990
4.	Staff Salary Increases General Revenue funding for the following:						
	a) Staff equity increases: \$195,923 in each year of the biennium for annual costs to increase salaries of select positions to increase retention of staff and make positions competitive.	\$ 391,846	\$ 391,846				
	b) Equity increases for attorney positions: \$95,742 each year of the biennium.	\$ 191,484	\$ 191,484				
	c) Staff merit increases: \$136,751 in each year of the biennium for annual costs to provide merit increases based on performance to provide incentives for high performing staff.	\$ 273,502	\$ 273,502				
	d) Merit increases for attorney positions: \$25,749 each year of the biennium	\$ 51,498	\$ 51,498				

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5.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director salary cap by \$25,000 annually plus benefits, from \$156,336 in Group 4 to \$181,336 in Group 5.	\$ 50,750	\$ 50,750				
6.	Training and Conferences General Revenue funding to fund \$50,000 in annual costs for staff attendance of conferences and \$29,259 in annual costs for staff trainings in each year of the biennium.	\$ 158,500	\$ 158,500			\$ 158,500	\$ 158,500
7.	DIR and Texas.gov Increases General Revenue funding for the following:						
	a) An additional \$5,616 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,520 in fiscal year 2027 for Department of Information Resources (DIR) cloud services cost increases. Funding for this item is included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$ 13,136	\$ 13,136				
	b) An additional \$35,000 each year for Texas.gov fees to reflect current revenue collection and expenditure totals.	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000		
8.	New Rider, 5. Unexpended Balances: Prescription Monitoring Program Request a new rider that would provide unexpended balance authority between fiscal years and biennia for the Prescription Monitoring Program.	\$ -	\$ -	Adopt			

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (515) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
9.	New Rider, 6. Cybersecurity Response Request a new rider that would appropriate \$300,000 in General Revenue and provide authority for an additional 3.0 FTEs in each year of the biennium, contingent upon a finding of fact by the Board of Pharmacy that the agency needs additional resources due to a cybersecurity attack affecting prescribers. The Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor would each have an opportunity to disapprove the finding of fact. Request that the \$300,000 appropriation be exempt from Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections (ALRC) requirement.	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000			\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 3,976,791	\$ 3,976,791	\$ 43,086	\$ 43,086	\$ 2,641,489	\$ 2,641,489
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	14.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$196,231	\$196,231	\$196,231	\$196,231		
2.	Correct the amount of General Revenue appropriated to Strategy C.1.1, Indirect Administration, for the Executive Director.	\$7,570	\$7,570				
Agency Requests:							
1.	Salary Increases and Termination Payments General Revenue funding to provide competitive salaries to retain current staff and to fund anticipated lump sum termination payments.	\$168,522	\$168,522				
2.	Executive Director Compensation Authority to increase the annual authorized salary amount for the Executive Director position from \$116,508 to \$129,765 within Salary Group 2. No additional funding is requested.	\$-	\$-				
3.	IT Upgrades and Maintenance General Revenue funding to maintain use of the Parchment transcript management program, incorporate DocuSign signature software upgrade, lease copiers, and implement new call center phone software.	\$67,645	\$67,645			\$67,645	\$67,645

Article VIII, Regulatory Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
<u>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</u>							
1.	None.						
Total		\$439,968	\$439,968	\$196,231	\$196,231	\$67,645	\$67,645
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (456) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ (32,199)	\$ (32,199)	\$ (32,199)	\$ (32,199)		
Agency Requests:							
1.	Relocation General Revenue funding to support agency headquarters relocation to a new facility due to lease increases at current location. The item would be withdrawn if the agency remains in its current location (see Item #2).	\$ 675,000	\$ 675,000			\$ 675,000	\$ 675,000
2.	Increase in Lease Cost General Revenue funding to cover cost of increased lease should the agency remain in its current location. Agency annual lease costs for the 2024-25 biennium are \$369,301 at the current location.	\$ 88,325	\$ 88,325			\$ 88,325	\$ 88,325
3.	Salary Increases General Revenue funding to provide a 10% staff salary increase to maintain competitive market wages with private businesses and state agencies.	\$ 650,092	\$ 650,092				

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (456) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
4.	Additional Staff General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 7.0 FTEs to fund additional positions in Licensing, Enforcement, Legal Support, and Administration program areas made necessary by plumber population growth. - Program Specialist II - Examiner (x2) \$68,714 in FY26 and \$64,524 in FY27 - Program Specialist II - Examiner \$79,771 in FY26 and \$75,115 in FY27 - Administrative Assistant III - \$51,466 in FY26 and \$47,994 in FY27 - Legal Assistant III - \$59,998 in FY 26 and \$56,171 in FY27 - Program Specialist III - \$68,715 in FY26 and \$64,524 in FY27 - Customer Service Representative II - \$51,466 in FY26 and \$47,994 in FY27	\$ 869,692	\$ 869,962	\$ 869,692	\$ 869,962		
5.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$129,377 to \$152,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$167,000 in fiscal year 2027. This includes a request to increase the position's salary cap from \$129,377 in Group 3 to \$171,699 in Group 4.	\$ 60,246	\$ 60,246				

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6.	Plumbing Promoting Program General Revenue funding to promote the plumbing profession as a career option through community events at primary, secondary and post-secondary educational institutions; municipal buildings and inspection departments; and trade associations.	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000		
7.	Financial Audit General Revenue funding for one-time appropriations to conduct a financial audit of the agency in order to ensure compliance with accounting rules and standards.	\$35,000	\$35,000				
8.	Improving IT General Revenue funding for transfer via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council to enhance and improve the license database (VERSA) and to improve electronic communication capabilities with licensees, registrants and the public.	\$167,000	\$167,000			\$167,000	\$167,000
9.	Vehicle Replacements General Revenue funding to replace older high-mileage vehicles that have exceeded their useful life. Funding for this item is included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$116,500	\$116,500				
10.	Additional Testing Facilities General Revenue funding for improvements to the examination facility in Harlingen and the design and building of a mobile testing unit.	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000		

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<u>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</u>							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 3,179,656	\$ 3,179,926	\$ 1,387,493	\$ 1,387,763	\$ 930,325	\$ 930,325
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Racing Commission (476) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Cost-Out Adjustments:						
1. Adjust Other Funds from the Texas Bred Incentive Fund No. 327 in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Bred Incentive Program, by (\$435,000) in fiscal year 2026 and by (\$435,000) in fiscal year 2027 to align with the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.	\$ -	\$ (870,000)	\$ -	\$ (870,000)		
Agency Requests:						
1. Legacy Database Replacement General Revenue Funds and capital budget authority to replace the agency's nonfunctioning legacy database.	\$ 3,737,795	\$ 3,737,795			\$ 3,737,795	\$ 3,737,795
2. Vehicle Replacement and Operating Costs General Revenue Funds and capital budget authority for acquisition of 15 replacement fleet vehicles and associated maintenance and operating costs.	\$ 2,003,495	\$ 2,003,495				
3. Drug and Evidence Testing Trailers General Revenue Funds and capital budget authority for acquisition of two mobile drug and evidence testing trailers and associated maintenance and operating costs.	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340		

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4.	Forensic Laboratory Services Procurement General Revenue Funds (\$2,106,700 in FY 2026; \$2,206,700 in FY 2027) to replace GR-Dedicated Funds in SB 1 (decrease of \$1,166,410 each fiscal year) and increase Appropriated Receipts (\$283,870 in FY 2026; \$383,870 in FY 2027) for procurement of contracted forensic laboratory and drug testing services following the discontinuation of services previously performed by the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory under an interagency contract.	\$1,980,580	\$2,648,320				
5.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue Funds (\$55,000 each fiscal year) to increase the Executive Director exempt salary within Group 5, for an annual amount not to exceed \$197,415.	\$110,000	\$110,000				
6.	New Rider, Asset Forfeiture Appropriations Authority Request a new rider to appropriate in Strategy B.1.1, Deter, Investigate, and Adjudicate, all funds received from seized or forfeited property under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 59, and Property Code, Chapter 71, and provide unexpended balance authority (UB) between fiscal years within the biennium for such appropriated funds.	\$-	\$-	Adopt			

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7.	New Rider, Unexpended Balance Authority: Seized Assets Request a new rider to (1) provide UB authority between fiscal years within the biennium for unobligated and unexpended balances of forfeited money, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property, or similar monetary awards related to the agency's participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband that are appropriated under Article IX, Section 8.02, of the General Appropriations Act; (2) authorize the agency to spend these appropriations for purposes authorized by the Texas Racing Act, including capital budget purposes; and (3) require the agency to provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Comptroller of Public Accounts of the UB amounts carried forward and the purposes for which UB funds would be used.	\$ -	\$ -	Adopt			
8.	New Rider, Clothing and Equipment Provision Request a new rider to appropriate any additional revenue received from license fees to provide a \$1,200 clothing allowance and \$500 cleaning allowance for a commissioned officer and a \$1,200 clothing allowance for any employee assigned to work in the veterinary or laboratory test barn or stable areas of a racetrack for the purpose of purchasing certain protective clothing and items.	\$ -	\$ -	Adopt			
9.	New Rider, Peace Officer Classification Request a new rider to authorize the Racing Commission to pay its peace officer personnel in the Schedule C classification schedule.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt to Article XI	

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		GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
10.	New Rider, Recruiting Officers with Previous Experience Request a new rider to authorize the Racing Commission, at the time a commissioned officer is hired, to elect to credit up to four years of experience as a peace officer in any state within the United States as years of service for the purpose of calculating the officer's salary under Salary Classification Schedule C.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt to Article XI	
11.	New Rider, Cash Flow Contingency Request a new rider to allow the agency, with prior approval from the Legislative Budget Board, to access additional appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in the amount of annual license fee revenue lost as a result of actions taken by the Texas Racing Commission to revoke or suspend an active or inactive greyhound or horse racetrack license.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt to Article XI	
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 8,070,210	\$ 7,867,950	\$ 238,340	\$ (631,660)	\$ 3,737,795	\$ 3,737,795
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory State Securities Board (312) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Agency Requests:							
1.	Recover Lapsed Funds General Revenue funding to recover lapsed funding from prior fiscal years to be used for current staff salaries and efforts to retain experienced staff.	\$ 477,848	\$ 477,848			\$ 477,848	\$ 477,848
2.	Security Commissioner Compensation Authority to increase the Security Commissioner exempt position salary cap by \$49,202 from \$177,836 within Group 5 to \$227,038 within Group 6.	\$ -	\$ -				
3.	Maintain IT Software Licenses General Revenue funding to maintain licenses for two software applications that the agency is currently piloting to more effectively investigate fraudulent digital asset schemes.	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000			\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000
4.	Termination Payments General Revenue funding to establish reserve funds to pay anticipated lump sum termination payments.	\$ 434,606	\$ 434,606			\$ 434,606	\$ 434,606
5.	Digital Wallets General Revenue funding to provide for digital wallets to support investigation of potentially fraudulent digital asset promotions.	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000		
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	Add a rider reporting requirement for when flash money used to purchase digital wallets is recovered by the agency.			Adopt			

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Total		\$1,120,454	\$1,120,454	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$1,080,454	\$1,080,454
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Public Utilities Commission (473) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Agency Requests:							
1.	Additional Staff Request General Revenue appropriations to provide funding and authority for additional staff (35.0 FTEs) to meet increased demand for agency services such as: 1) increased number of cost-recovery proceedings; 2) streamline filings in the form of System Improvement Charge filing for water cases; 3) rate-related cases involving issues such as storm-hardening, resiliency, mobile generation, and vegetation management costs; 4) additional steps in rate case proceedings; and 5) future filings in response to recent weather events.	\$7,467,500	\$7,467,500			\$7,467,500	\$7,467,500
2.	Case Management System						
a)	Request General Revenue appropriations to provide funding for the development of a case management system to streamline and improve contested case processes and improve case processing data collections and tools as recommendation by the Sunset Commission Report in the 88th Legislature. Funding for this item is included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000				

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	b) Request in General Revenue appropriations to provide funding and authority for additional staff to implement the case management system. 6.0 FTES include: 2.0 Project Manager III-V (\$145,000 per year) 3.0 Engineering Specialist IV-V or Engineer III-V (\$130,000 per year) 1.0 Attorney I-IV (131,000 per year) 1.0 Program Specialist III-V (\$82,000 per year) Funding for this item is included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$1,551,400	\$1,551,400				
	3. Infrastructure Resilience and Reliability						
	a) General Revenue appropriations to provide funding and authority for additional staff to review an anticipated increase in the number of contested cases and Certificates of Convenience and Necessity applications. 8.0 FTES include: 2.0 Project Manager III-V (\$145,00 per year) 3.0 Engineering Specialist IV-V or Engineer III-V (\$130,000 per year) 1.0 Attorney I-IV (131,000 per year) 1.0 Program Specialist III-V (\$82,000 per year) 1.0 Financial Examiner III-V (\$110,000 per year)	\$2,061,200	\$2,061,200	\$2,061,200	\$2,061,200		

Article VIII, Regulatory Public Utilities Commission (473) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced			Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
	b)	General Revenue appropriations to develop an enhanced system to report utilities outage information during State Operations Center activation events.	\$700,000	\$700,000			\$700,000	\$700,000
4.	Additional Texas Energy Fund Staff General Revenue appropriations to provide funding and authority for additional staff to meet increased demand for the Texas Energy Fund programs and ensure all the projects within each of the four programs in the Fund are monitored appropriately. 6.0 FTES include: 1.0 Engineering Specialist II – V or Engineer II-V (\$133,450 per year) 1.0 Project Manager III-V (\$156,000 per year) 1.0 Compliance Analyst IV (\$108,450 per year) 1.0 Project Manager II-IV (\$129,000 per year) 1.0 Quality Assurance Specialist II-IV (\$91,250 per year) 1.0 Program Specialist IV-V (\$87,000 per year) \$803,000 and 4.0 FTEs for the program are included in HB 1.		\$1,410,700	\$1,410,700			\$1,410,700	\$1,410,700
5.	Power to Choose Website General Revenue appropriations to provide one-time funding to update and modernize the agency's electricity rate comparison tool.		\$500,000	\$500,000			\$500,000	\$500,000

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Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	Reduce Texas Energy Fund by \$3.0 billion in Strategy A.4.1, Texas Energy Fund, and amend Rider 5, Texas Energy Fund, to reflect this change.			\$ -	\$(3,000,000,000)	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000,000
Total		\$ 16,090,800	\$ 16,090,800	\$ 2,061,200	\$ (2,997,938,800)	\$ 10,078,200	\$ 3,010,078,200
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		55.0	55.0	8.0	8.0	41.0	41.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Public Utility Counsel (475) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
<u>Agency Requests:</u>							
1.	Public Counsel Compensation General Revenue Funds and authority to raise the Public Counsel exempt position salary cap from \$165,000 in Group 4 to \$185,000 in Group 5.	\$40,000	\$40,000				
2.	Staff Salaries Increase General Revenue Funds and GR-Dedicated funding for a 10 percent salary increase for all agency staff to reduce staff turnover rates.	\$508,000	\$508,000				
3.	Legal Expert Witness Fees General Revenue Funds and GR-Dedicated funding to provide additional funding for legal expert witnesses.	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000		
<u>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</u>							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 1,748,000	\$ 1,748,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (578) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds	
Technical Adjustments:							
1.	Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 32,710	\$ 32,710	\$ 32,710	\$ 32,710		
Agency Requests:							
1.	New Database Expansion General Revenue Funds to expand the licensing database to include enforcement, inspection, and legal capabilities.	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
2.	Staff Salary Increases General Revenue Funds to adjust agency staff salaries so that all staff are at the midpoint of their classification salary range.	\$ 238,000	\$ 238,000				
3.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue Funds and authority to raise the Executive Director salary cap from \$120,740 to \$129,765.	\$ 18,050	\$ 18,050				
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:							
1.	None.						
Total		\$ 788,760	\$ 788,760	\$ 32,710	\$ 32,710	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Special Provisions to Article VIII Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Items Not Included in HB 1, Intro <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:						
1. Modify Sec. 3 Funding for Health Professions Council (page VIII-62) to correct each participating agency's HPC contribution amount. Cost Neutral			Recommend to Adopt			
Agency Requests:						
1. None.						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:						
1. None.						
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

By: _____

Article VIII, Behavioral Health Executive Council
Proposed Rider
Judgments and Settlements

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

Add a rider that specifies that payments of judgements or settlements, including attorney’s fees, resulting from actions brought under the Texas Constitution or Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act that arise from claims challenging the validity or constitutionality of a state law and prosecuted or defended by the Office of the Attorney General that are obtained against the Behavioral Health Executive Council or the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners shall be paid out by the Comptroller and not by the agency.

Required Action

On page VIII-5 in the Behavioral Health Executive Council bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____.
Judgments and Settlements. Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 16.04 of this Act, payment of judgments or settlements, including attorney’s fees, resulting from actions brought under the Texas Constitution or Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act that arise from claims challenging the validity or constitutionality of a state law and prosecuted or defended by the Office of the Attorney General that are obtained against the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council or the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, or any individual(s) acting in their official capacity on behalf of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council or the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, shall be paid out by the Comptroller and not from funds appropriated to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council.

By: _____

Article VIII, Department of Insurance
Amend Rider
Rider 14, Appropriation: Agent and Adjuster Licensing Fee Collection

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

Amend Rider 14, Appropriation: Agent and Adjuster Licensing Fee Collection to limit the amount that can be carried between biennia through unexpended balance authority to \$1,000,000.

Required Action

On page VIII-24 in the Department of Insurance bill pattern, amend the following rider:

14. **Appropriation: Agent and Adjuster Licensing Fee Collections.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, out of funds collected from agent and adjuster licensing fees (revenue object code 3210) deposited to General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36, the Department of Insurance is appropriated all amounts collected in excess of those contained in the Comptroller's January 20232025 Biennial Revenue Estimate (estimated to be \$0) to Strategy A.1.1. Operations, Education, and Outreach.

(a) Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations, not to exceed \$1,000,000, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

(b) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers of this Act, appropriations made by this rider may not be transferred from Strategy A.1.1, Customer Operations, Education, and Outreach, to other strategies without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board.

By: _____

Article VIII, Department of Licensing and Regulation
Proposed New Rider
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Attachment
Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections Exemption

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

Add a new rider exempting funds designated for the attachment of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections requirements.

Required Action

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

- _____. **Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Temporary Attachment.** Amounts appropriated above include \$1,970,517 from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026–27 biennium for the temporary regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine by the Department of Licensing and Regulation. These amounts are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.

By: _____

Article VIII, Department of Licensing and Regulation
Proposed Rider
Appropriation: Combative Sports Event Tax

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/11/2025

Overview

Add a rider appropriating 25% of the gross receipts tax collected under the Texas Occupations Code, Section 2052.151, for the purposes of regulating more combative sports events in Texas.

Required Action

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

- _____. **Appropriation: Combative Sports Event Tax.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, one quarter of the tax assessed on gross receipts of combative sports events collected by the Department of Licensing and Regulation under Occupations Code, Section 2052.151 (estimated to be \$471,000) is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to Strategy B.1.1, Conduct Inspections, in the Department of Licensing and Regulation's bill pattern for the purposes of regulating combative sports events.

By: _____

Article VIII, Board of Pharmacy
Proposed Rider
Unexpended Balances: Prescription Monitoring Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/11/2025

Overview

Add a rider providing unexpended balance authority between fiscal years and biennia for the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Required Action

On page VIII-42 in the Board of Pharmacy bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Unexpended Balances: Prescription Monitoring Program.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, for Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, are appropriated to the Board of Pharmacy for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Board of Pharmacy for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: _____

Article VIII, Racing Commission
Proposed Rider
Asset Forfeiture Appropriations Authority

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/11/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Racing Commission bill pattern to appropriate in Strategy B.1.1, Deter, Investigate, and Adjudicate, funds received by the Racing Commission under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Chapter 71, Property Code, by the Texas Racing Commission or that are awarded by the United States Department of Justice based on the approval of an Equitable Sharing Request (DAG-71) form to be used for law enforcement purposes.

Required Action

On page VIII-50 in the Racing Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Asset Forfeiture Appropriations Authority.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, all funds received under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Chapter 71, Property Code, by the Texas Racing Commission or awarded to the Texas Racing Commission by the United States Department of Justice based on the approval of an Equitable Sharing Request (DAG-71) form (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Deter, Investigate, and Adjudicate, to be used for law enforcement purposes. Any unexpended funds (estimated to be \$0) at the close of each fiscal year from funds appropriated by this rider are appropriated for the following fiscal year.

By: _____

Article VIII, Racing Commission
Proposed Rider
Unexpended Balance Authority: Seized Assets

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/11/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Racing Commission bill pattern to provide unexpended balance authority between fiscal years within the 2027–27 biennium from balances of forfeited money, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property, or similar monetary awards related to Texas Racing Commission participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband appropriated under Article IX, Section 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments, in the General Appropriations Act and require the agency to submit to the LBB, Governor, and Comptroller of Public Accounts a report of amounts carried forward from fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2027 under this provision and the purposes for which those amounts would be expended in fiscal year 2027.

Required Action

On page VIII-50 in the Racing Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Unexpended Balance Authority: Seized Assets.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances of forfeited money, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property, or similar monetary awards related to Texas Racing Commission participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband appropriated under Article IX, Section 8.02, of this Act that are remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. The Texas Racing Commission is authorized to expend these funds for purposes authorized by the Texas Racing Act, including capital budget purposes. Such expenditures must comply with limitations established for salary, travel, capital expenditures, employment levels, and other provisions contained in Article IX of this Act. The Texas Racing Commission shall provide the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts a report, not later than October 1, 2026, of amounts carried forward from fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2027 under this provision and the purposes for which those amounts would be expended in fiscal year 2027.

By: _____

Article VIII, Racing Commission
Proposed Rider
Clothing and Equipment Provisions

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/11/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Racing Commission bill pattern to authorize an appropriation from occupational and business license fees collected in excess of amounts included in the Comptroller’s Biennial Revenue Estimate for the 2026–27 biennium to provide clothing and cleaning allowances for commissioned officers and clothing and equipment allowances agency personnel assigned to work in certain areas of a racetrack.

Required Action

On page VIII-50 in the Racing Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

- _____. **Clothing and Equipment Provisions.** Any additional revenues in the GR - Dedicated Texas Racing Commission Account No. 597 received from occupational and business license fees to cover the costs of deterring, investigating and adjudicating violations of the Texas Racing Act (Object Codes 3188, 3189, and 3196) above amounts included in the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ Biennial Revenue Estimate for fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Racing Commission for the following purposes:
- (a) to provide for a commissioned officer who is newly hired or newly commissioned a \$1,200 clothing allowance to purchase and maintain appropriate uniforms;
 - (b) to provide for a commissioned officer who is entitled to receive a clothing allowance to also receive a \$500 cleaning allowance irrespective of promotion to any rank; and
 - (c) to provide for any employee assigned to work in the veterinary or laboratory test barn or stable areas of a racetrack who is entitled to wear medical scrubs issued by the agency a \$1,200 clothing allowance to purchase protective boots, knee pads, back support, and protective items.

By: Walle/ HAC Subcommittee

Article VIII, Securities Board
Proposed Rider
Digital Wallet Money Reporting
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/25

Overview

Require the Securities Board to report when any of the \$40,000 appropriated General Revenue is used to purchase digital wallets during an investigation into potentially fraudulent digital asset promotions is recovered by the agency in an effort to see the return on investment of the appropriated funds.

Required Action

On page VIII-51 of the Securities Board’s bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following rider:

_____. **Digital Wallet Money Reporting.** The Securities Board shall provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Legislature when appropriated funds used as flash money to purchase digital wallets in the support of investigations efforts of potential fraudulent digital asset promotion have been recovered. The Securities Board shall report annually no later than January 1, each year of the biennium.

By: _____

Public Utility Commission of Texas, Article VIII
Appropriation Rider
Texas Energy Fund

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/19/2025

Overview

Amend Rider 5, Texas Energy Fund, to change the amount of General Revenue Funds that the Comptroller of Public Accounts transfers to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 from \$5,000,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000.

Required Action

On page VIII-56 in the Public Utility Commission of Texas bill pattern, amend the following rider:

_____. **Texas Energy Fund.**

- (a) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer ~~\$52~~,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall consult with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to coordinate the timing of transfers to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176.
- (b) The transfers made under Subsection (a), included in appropriations made in Strategy A.4.1, Texas Energy Fund, shall be used to provide grants and loans for electric generating facilities.
- (c) In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$0).
- (d) All unexpended and unobligated balances in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for fiscal year 2025 and remaining as of August 31, 2026 (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: _____

Article VIII Special Provisions, Health Professions Council
Proposed Rider Amendment
Sec. 3 Funding for Health Professions Council

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

Amend Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies Sec. 3 Funding for Health Professions Council to reflect updated agency transfer amounts for both fiscal years.

Required Action

On page VIII-62 in Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies, amend the following rider:

Sec. 3. Funding for Health Professions Council. An agency participating in the Health Professions Council shall transfer funds through interagency contract to the Health Professions Council from appropriations made to the agency elsewhere in this Act in order to carry out the functions required under Chapter 101, Occupations Code, and to maintain other Council services. Agency costs for administrative and support services are based on agreements between the Council and its member agencies. Costs for other services are based on a participating agency's usage. Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Health Professions Council, are funds transferred by the following participating agencies in the amounts noted below for each year of the 2026-27 biennium:

Participating Agency	2026	2027
Office of Public Insurance Counsel	\$11,317 18,177	\$11,317 18,117
Board of Plumbing Examiners	\$162,146 147,335	\$168,034 150,646
Board of Professional Geoscientists	\$31,167 33,389	\$32,274 35,067
Texas Medical Board	\$79,342 90,747	\$79,342 90,747
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	\$298,511 280,339	\$307,620 283,611
Board of Nursing	\$121,122 150,727	\$120,378 150,727
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	\$18,573 27,696	\$18,456 27,578
Funeral Service Commission	\$54,803 62,998	\$55,442 61,199
Optometry Board	\$43,123 47,596	\$43,985 47,526
Board of Pharmacy	\$556,850 547,546	\$572,668 555,058
Behavioral Health Executive Council	\$311,055 298,080	\$320,653 304,388
Health and Human Services Commission	\$11,599	\$11,599
Exec Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners	\$49,875 147,528	\$52,146 150,724
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	\$30,554 46,909	\$30,554 46,909
Total	\$1,780,037 1,910,606	\$1,824,465 1,933,896

**House Appropriations Committee
Riders - Article VIII**

Adopted

Legislative Budget Board

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Donna Howard

Affected Agency: Texas Department of Insurance

Purpose: FQHC Primary Care Access Program (SB 2193 in 88th)

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$20,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

FOHC Primary Care Access Program. In addition to funds appropriated above, the Department of Insurance is appropriated \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 to establish and administer the Federally Qualified Health Centers primary care access grant program authorized by Senate Bill 2193. Eighty-eighth Regular Session.

By: Garcia Hernandez

Article VIII, Board of Pharmacy
Proposed Rider Amendment
Prescription Monitoring Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

Increase appropriations by \$225,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 in Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 and amend rider 4, Prescription Monitoring Program to add language directing the additional appropriation.

Required Action

1. On page VIII-41 of the Board of Pharmacy bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, by \$225,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189.

2. On page VIII-42 in the Board of Pharmacy bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Prescription Monitoring Program.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, include \$3,700,750 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,700,750 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Funds to implement Narxcare and Statewide Integration. These amounts are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.

Included in amounts appropriated above is \$225,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 to implement system enhancements related to the Prescription Monitoring Program, including an alert mechanism capable of identifying lapses in treatment for patients prescribed buprenorphine or other medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

**House Appropriations Committee
Riders - Article VIII**

Article XI

Legislative Budget Board

By: Oliverson

Department of Insurance, Article VIII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Care Access Pilot

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$8.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and \$12.0 million in fiscal year 2027 and add a rider in the Department of Insurance bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund the Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Care Access pilot program.

Required Action

- 1) On page VIII-18 in the Department of Insurance bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy B.2.2, Life and Health Regulation, in fiscal year 2026 by \$8,000,000 and in fiscal year 2027 by \$12,000,000 in General Revenue Funds
- 2) On page VIII-24 in the Department of Insurance bill pattern, add the following rider:

17. Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Care Access Pilot. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2. Life and Health Regulation, is \$8,000,000 in General Revenue funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$12,000,000 in General Revenue funds for fiscal year 2027 to provide uninsured or underinsured working adults employed at small businesses, and their dependents, with comprehensive direct primary care, as defined in Chapter 76 of the Health and Safety Code.

By: Representative Barry

Article VIII, Department of Insurance
Proposed Funding and Rider
Guidelines Licensing Contract

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$4.8 million in fiscal year 2026 and add rider to the Department of Insurance bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to engage in a contract to ensure workers' compensation system providers have access to treatment and return-to-work as required by the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 137, Sections 137.100 and 137.10 and providing unexpended balance authority within the biennium for these funds.

Required Action

- 1) On page VIII-18 of the Department of Insurance bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy D.1.1, Oversight and Compliance, in fiscal year 2026 by \$4,800,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VIII-24 of the Department of Insurance bill pattern, add the following new rider:

_____. **Guidelines Licensing Contract.** Amounts appropriated above include \$4,800,000 in General Revenue funds in Strategy D.1.1, Oversight and Compliance, in fiscal year 2026 to fund an agency contract to ensure workers' compensation system providers have access to the treatment and return-to-work guidelines as required by the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 137, Sections 137.00 and 137.10. Any unexpended and unobligated balance of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Lujan

Article VIII, Department of Insurance
Proposed Funding and Rider
Guidelines Licensing Contract

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$4.8 million in fiscal year 2026 and add rider to the Department of Insurance bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to engage in a contract to ensure workers' compensation system providers have access to treatment and return-to-work as required by the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 137, Sections 137.100 and 137.10 and providing unexpended balance authority within the biennium for these funds.

Required Action

- 1) On page VIII-18 of the Department of Insurance bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy D.1.1, Oversight and Compliance, in fiscal year 2026 by \$4,800,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VIII-24 of the Department of Insurance bill pattern, add the following new rider:
 - ____. **Guidelines Licensing Contract.** Amounts appropriated above include \$4,800,000 in General Revenue funds in Strategy D.1.1, Oversight and Compliance, in fiscal year 2026 to fund an agency contract to ensure workers' compensation system providers have access to the treatment and return-to-work guidelines as required by the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 137, Sections 137.00 and 137.10. Any unexpended and unobligated balance of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Oliverson

Article VIII, Department of Insurance
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency Rider: HB 1576, Home Fortification

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/3/2025

Overview

Contingent on the passage of House Bill 1576, or similar legislation relating to a grant program for hurricane and windstorm loss mitigation for single-family residential property, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, directs the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer \$500 million of General Revenue Funds to a new General Revenue-Dedicated Account, the Hurricane and Windstorm Mitigation Account. Additionally, increase General Revenue-Dedicated appropriations from the Hurricane and Windstorm Mitigation Account for the Department of Insurance by \$250 million each fiscal year and add a rider that directs the funds for the purposes of administering grants for the Grant Program for Hurricane and Windstorm Loss Mitigation for Single-Family Residential Property.

Required Action

1) On page VIII-24 in the Department of Insurance bill pattern, add the following rider:

- _____. **Contingency for HB 1576.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 1576, or similar legislation relating to a grant program for hurricane and windstorm loss mitigation for single-family residential property, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session:
- (a) the Comptroller of Public Accounts is directed to transfer \$500,000,000 from the General Revenue fund to the Hurricane and Windstorm Mitigation Account and
 - (b) \$250,000,000 each fiscal year is appropriated from the Hurricane and Windstorm Mitigation Account to the Department of Insurance in Strategy B.1.2, Property and Casualty Regulation, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: VanDeaver

Affected Agency: Texas Department of Insurance

Purpose: Direct the Commissioner of the Texas Department of Insurance to allocate funds to peace officers commissioned as investigators in the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$1,791,532 for the biennium; \$895,766 for FY 2026 and \$895,766 for FY 2027.

Method of Finance (if applicable): General revenue in the Texas Department of Insurance Strategy C.1.1, Fire Marshal.

Rider Language:

Contingency for HB 2467. Contingent on the enactment of HB 2467, or similar legislation, an additional \$1,791,532 is appropriated for the biennium; \$895,766 for FY 2026 and \$895,766 for FY 2027 from the GR Dedicated-Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036 through Strategy C.1.1 for the purposes of adjusting salary schedules of peace officers employed by the State Fire Marshal Office to Salary Schedule C.

By: Capriglione

Article VIII, Office of Public Insurance Counsel
Proposed Funding and Rider
Breast Cancer Advocate

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations for the Office of Public Insurance Counsel by \$125,000 each fiscal year, increase the number of the agency’s full-time-equivalent positions by 1.0 each fiscal year, and add a rider that directs the appropriations and full-time-equivalent position to help Texans diagnosed with breast cancer navigate private insurance.

Required Action

- 1) On page VIII-24 of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel bill pattern, increase General Revenue appropriations by \$125,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$125,000 in fiscal year 2027.
- 2) On page VIII-24 of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel bill pattern, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents by 1.0 for fiscal year 2026 and 1.0 for fiscal year 2027.
- 3) On page VIII-26 in the Office of Public Insurance Counsel bill pattern, add the following rider:
 - _____. **Breast Cancer Advocate.** Amounts appropriated above include \$125,000 and 1.0 full-time-equivalent position in fiscal year 2026 and \$125,000 and 1.0 full-time equivalent position in fiscal year 2027 for the Office of Public Insurance Counsel to help Texans diagnosed with breast cancer navigate private insurance.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Eddie Morales, Jr.

Affected Agency: Department of Licensing and Regulation

Purpose:

The **Weather Modification Research and Development Fund** rider provides essential funding to the **Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation** to fulfill its statutory duty under Section 301.058, Texas Agriculture Code. Despite the Legislature mandating the department to promote continuous research in weather modification, this has remained an unfunded mandate, limiting progress in developing methods to enhance rainfall, mitigate severe weather, and protect life and property. Allocating funds will ensure the state advances research and innovation in weather modification, benefiting agricultural, industrial, and commercial sectors.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$500K

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue Fund

Rider Language:

XX. Weather Modification Research and Development Fund. Included in amounts appropriated above, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund shall be allocated to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to promote continuous research and development in weather modification and control, as authorized by Section 301.058, Texas Agriculture Code. These funds shall support the development of new methods, materials, and technologies for weather modification, the application of weather modification for agricultural and commercial purposes, and efforts to protect life and property during research and operational activities.

By: Guillen

Article VIII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Continuing Education Tracking System

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/5/2025

Overview

Contingent upon enactment of House Bill 1838, or similar legislation relating to verification of health care practitioner continuing education compliance through the establishment of continuing education tracking systems, increase General Revenue Funds for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Dental Examiners, Board of Nursing, Board of Optometry, and the Texas Medical Board by an amount and add a rider to designate the funds for the purposes of establishing a continuing education system.

Required Action

1) On page VIII-X in the <agency name> bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for House Bill 1838.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 1838, or similar legislation relating to verification of health care practitioner continuing education compliance through the establishment of continuing education tracking systems, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session; increase appropriations to each of the following agencies by \$ _____ in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of the legislation:

- (1) Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- (2) Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners
- (3) Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- (4) Board of Dental Examiners
- (5) Board of Nursing
- (6) Board of Optometry
- (7) Texas Medical Board

By: Morales Shaw

Article VIII, Texas Medical Board
Proposed Funding Rider
Contingency for House Bill 1578

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/6/2025

Overview

Increase appropriations in the Texas Medical Board bill pattern by \$ _____ in each fiscal year from the General Revenue fund and add a rider directing the appropriation, contingent on enactment of HB 1578 by the Eighty-ninth Legislature.

Required Action

1) On page VIII-32 in the Texas Medical Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for House Bill 1578.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 1578, or similar legislation relating to or similar legislation relating to exceptions to and the repeal of certain laws prohibiting abortion, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session; the Texas Medical Board is appropriated \$ _____ in General Revenue Funds in Strategy C.1.2, Information Technology, in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Guillen

Public Utility Commission of Texas, Article VIII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for House Bill 1318

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/04/2025

Overview

Add a rider that appropriates \$ _____ in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 and that directs the appropriation be contingent on enactment of House Bill 1318, or similar legislation relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water or sewer service in an area incorporated or annexed by a municipality.

Required Action

- 1) On page VIII-56 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for House Bill 1318.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 1318, or similar legislation relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water or sewer service in an area incorporated or annexed by a municipality, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session; the Public Utility Commission of Texas is appropriated \$ _____ in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Guillen

Public Utility Commission of Texas, Article VIII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for House Bill 1353

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/04/2025

Overview

Add a rider that appropriates \$ _____ in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 and that directs the appropriation contingent on enactment of House Bill 1353, or similar legislation relating to international cooperation agreements between certain state agencies and the United Mexican States and funding for infrastructure investment in this state; providing authority for certain agencies to issue bonds.

Required Action

1) On page VIII-56 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for House Bill 1353.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 1353, or similar legislation relating to international cooperation agreements between certain state agencies and the United Mexican States and funding for infrastructure investment in this state; providing authority for certain agencies to issue bonds, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session; the Public Utility Commission of Texas is appropriated \$ _____ in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Hernandez

Public Utility Commission of Texas, Article VIII
Electric Customer Assistance Fund

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$250,000,000 to assist low-income electric customers with bill payment assistance, contingent on the passage of 89R SB 1513, relating to a program to provide assistance for certain retail electric customers, 89R HB 1359, relating to a program to provide assistance for certain retail electric customers; authorizing a fee, or a similar bill. The fund would provide discounts and one-time bill payment assistance to low-income customers.

Required Action

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

_____ **Electric Customer Assistance Fund.** Contingent on enactment of SB 1513, HB 1359, or similar legislation relating to the creation of a financial assistance fund for retail electric customers, by the Eighty-Ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Public Utility Commission of Texas is appropriated \$125 million in fiscal year 2026 and \$125 million in fiscal year 2027 from General Revenue to administer and distribute available funds to low-income customers.

By: Guillen

Public Utility Commission of Texas, Article VIII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for House Bill 1407

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/04/2025

Overview

Add a rider that appropriates \$ _____ in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 and that directs the appropriation contingent on enactment of House Bill 1407, or similar legislation relating to public utility agencies; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments.

Required Action

- 1) On page VIII-56 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for House Bill 1407.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 1407, or similar legislation relating to public utility agencies; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session; the Public Utility Commission of Texas is appropriated \$ _____ in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Barry

Office of Public Utility Counsel, Article VIII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Data Analytics Team

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations for the Office of Public Utility Counsel by \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy B.1.1, Participation in Utility Projects, and provide authority for an additional 3.0 FTEs in each fiscal year and add a rider that directs the allocation for developing a data analytic team.

Required Action

1. On page VIII-56 of the Office of Public Utility Counsel's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.1.1, Participation in Utility Projects, in the amounts of \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2027.
2. On page VIII-56 of the Office of Public Utility Counsel's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) from 25.0 to 28.0 in fiscal year 2026 and from 25.0 to 28.0 in fiscal year 2027.
3. On page VIII-58 of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Data Analytics Team.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Participation in Utility Projects, the Office of Public Utility Counsel shall allocate \$1,200,000 and 3.0 FTEs each fiscal year to develop a data analytic team.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Brian Harrison

Affected Agency: All agencies in Article VIII

Purpose: Prohibition on practices or programs that do not comply with the biological reality that there are only two sexes – male and female – and they are not changeable.

Rider Language: No funds appropriated by this Act may be expended by an entity listed in this Article (including any component, constituent unit, supported program, or grant recipient) for the design, implementation, or administration of practices or programs that do not comply with the biological reality that there are only two sexes – male and female – and they are not changeable. This prohibition includes, without limitation, all agency rules, policies, employment practices, communications, awarding of government benefits or contracts, and all other official actions.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Brian Harrison

Affected Agency: All agencies in Article VIII

Purpose: Prohibition on the design, implementation, or administration of diversity, equity, and inclusion practices or programs

Rider Language:

No funds appropriated by this Act may be expended by an entity listed in this Article (including any component, constituent unit, supported program, or grant recipient) for the design, implementation, or administration of diversity, equity, and inclusion practices or programs. This prohibition includes, without limitation, all agency rules, policies, employment practices, communications, awarding of government benefits or contracts, curricula, and all other official actions which promote differential treatment of individuals on the basis of race, color, or ethnicity.

**House Appropriations Committee
Riders - Article VIII**

Not Adopted

Legislative Budget Board

By: _____

Article VIII, Behavioral Health Executive Council
Spanish Language Social Work Licensing Exam

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Behavioral Health Executive Council bill pattern requiring the allocation of \$400,000 in General Revenue funds during the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of contracting for the development of a Spanish social working licensing exam(s) for three levels of social worker licensure.

Required Action

On page VIII-6 in the Behavioral Health Executive Council bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Spanish Language Social Work Licensing Exam.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Licensure, \$400,000 from the General Revenue fund for the 2026-27 biennium shall be used for the purpose of the Behavioral Health Executive Council contracting for the development of Spanish-language social work licensing exams for the following levels of licensure: Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, Licensed Master’s Social Worker, and Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The council shall release the exam to applicants by November 1, 2027.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Erin Gamez

Affected Agency: Behavioral Health Executive Council

Purpose: Add a rider to the Behavioral Health Executive Council bill pattern requiring the allocation of \$400,000 in General Revenue funds during the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of contracting for the development of a Spanish social working licensing exam(s) for three levels of social worker licensure.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$400,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue Fund

Rider Language: Spanish Language Social Work Licensing Exam. Out of Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Licensure, \$400,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026-27 biennium shall be used for the purpose of the Behavioral Health Executive Council contracting for the development of Spanish-language social work licensing exams for the following levels of licensure: Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, Licensed Master’s Social Worker, and Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The council shall release the exam to applicants by November 1, 2027.

Health and Human Services Commission
Proposed Funding and Rider
Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Access Care Program

Overview

This rider will provide funding to implement the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Primary Care Access program detailed in Chapter 76 of the Health and Safety Code. This pilot program seeks to improve access to comprehensive direct primary care for uninsured and underinsured working adults and their dependents by utilizing existing FQHCs. The state, the employer, and the employee will each contribute to a flat monthly membership fee paid to the FQHC from which the employee receives care.

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$8.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and \$12.0 million in fiscal year 2027 and add a rider in the Department of Insurance bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund the Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Care Access pilot program.

Required Action

- 1) On page VIII-18 in the Department of Insurance bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy B.2.2, Life and Health Regulation, in fiscal year 2026 by \$8,000,000 and in fiscal year 2027 by \$12,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VIII-24 in the Department of Insurance bill pattern, add the following rider:

XX. **Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Access Care Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2. Life and Health Regulation, is \$8,000,000 in General Revenue funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$12,000,000 in General Revenue funds for fiscal year 2027 to provide uninsured or underinsured working adults employed at small businesses, and their dependents, with comprehensive direct primary care, as defined in Chapter 76 of the Health and Safety Code..