

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article 8 – Regulatory

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

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

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	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
Article VIII, Regulatory SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
State Office of Administrative Hearings (360)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 708,061	\$ 708,061	\$ 591,438	\$ 591,438	\$ 596,962	\$ 596,962
Behavioral Health Executive Council (510)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 543,180	\$ 543,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 743,180	\$ 743,180
Board of Chiropractic Examiners (508)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 124,522	\$ 124,522	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,812	\$ 101,812
Board of Dental Examiners (504)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 761,482	\$ 761,482	\$ 664,324	\$ 664,324	\$ 438,034	\$ 438,034
Funeral Service Commission (513)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 713,802	\$ 713,802	\$ 1,354,600	\$ 1,354,600	\$ 468,290	\$ 468,290
Board of Professional Geoscientists (481)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,800	\$ 47,800	\$ 47,800	\$ 47,800
Health Professionals Council (364)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Office of Injured Employee Counsel (448)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 731,598	\$ 731,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Department of Insurance (454)						

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
Article VIII, Regulatory		Senate		House		Adopted	
SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 10,013,464	\$ 10,013,464	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 6,466,424	\$ 6,466,424
Office of Public Insurance Counsel (359)							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 443,743	\$ 443,743	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 695,264	\$ 695,264
Department of Licensing and Regulation (452)							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 27,178,458	\$ 27,178,458	\$ 1,579,215	\$ 1,579,215	\$ 693,172,440	\$ 693,172,440
Texas Medical Board (503)							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 16,228,925	\$ 16,228,925	\$ 5,245,197	\$ 5,245,197	\$ 4,122,652	\$ 4,122,652
Texas Board of Nursing (507)							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 6,683,000	\$ 6,683,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,748,000	\$ 2,748,000
Optometry Board (514)							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board of Pharmacy (515)							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 1,875,798	\$ 1,875,798	\$ 445,000	\$ 445,000	\$ 1,343,314	\$ 1,343,314
Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (533)							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 169,645	\$ 169,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,000	\$ 102,000
Board of Plumbing Examiners (456)							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 817,092	\$ 817,092	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 10,900	\$ 10,900
Racing Commission (476)							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
Article VIII, Regulatory SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Securities Board (312)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 645,848	\$ 645,848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 477,848	\$ 477,848
Public Utilities Commission (473)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 13,311,400	\$ 5,013,311,400	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000,000	\$ 5,626,250	\$ 5,005,626,250
Office of Public Utility Counsel (475)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 3,508,000	\$ 3,508,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 3,508,000	\$ 3,508,000
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (578)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 738,000	\$ 738,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,568	\$ 14,568
Special Provisions to Article VIII						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 85,196,018	\$ 5,085,196,018	\$ 31,615,914	\$ 2,031,615,914	\$ 720,922,078	\$ 5,720,922,078

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory State Office of Administrative Hearings (360) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, State Office of Administrative Hearings		\$ 16,509,854	\$ 25,625,084	\$ 16,393,230	\$ 25,508,460			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		120.0	120.0	121.0	121.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Cybersecurity Staff Senate provides \$157,953 for 1.0 Information Security Officer position with approximately \$2,370 for operational expenses each fiscal year. House provides \$585,640 in General Revenue Funding for 2.0 FTEs for Cybersecurity Staff in House Bill 500.	\$ 320,645	\$ 320,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT 1.0 FTE in SB 1 and \$320,645 in HB 500
2.	Increasing IT Software Costs Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	HOUSE
3.	Filling Vacant Positions House provides 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	HOUSE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory State Office of Administrative Hearings (360) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Chief Administrative Law Judge Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Chief ALJ salary cap from \$184,805 to \$187,567 within Salary Group 6.					\$5,524	\$5,524	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$708,061	\$708,061	\$591,438	\$591,438	\$596,962	\$596,962	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						120.0	120.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Behavioral Health Executive Council (510) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-Dedicated All Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-Dedicated All Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-Dedicated All Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Behavioral Health Executive Council		\$ 9,805,241	\$ 12,157,241	\$ 9,262,061	\$ 11,614,061			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Texas Psychology Licensing Exam, Initial Design Senate provides 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	SENATE
2.	Additional Staff Senate provides General Revenue funding to fill existing vacant staff positions for which the agency does not have sufficient resources.	\$ 418,180	\$ 418,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 418,180	\$ 418,180	SENATE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Behavioral Health Executive Council (510) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
3.	Budget Structure Senate allocates \$357,980 in General Revenue appropriations for the salaries and benefits of 3.0 FTEs split evenly between Strategies A.1.1 and B.1.1 House allocates \$357,980 in General Revenue appropriations for the salaries and benefits of 3.0 FTEs in Strategy C.1.1	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-			HOUSE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Add \$200,000 in General Revenue and a rider directing that the funds be used to contract for the development of a Spanish-language social work licensing exam for Licensed Master's Social Workers.					\$200,000	\$200,000	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$543,180	\$543,180	\$-	\$-	\$743,180	\$743,180	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						64.0	64.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Chiropractic Examiners (508) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Board of Chiropractic Examiners	\$ 2,318,146	\$ 2,517,146	\$ 2,193,624	\$ 2,392,624			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Staff Salary Increases Senate provides General Revenue funding to increase staff salaries.	\$ 78,522	\$ 78,522	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,522	\$ 78,522	SENATE
2. Increase Internet Bandwidth Senate provides General Revenue funding of \$18,000 each year to increase the agency's internet bandwidth from 20Mbps to 100Mbps.	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500
3. Paralegal Certificate Program Senate provides for General Revenue one-time funding in fiscal year 2026 for a legal assistant staff member's enrollment in a Paralegal Certificate program.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	SENATE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:							
1. Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$108,720 to \$115,365 within Salary Group 2.					\$ 13,290	\$ 13,290	ADOPT

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Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Chiropractic Examiners (508) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate		House		Adopted		
		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 124,522	\$ 124,522	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,812	\$ 101,812	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						14.0	14.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (504) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	\$ 10,199,058	\$ 10,716,058	\$ 10,101,900	\$ 10,618,900			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	59.0	59.0	59.0	59.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Staff Salary Increases Senate provides General Revenue funding for a ten percent salary adjustments for all eligible staff.	\$ 641,474	\$ 641,474	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
2. Funding to Fill Vacant License & Permit Specialist III Positions Senate provides General Revenue funding to fill 1.0 vacant License & Permit Specialists III position at \$60,004 each year. House provides General Revenue funding to fill 3.0 vacant License & Permit Specialists III position at \$60,004 each year.	\$ 120,008	\$ 120,008	\$ 360,024	\$ 360,024	\$ 240,016	\$ 240,016	Adopt funding for 2.0 vacant License and Permit Specialist III positions.
3. Funding to Fill a Vacant License & Permit Specialist IV Position House provides General Revenue funding to fill a vacant License & Permit Specialist IV position at \$60,000 each year.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -	SENATE

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Article VIII, Regulatory Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (504) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
4.	Funding to Fill a Vacant Staff Attorney III Position House provides General Revenue funding to fill a vacant Staff Attorney III position at \$92,150 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	HOUSE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$141,867 to \$148,726 and from Salary Group 3 to 4.					\$13,718	\$13,718	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$761,482	\$761,482	\$664,324	\$664,324	\$438,034	\$438,034	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						59.0	59.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Funeral Service Commission (513) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Funeral Service Commission	\$ 4,404,561	\$ 4,578,761	\$ 5,045,359	\$ 5,219,559			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	26.0	26.0	28.0	28.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Salary Increases Senate provides General Revenue funding to increase compensation for agency staff.	\$ 65,802	\$ 65,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,802	\$ 65,802	SENATE
2. Agency Automation Senate provides General Revenue funding to improve operations through automation to efficiently serve licensees and the public.	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500
3. Licensing Department Staff Senate provides General Revenue funding and authority for an additional 3.0 Program Specialists II. House provides General Revenue funding and authority for an additional 4.0 Program Specialists II.	\$ 318,000	\$ 318,000	\$ 424,000	\$ 424,000	\$ 212,000	\$ 212,000	Adopt funding for 2.0 Program Specialists II positions

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Article VIII, Regulatory Funeral Service Commission (513) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
4.	Office Expansion House provides General Revenue funding for additional office space to meet the needs of the expanding staff. Senate intends \$750,000 in General Revenue funding for additional office space in the Supplemental Bill.			\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	SENATE
5.	Additional Staff Attorney Position House provides 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	HOUSE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$107,948 to \$112,892 within Salary Group 2.					\$ 9,888	\$ 9,888	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 713,802	\$ 713,802	\$ 1,354,600	\$ 1,354,600	\$ 468,290	\$ 468,290	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						26.0	26.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Professional Geoscientists (481) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Board of Professional Geoscientists		\$1,389,336	\$1,389,336	\$1,437,136	\$1,437,136			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		7.5	7.5	7.5	8.5			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Additional Program Specialist II Position House provides 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	HOUSE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$-	\$-	\$47,800	\$47,800	\$47,800	\$47,800	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						7.5	8.5	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Health Professions Council (364) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate		House		Adopted		
		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Health Professions Council		\$ 703,479	\$ 4,547,981	\$ 703,479	\$ 4,547,981			
		<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0			
<u>Senate / House Differences in SB 1:</u>								
1.	None.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						9.0	9.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Injured Employee Counsel (448) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Office of Injured Employee Counsel		\$ 21,934,983	\$ 21,934,983	\$ 21,203,385	\$ 21,203,385			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		169.8	169.8	169.8	169.8			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Case Management System Senate provides General Revenue-Dedicated funding and 4.0 additional full-time equivalents for IT modernization of the COMPASS system. The positions include: 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. House provides \$731,598 in GR-Dedicated funding in HB500 and 4.0 full-time equivalents in the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 for this purpose.	\$ 731,598	\$ 731,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT 4.0 FTEs in SB 1 and Amounts in HB 500
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 731,598	\$ 731,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						169.8	169.8	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Department of Insurance (454) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Department of Insurance		\$ 262,633,617	\$ 279,967,347	\$ 272,620,153	\$ 289,953,883			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		1,227.3	1,227.3	1,227.3	1,227.3			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Case Management System Senate provides 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. House provides \$1,097,040 in GR-Dedicated funding in HB500 and 6.0 full-time-equivalent positions in the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 for the same purpose.	\$ 1,097,040	\$ 1,097,040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT 6.0 FTEs in SB 1 and Amounts in HB 500

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VIII, Regulatory Department of Insurance (454) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
2.	Operational IT Projects Senate provides General Revenue-Dedicated funding for new and ongoing software products associated with network adequacy, data management, data collection, learning management, and analytics. House provides \$2,450,000 in GR-Dedicated funding in HB500 for the same purpose.	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,450,000	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE	
3.	IT Ongoing Price Increases Senate provides 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	SENATE	
4.	Federally Qualified Health Centers. House provides General Revenue funding and a rider to provide grants to federally qualified health centers to provide primary care access to uninsured or underinsured working adults.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000			SENATE	
5.	Reporting for Policy Denials. House provides a rider that would require the agency to produce a quarterly report regarding reasons for insurance declination, cancellation, or non-renewal.			VIII-23, Rider #18 Rider Packet page VIII-1				HOUSE	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Department of Insurance (454) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate		House		Adopted		Explanation
		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 10,013,464	\$ 10,013,464	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 6,466,424	\$ 6,466,424	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						1,227.3	1,227.3	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Public Insurance Counsel (359) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Office of Public Insurance Counsel	\$ 3,885,078	\$ 4,268,418	\$ 3,441,335	\$ 3,824,675			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	19.0	19.0	17.5	17.5			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Salary Increases Senate provides General Revenue funding to provide salary increases for actuarial and form review staff.	\$ 86,768	\$ 86,768	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
2. Additional Attorney Senate provides General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 0.5 FTEs for an additional attorney position.	\$ 132,083	\$ 132,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,083	\$ 132,083	SENATE
3. Deputy Public Counsel Salary Supplement Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Public Insurance Counsel (359) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
4.	Additional IT Specialist Senate provides 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	\$-	\$-	\$163,181	\$163,181	SENATE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Appropriation of Receipts: Certificate of Public Advantage Fees. Conference Committee adopts a new rider that would appropriate all revenue collected from the Certificate of Public Advantage program to the agency for the purposes of administering the program.					\$400,000	\$400,000	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$443,743	\$443,743	\$-	\$-	\$695,264	\$695,264	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						19.0	19.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (452) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation		\$ 127,969,902	\$ 143,685,394	\$ 102,370,657	\$ 118,086,149			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		615.7	615.7	606.7	606.7			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1. Additional Staff	Senate provides 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. House provides General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 6.0 full-time-equivalent positions.	\$ 2,216,430	\$ 2,216,430	\$ 1,108,215	\$ 1,108,215	\$ 2,216,430	\$ 2,216,430	SENATE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (452) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
2.	Recruitment and Retention Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,512,451	\$ 2,512,451	SENATE
3.	Cyber Security Projects Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500
4.	Financial Crimes Intelligence Center Senate provides General Revenue funding to provide the Financial Crimes Intelligence Center with 25 additional staff, salary raises for existing staff, 17 additional vehicle leases, field operations equipment, and additional IT hardware and software.	\$ 19,698,509	\$ 19,698,509	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,698,509	\$ 19,698,509	SENATE
5.	New Helpdesk System Senate provides General Revenue funding for the replacement of the agency's Helpdesk System.	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -			ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500
6.	Agency Computer Replacement Senate provides One-time General Revenue funding and capital budget authority to replace 459 agency computers due for replacement.	\$ 522,068	\$ 522,068	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (452) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
7.	Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts Senate provides General Revenue funding and authority for 3.0 FTEs for the Human Trafficking Prevention program and amend associated Rider 10, Human Trafficking Prevention.	\$ 641,000	\$ 641,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 641,000	\$ 641,000	SENATE	
8.	New Rider, Combative Sports Program Appropriation House provides General Revenue funding and a rider that would appropriate 25 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.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 471,000	\$ 471,000	\$ 471,000	\$ 471,000	HOUSE	
				VIII-29, Rider #13 Rider Packet page VIII-2					
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:									
1.	Lottery and Charitable Bingo Integrate all Goals, Strategies, Funding, Positions, and Performance Measures from the Texas Lottery Commission bill pattern into the Department of Licensing and Regulation Bill Pattern.					\$667,633,050	\$667,633,050	ADOPT with 321.5 FTEs	
2.	Contingency for SB 3070 Add a new rider making the integration of the Texas Lottery Commission bill pattern into the Department of Licensing and Regulation bill pattern contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 3070. If Senate Bill 3070 is not enacted, the rider would re-establish the Texas Lottery Commission bill pattern within Article 7, Business and Economic Development, as it appeared in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1.							ADOPT	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (452) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
3.	Executive Director Compensation Authority to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$190,000 within Salary Group 6 to \$235,000 within Salary Group 7.							ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$27,178,458	\$27,178,458	\$1,579,215	\$1,579,215	\$693,172,440	\$693,172,440	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						937.2	937.2	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Medical Board (503) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Texas Medical Board		\$ 59,344,028	\$ 60,153,698	\$ 48,360,300	\$ 49,169,970			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		274.0	274.0	283.0	283.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Restoration of Reduced Funding Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,478,750	\$ 2,478,750	SENATE
2.	HEALS Case Management System Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
3.	Ongoing IT Operations Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Medical Board (503) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
4.	Increased Agency Staff House provides General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding, capital budget authority and 21.0 additional FTE positions to support increasing workload, train expert panelists, and for facility expansion.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,943,939	\$ 4,943,939	\$ 1,342,644	\$ 1,342,644	Adopt HOUSE less \$3,601,295 with an additional 8.0 FTE positions.
5.	Ombudsman Program House provides General Revenue funding and 2.0 additional FTE positions for the creation of an Ombudsman office to assist in dispute resolution.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 301,258	\$ 301,258	\$ 301,258	\$ 301,258	HOUSE
6.	HEALS System Contract Requirement Senate provides a rider that requires the agency to use a contracted vendor to develop the HEALS Case Management System.	VIII-33, Rider #5 Rider Packet page VIII-3						HOUSE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 16,228,925	\$ 16,228,925	\$ 5,245,197	\$ 5,245,197	\$ 4,122,652	\$ 4,122,652	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						270.0	270.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Nursing (507) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Board of Nursing		\$ 30,035,706	\$ 38,620,634	\$ 23,352,706	\$ 31,937,634			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		156.7	156.7	141.7	141.7			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Additional Staff Senate provides 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	SENATE
2.	Information Technology Upgrade	\$ -		\$ -				
	a) Senate provides General Revenue appropriations with capital budget authority for Enforcement System and Education Program System modernization.	\$ 4,135,000	\$ 4,135,000	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
	b) Senate provides General Revenue appropriations with capital budget authority for website modernization.	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Nursing (507) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Operation Nightengale Conference Committee provides additional General Revenue for Operation Nightengale and amends the associated rider.					\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000	ADOPT
2.	Executive Director Compensation Authority to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$171,547 to \$203,337 within Salary Group 5.					\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 6,683,000	\$ 6,683,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,748,000	\$ 2,748,000	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						156.7	156.7	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Optometry Board (514) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Optometry Board	\$ 1,080,411	\$ 1,096,411	\$ 1,080,411	\$ 1,096,411			
	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. None.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
					<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents					6.0	6.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (515) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Board of Pharmacy		\$ 31,066,975	\$ 31,495,005	\$ 29,636,177	\$ 30,064,207			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		125.0	125.0	117.0	117.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Additional Staff Senate provides General Revenue appropriations with authority for an additional 5.0 FTEs.	\$ 1,052,330	\$ 1,052,330	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,052,330	\$ 1,052,330	SENATE
2.	Information Technology Upgrades	\$ -		\$ -				
	a) Senate provides General Revenue funding for one-time funding in fiscal year 2026 for the purchase of Adobe licenses.	\$ 53,340	\$ 53,340	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500
	b) Senate provides General Revenue funding to fund an additional 15 Tableau software license subscriptions.	\$ 24,990	\$ 24,990	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500
3.	Staff Merit Increases Senate provides General Revenue funding of \$136,751 in each year of the biennium for annual costs to provide merit increases based on performance of staff.	\$ 273,502	\$ 273,502	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 273,502	\$ 273,502	SENATE
4.	Training and Conferences Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (515) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
5.	DIR and Texas.gov Increases General Revenue funding for the following:								
	a) Senate provides 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.	\$13,136	\$13,136	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500	
	b) House provides an additional \$35,000 each year for Texas.gov fees to reflect current revenue collection and expenditure totals.	\$-	\$-	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$-	\$-	SENATE	
6.	New Rider, 5. Unexpended Balances: Prescription Monitoring Program House adopts a new rider that would provide unexpended balance authority between fiscal years and biennia for the Prescription Monitoring Program.			VIII-39, Rider 5 Rider Packet page VIII-5				HOUSE as amended to provide unexpended balance authority within the 2026-27 biennium only.	
7.	New Rider, 5. Cybersecurity Response Senate adopts 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. The \$300,000 appropriation is exempt from the Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections (ALRC) requirement.	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$-	\$-			HOUSE	
		VIII-39, Rider 5 Rider Packet page VIII-4							

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (515) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate 2026-27 Biennial Total GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House 2026-27 Biennial Total GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
8.	Rider Amendment, 4. Prescription Monitoring Program House provides \$375,000 from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 for system enhancements to the Prescription Monitoring Program.	\$-	\$-	\$375,000	\$375,000			SENATE	
				VIII-39, Rider 4 Rider Packet page VIII-4					
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:									
1.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$156,336 to \$165,077 and from Salary Group 4 to 5.					\$17,482	\$17,482	ADOPT	
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$1,875,798	\$1,875,798	\$445,000	\$445,000	\$1,343,314	\$1,343,314		
						FY 2026	FY 2027		
Total, Full-time Equivalents						122.0	122.0		

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (533) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners	\$ 3,704,176	\$ 3,954,176	\$ 3,526,961	\$ 3,776,961			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0			
Technical Adjustments:							
1. Correct the amount of General Revenue appropriated to Strategy C.1.1, Indirect Administration, for the Executive Director Salary.	\$ 7,570	\$ 7,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	HOUSE
	\$ -		\$ -				
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Salary Increases and Termination Payments Senate provides General Revenue funding to increase staff salaries.	\$ 102,000	\$ 102,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,000	\$ 102,000	SENATE
2. IT Upgrades and Maintenance Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:							

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (533) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR- DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
1.	Executive Director Compensation Authority to increase the annual authorized salary amount for the Executive Director position from \$116,508 to \$118,843 within Salary Group 2.					\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 169,645	\$ 169,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,000	\$ 102,000	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						21.0	21.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (456) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners		\$ 9,889,463	\$ 9,939,463	\$ 9,322,371	\$ 9,372,371			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		58.0	58.0	58.0	58.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1. Salary Increases Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	HOUSE
2. Plumbing Promoting Program House provides 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	\$ -	\$ -	SENATE
3. Improving IT Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (456) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
4.	Audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners Senate includes rider that directs the State Auditor's Office to conduct a comprehensive financial audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners.	VIII-43, Rider #3 Rider Packet page VIII-6						SENATE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$129,377 to \$134,827 within Salary Group 3.					\$10,900	\$10,900	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$817,092	\$817,092	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$10,900	\$10,900	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						58.0	58.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Racing Commission (476) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Racing Commission		\$ 12,181,848	\$ 18,674,668	\$ 12,420,188	\$ 18,913,008			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		57.3	57.3	57.3	57.3			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Drug and Evidence Testing Trailers House provides General Revenue Funds for acquisition of two mobile drug and evidence testing trailers and associated maintenance and operating costs.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340	HOUSE
2.	Medication and Drug Testing Laboratory Services Senate requires the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory to conduct pari-mutuel racing animal medication and drug testing laboratory services.	VIII-46, Rider #12 Rider Packet page VIII-7						HOUSE
3.	Asset Forfeiture Appropriations Authority House provides appropriation authority for all funds received from seized or forfeited property under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 59, and Property Code, Chapter 71, and provides unexpended balance authority (UB) between fiscal years within the biennium for such appropriated funds.			VIII-46, Rider #12 Rider Packet page VIII-7				HOUSE as amended to provide unexpended balance authority within the 2026-27 biennium only.

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Racing Commission (476) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
4.	Unexpended Balance Authority: Seized Assets House provides UB authority between fiscal years within the biennium for 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) authorizes the agency to spend these appropriations for purposes authorized by the Texas Racing Act, including capital budget purposes; and (3) requires 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.			VIII-47, Rider #13 Rider Packet page VIII-7				HOUSE
5.	Clothing and Equipment Provision House provides appropriation authority for any additional revenue received from license fees above the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate for the 2026-27 biennium to provide a \$1,200 clothing allowance and \$500 cleaning allowance for a commissioned officer and a \$1,200 clothing allowance for employees 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.			VIII-47, Rider #14 Rider Packet page VIII-8				HOUSE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$	-	\$	-	\$	238,340	\$ 238,340

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Racing Commission (476) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						57.3	57.3	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory State Securities Board (312) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
		GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, State Securities Board		\$ 19,306,700	\$ 19,306,700	\$ 18,660,852	\$ 18,660,852			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
		93.0	93.0	93.0	93.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Recover Lapsed Funds Senate provides 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	SENATE
2.	Maintain IT Software Licenses Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500
3.	Digital Wallet Money Reporting House adds a rider that requires the Securities Board to provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Legislature when appropriated funds used as flash money to purchase digital wallets have been recovered.			VIII-49, Rider #2 Rider Packet page VIII-9				HOUSE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 645,848	\$ 645,848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 477,848	\$ 477,848	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						93.0	93.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Public Utilities Commission (473) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Public Utilities Commission	\$ 82,878,729	\$ 5,083,828,729	\$ 69,567,329	\$ 2,070,517,329			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)							
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Texas Energy Fund No. 0176							
Senate provides \$5.0 billion in General Revenue Funding to be transferred to the Texas Energy Fund.	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000,000	SENATE This amount will show as "Other Funds" in the agency's bill pattern.
House provides \$2.0 billion in General Revenue Funding to be transferred to the Texas Energy Fund.							
Senate directs the CPA to transfer \$5.0 billion in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 and specify that grants and loans made using Texas Energy Fund appropriations be done pursuant to funding requirements in Utilities Code, Chapter 34.							
House directs the CPA to transfer \$2.0 billion in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176.							
2. Additional Staff	\$ 7,467,500	\$ 7,467,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,733,750	\$ 3,733,750	ADOPT SENATE less \$3,733,750 with 17.0 FTE positions
Senate provides General Revenue Funds and authority for additional staff (35.0 FTEs) to meet increased demand for agency services.							

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VIII, Regulatory Public Utilities Commission (473) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
3.	Case Management System Senate provides General Revenue Funds for the development of a case management system and authority for additional staff (6.0 FTEs) to implement the system. House provides authority for additional staff (6.0 FTEs) to implement the system with funding included in the Supplemental Bill.	\$ 3,951,400	\$ 3,951,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT 6.0 FTEs in SB 1 and Amounts in HB 500	
4.	Additional Texas Energy Fund Staff Senate provides General Revenue Funds and authority for additional staff (6.0 FTEs) to meet increased demand for the Texas Energy Fund programs.	\$ 1,392,500	\$ 1,392,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,392,500	\$ 1,392,500	SENATE	
5.	Power to Choose Website Senate provides one-time General Revenue Funds to update and modernize the agency's electricity rate comparison tool.	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	SENATE	
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:									
1.	Study to Address Water and Emerging Technologies Add a rider directing PUC to conduct a study addressing water and emerging technologies.							ADOPT	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Public Utilities Commission (473) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
2.	Rider 5, Texas Energy Fund Amend Rider 5, Texas Energy Fund to direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer \$4,411,977,387 in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 and specify interest earnings on deposits in the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 in the amount of \$591,128,713 are appropriated to strategy A.4.1, Texas Energy Fund.							ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 13,311,400	\$ 5,013,311,400	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000,000	\$ 5,626,250	\$5,005,626,250	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						324.0	324.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Public Utility Counsel (475) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Office of Public Utility Counsel		\$ 10,434,528	\$ 10,434,528	\$ 8,126,528	\$ 8,126,528			
		<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		28.0	28.0	25.0	25.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1. Staff Salaries Increase Senate provides funding for a 10 percent salary increase for all agency staff.		\$ 508,000	\$ 508,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 508,000	\$ 508,000	SENATE
2. Legal Expert Witness Fees Senate and House provide different funding amounts for legal expert witness fees.		\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	SENATE
3. Data Analytics Team Senate provides \$1.2 million in General Revenue funding each year and authority for 3.0 additional FTEs with a rider directing uses to develop a data analytic team.		\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,400,000			\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,400,000	SENATE
		VIII-53, Rider #3 Rider Packet page VIII-11						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 3,508,000	\$ 3,508,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 3,508,000	\$ 3,508,000	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						28.0	28.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (578) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners		\$ 6,620,362	\$ 6,631,416	\$ 5,882,362	\$ 5,893,416			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	New Database Expansion Senate provides General Revenue Funds to expand the licensing database to include enforcement, inspection, and legal capabilities.	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -			ADOPT SENATE Amounts in HB 500
2.	Staff Salary Increases Senate provides 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	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$120,740 within Salary Group 2 to \$128,024 within Salary Group 3.					\$ 14,568	\$ 14,568	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 738,000	\$ 738,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,568	\$ 14,568	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						29.0	29.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VIII, Regulatory Special Provisions to Article VIII SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate		House		Adopted		
		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Special Provisions to Article VIII		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<u>Senate / House Differences in SB 1:</u>								
1.	None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

By: _____

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/2/2025

Overview

Add a rider directing \$200,000 in General Revenue Funds be used to contract for development of a Spanish-language Licensed Master’s Social Worker licensing exam.

Required Action

On page VIII-6 in the Behavioral Health Executive Council appropriations bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

- ____. **Spanish Language Social Work Licensing Exam.** Out of Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Licensure, \$200,000 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 a Spanish language social work licensing exam for Licensed Master’s Social Worker. The council shall release the exam to applicants by November 1, 2027.

By: _____

Article VIII, Department of Licensing and Regulation
Proposed Rider
Contingency Rider for Senate Bill 3070

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/14/25

Overview

The proposed rider language assumes the following will be included in the Conference Committee Report bill pattern for the Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):

1. A new Goal D, Operate Lottery, and a new Goal E, Enforce Bingo Laws, with funding as included for the Lottery Commission in the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1.
2. All riders previously located in the Lottery Commission bill pattern of that same bill are included with the exception of Rider, 16, Sunset Contingency.
3. All performance measures previously located in the Lottery Commission bill pattern are now included in the TDLR bill pattern.

Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 3070 or similar legislation, the Department of Licensing and Regulation is provided the following:

1. Exemption of all General Revenue-Dedicated Lottery Account No. 5025 funding from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections requirements;
2. Within the biennium unexpended balance authority for all appropriations in Goals C, D, and E;
3. Unlimited capital budget transfer authority within the new Goals D and E as necessary to implement the bill's provisions;
4. Unlimited transfer authority between Goal C, Indirect Administration, and Goals D and E for bill implementation purposes.

Note: The rider would include a notification requirement of at least 15 days prior to TDLR utilizing the transfer authorities identified in this rider.

Contingent on the failure to enact Senate Bill 3070 or similar legislation, the rider directs the following:

1. A reduction of all funding appropriated to TDLR for Lottery and Bingo operations.
2. The appropriation of this same funding to a new Texas Lottery Commission bill pattern as it was structured in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1.
3. A transfer of all riders applicable to Lottery and Bingo administration and operations from the TDLR bill pattern to the new Texas Lottery Commission bill pattern.

Contingent on both the failure to enact Senate Bill 3070 or similar legislation and the Texas Lottery Commission not being continued, the rider transfers Goal D and Goal E appropriations for fiscal year 2026 to the Texas Lottery Commission for the phase out of Texas Lottery Commission operations and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are eliminated.

Required Action

On page VIII-29 in the Department of Licensing and Regulation bill pattern in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for Senate Bill 3070.**

- a) Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 3070, or similar legislation relating to the abolishment of the Texas Lottery Commission and the transfer of the administration of the

state lottery and the licensing and regulation of charitable bingo to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session:

1. Amounts appropriated above out of General Revenue-Dedicated Lottery Account No. 5025 are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.
2. Any corresponding capital budget authority authorized for the Department of Licensing and Regulation within Goal C, Indirect Administration, Goal D, Operate Lottery, and Goal E, Enforce Bingo Laws, shall be exempt from the transfer limitations of Article IX, General Provisions, Section 14.03 Transfer – Capital Budget to the extent that such transfer authority is necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.
3. Notwithstanding the limitations on transfer provisions in Article IX, General Provisions, Section 14.01 Appropriations Transfers, of this Act, appropriations may be transferred between Goal D, Operate Lottery, Goal E, Enforce Bingo Laws, and Goal C, Indirect Administration, to the extent necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.
4. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Department of Licensing and Regulation in Goal C, Indirect Administration, Goal D, Operate Lottery, and Goal E, Enforce Bingo Laws, are appropriated to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
5. The Department of Licensing and Regulation shall notify the Legislative Budget Board no less than 15 calendar days prior to utilizing the authority to exceed limitations provided in Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) above, if the transfer amounts exceed \$1,000,000.

b) Contingent on the failure to enact Senate Bill 3070, or similar legislation relating to the abolishment of the Texas Lottery Commission and the transfer of the administration of the state lottery and the licensing and regulation of charitable bingo to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session:

1. Reduce to \$0 all appropriations in Goal D, Operate Lottery, and Goal E, Enforce Bingo Laws and reduce appropriations to \$2,599,745 each fiscal year in General Revenue and an estimated \$320,169,649 in fiscal year 2026 and an estimated \$342,263,911 in fiscal year 2027 in GR-Dedicated Lottery Acct. No. 5025 from the Department of Licensing and Regulation bill pattern and reduce the full-time-equivalent amount by 322.5 full-time-equivalent positions.
2. The Texas Lottery Commission is appropriated \$2,599,745 each fiscal year in General Revenue and an estimated \$320,169,649 in fiscal year 2026 and an estimated \$342,263,911 in fiscal year 2027 in GR-Dedicated Lottery Acct. No. 5025. In addition, 322.5 full-time-equivalent positions that are appropriated to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for the 2026–27 fiscal biennium shall be transferred to the Texas Lottery Commission.
3. All riders and performance measures associated with the administration of the state lottery and the licensing and regulation of charitable bingo are transferred to the Texas Lottery Commission bill pattern. The Legislative Budget Board shall make technical changes to the Texas Lottery Commission bill pattern, riders, and performance measures as necessary to conform with the legislation.

c) **Sunset Contingency.** Contingent on the failure to enact Senate Bill 3070, or similar legislation relating to the abolishment of the Texas Lottery Commission and the transfer of the administration of the state lottery and the licensing and regulation of charitable bingo to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session and the Texas Lottery Commission not being continued by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session; funds appropriated above in Goal D, Operate Lottery, and Goal

E, Bingo, for fiscal year 2026 are to be transferred to the Texas Lottery Commission and are to be used to provide for the phase out of Texas Lottery Commission operations. Funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2027 within Goal D, Operate Lottery, and Goal E, Bingo, are eliminated.

By: _____

Article VIII, Office of Public Insurance Counsel
Proposed New Rider
Appropriation of Receipts: Certificate of Public Advantage Fees.

Prepared by LBB Staff, 4/30/2025

Overview

Add a new rider that appropriates all fee revenue collected by the Office of Public Insurance Counsel for the Certificate of Public Advantage Program to be used for the purpose of administering the program.

Required Action

On page VIII-25 in the Office of Public Insurance Counsel bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

- _____. **Appropriation of Receipts: Certificate of Public Advantage Fees.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, COPA Program, the agency is appropriated any revenue (estimated to be \$200,000 each fiscal year) collected pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 314A and deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund. These funds shall only be used to review and monitor merger agreements in compliance with Health and Safety Code, Chapter 314A.

By: _____

Article VIII, Board of Nursing
Proposed Rider Amendment
Regulatory Response

Prepared by LBB Staff, 4/2/2025

Overview

Amend rider 4, Regulatory Response, to reflect an increase of \$425,000 each fiscal year for funds appropriated for Operation Nighthengale.

Required Action

On page VIII-35 in the Board of Nursing appropriations bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, amend the following rider to read:

- 4. **Regulatory Response.** Amounts appropriated above include an amount not to exceed ~~\$425,000~~\$850,000 each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.1.1, Regulatory Response, and 6.0 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) positions in fiscal year 2026 and 6.0 FTE positions in fiscal year 2027. These amounts are to be expended by the agency to detect nursing education credential fraud and to enforce standards in nursing education and adjudicate violations.

It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds not be included in base level funding requests for the fiscal year 2028-29 biennium.

By: _____

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 4/30/2025

Overview

Add the following new rider to the Board of Pharmacy appropriations bill pattern that provides unexpended balance authority within the 2026–27 biennium for the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Required Action

On page VIII-39 in the Board of Nursing appropriations bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

- _____. **Unexpended Balances: Prescription Monitoring Program.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, 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, 2026.

By: _____

Article VIII, Racing Commission
Proposed Rider Amendment
Asset Forfeiture Appropriations Authority

Prepared by LBB Staff, 04/30/2025

Overview

Amend Racing Commission rider, Asset Forfeiture Appropriations Authority, to specify that unexpended balance appropriation authority is provided between fiscal years within the 2026–27 biennium.

Required Action

Amend the following rider included on page VIII-46 of the Racing Commission bill pattern in the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1:

12. **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) remaining on August 31, 2026, at the close of each fiscal year from funds appropriated by this rider are appropriated for the same purposes for the following fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: _____

Public Utility Commission of Texas, Article VIII
Proposed New Rider
Study to Address Water and Emerging Technologies

Prepared by LBB Staff, 04/22/2025

Overview

Add a rider that directs the Public Utility Commission of Texas to use appropriated funds to collect data and study the water use of industrial properties with a focus on industries whose energy demands have an inverse relationship with their water usage.

Required Action

On page VIII-52 of the bill pattern for the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

- _____. **Study to Address Water and Emerging Technologies.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Market Competition, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) shall collect data to study the water use of industrial properties with a focus on industries whose energy demands have an inverse relationship with their water usage. PUC shall prepare and submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor a report containing the findings of the study and other information PUC believes may be useful no later than December 31, 2026.

PUC shall share collected data with the Water Development Board and with the Commission on Environmental Quality for their own planning and demand purposes.

By: _____

Public Utility Commission of Texas, Article VIII
Proposed Amended Rider
Texas Energy Fund Transfer

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/20/2025

Overview

Amend the rider that transfers General Revenue to the Texas Energy Fund. The Texas Energy Fund is generating interest earnings on the fund’s balance which is currently unobligated. Texas Utilities Code Section 34.0106 (e) limits the PUC to spending \$10 billion on TEF programs, therefore any amount in the fund in excess of \$10 billion will not be available for the PUC to spend. Interest earnings would remain in the fund unless the statute is amended, or the Legislature directs the CPA to transfer the earnings to another fund.

Required Action

1. On page VIII-51 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas bill pattern, amend the following rider:

5. **Texas Energy Fund.**

- a) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer ~~\$5,000,000,000~~\$4,411,977.387 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 pursuant to Utilities Code, Chapter 34.
- 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.
- e) Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1 are interest earnings on deposits in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 (estimated to be \$591,128,713) during the period from September 1, 2023 through August 1, 2027.