

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article 6 - Natural Resources

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

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Article VI, Natural Resources SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
	Senate <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
Department of Agriculture (551)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 8,659,503	\$ 8,673,327	\$ 13,280,256	\$ 13,280,256	\$ 22,104,656	\$ 22,104,656
Animal Health Commission (554)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 2,234,602	\$ 2,234,602	\$ 550,300	\$ 550,300	\$ 2,117,302	\$ 2,117,302
Commission on Environmental Quality (582)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 83,538,985	\$ 83,538,985	\$ 16,352,333	\$ 16,352,333	\$ 47,436,856	\$ 47,436,856
General Land Office (305)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,783,583	\$ 1,783,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (535)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parks and Wildlife Department (802)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 68,250,000	\$ 68,250,000	\$ 87,243,000	\$ 87,243,000	\$ 113,546,861	\$ 113,546,861
Railroad Commission (455)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 27,500,563	\$ 27,500,563	\$ 3,029,450	\$ 3,029,450	\$ 1,685,795	\$ 1,685,795
Soil and Water Conservation Board (592)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Water Development Board (580)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 10,636,190	\$ 10,836,944	\$ 14,070,607	\$ 20,070,607	\$ 5,106,744	\$ 5,106,744
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 202,603,426	\$ 202,818,004	\$ 134,525,946	\$ 140,525,946	\$ 191,998,214	\$ 191,998,214

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	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Department of Agriculture	\$ 161,695,889	\$ 1,814,049,366	\$ 166,316,642	\$ 1,818,656,295			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	758.2	760.2	755.2	755.2			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. TCIP Facility and Land Donation Renovation. Senate provides capital budget authority only totaling \$1.0 million from General Revenue Funds within the agency's budget to renovate an office facility donated by the Texas Cooperative Inspection Program (TCIP), which is a fee funded program between the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). TDA currently provides support services and oversight for TCIP.	Adopted Capital Budget Authority Only		\$ -	\$ -			ADOPT SENATE in HB 500 with \$1,000,000 in General Revenue
2. TDA Facilities Leases Renewal Increases. Senate provides \$0.2 million in General Revenue Funds for inflationary related cost increases for leased facilities.	\$ 224,400	\$ 224,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 224,400	\$ 224,400	SENATE
3. Mexfly Trappers Vehicle Fuel and Operating Costs. Senate provides \$0.6 million in General Revenue Funds for fuel, maintenance, and repair of 18 existing vehicles for the Mexfly Trapper's program.	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	SENATE

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

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

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

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

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16.	Appropriation: License Plate Receipts. House provides a rider with unexpended balances authority within the biennium making appropriations from License Plate Trust Fund No. 802 estimated and providing an information listing of specialty license plates and the estimated plate sale revenue for each plate.			VI-11, Rider #30 Rider Packet, page VI-3				HOUSE
17.	Department of Agriculture Grant Funding: Free Lunch. House provides \$13.2 million in General Revenue Funds to provide free lunch in lieu of reduced price lunch to qualified students with a rider requiring the agency to use \$6.6 million each fiscal year for that purpose.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,200,000	\$ 13,200,000	\$ 13,200,000	\$ 13,200,000	HOUSE
				VI-12, Rider #31 Rider Packet, page VI-3				
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Unexpended Balance Authority: Go Texan Program. Conference Committee adds a rider to provide unexpended balance authority to allow the agency to carry forward any General Revenue Funds appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 from amounts appropriated for the Go Texan program only in the 2024-25 biennium.							ADOPTED

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2.	Amend Rider 10, Texans Feeding Texans, to include Tarrant Area Food Bank. Conference Committee provides \$3.0 million in General Revenue Funds in strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance for at-Risk Children and Adults, in fiscal year 2026 and amends the rider to require the agency to provide the appropriated amounts to the Tarrant Area Food Bank and authorizes unexpended balance authority to allow the agency to carry forward any of these appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 into fiscal year 2027.					\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	ADOPTED
3.	Amend Rider 10, Texans Feeding Texans, to include El Paso Food Bank. Conference Committee provides \$5.0 million in General Revenue Funds in strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance for at-Risk Children and Adults, in fiscal year 2026 and amends the rider to require the agency to provide the appropriated amounts to the El Paso Food Bank and authorizes unexpended balance authority to allow the agency to carry forward any of these appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 into fiscal year 2027.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	ADOPTED
4.	Quarterly Financial Reports: Agriculture and Livestock Entry Point Inspection Stations. Conference Committee adds a rider requiring the agency to provide financial reports on expenditures related to Agriculture and Livestock Entry Point Inspection Stations for fiscal years 2024 through 2027.							ADOPTED
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 8,659,503	\$ 8,673,327	\$ 13,280,256	\$ 13,280,256	\$ 22,104,656	\$ 22,104,656	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

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	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Animal Health Commission	\$ 37,396,606	\$ 40,930,050	\$ 35,712,304	\$ 39,245,748			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	226.2	226.2	219.2	219.2			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Veterinarian Additional Salary and Equity Adjustment. Senate provides \$1.2 million in General Revenue Funds and 4.0 FTEs including:							
a. Adding four Veterinarian IV positions (4.0) FTEs.	\$ 1,022,000	\$ 1,022,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,022,000	\$ 1,022,000	SENATE
b. Increasing salaries for one Veterinarian III and five Veterinarian V existing positions.	\$ 144,550	\$ 144,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,550	\$ 144,550	SENATE
2. Fleet Safety and Improvements. Senate provides \$0.1 million in General Revenue Funds and 1.0 FTE for a Fleet Manager position to assist the current fleet manager in overseeing the agency's fleet.	\$ 116,500	\$ 116,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,500	\$ 116,500	SENATE
3. Ectoparasite Field Identification Laboratory. Senate provides \$0.3 million in General Revenue Funds for two additional FTES, including \$141,324 for one Program Specialist V (1.0) FTE and \$87,828 for one Administrative Assistant III (1.0) FTE, including \$43,400 in operating and start up costs to establish an ectoparasite field identification laboratory and procure equipment.	\$ 272,552	\$ 272,552	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 272,552	\$ 272,552	SENATE

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4.	IT Infrastructure Improvements and Additional Funding for Business Administrator. Senate provides General Revenue Funds totaling \$0.4 million and 1.0 FTE for the following:								
	a. Funding for IT infrastructure improvements to replace switches, servers, and all wireless access points within agency offices.	\$134,300	\$134,300	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-		HOUSE
	b. Funding for one Business Analyst IV (1.0) FTE to perform agency specific tasks related to IT software and hardware systems.	\$233,100	\$233,100	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-		HOUSE
5.	Critical Central Administration Positions. Senate provides \$0.2 million in General Revenue Funds and 1.0 FTEs within the Human Resources (HR) Department and Financial Services Department, for an additional Central Administration position.	\$161,500	\$161,500	\$-	\$-	\$161,500	\$161,500		SENATE
6.	Secure Food Supply Program Enhancements. Senate provides \$0.2 million in General Revenue Funds and one Program Specialist IV position (1.0 FTE) for the development of Secure Food Supply plans for livestock producers in Texas.	\$150,100	\$150,100	\$450,300	\$450,300	\$300,200	\$300,200		ADOPT SENATE Amount plus \$150,100 with a total of 2.0 FTEs
	House provides \$0.5 million in General Revenue and three Program Specialist IV positions (3.0 FTEs) for the same purpose.								

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7.	Laboratory Testing. Senate rider does not include section (c), requiring that no funds identified in the rider be used for salaries and wages or other personnel expenditures. House rider includes the incorrect additional language. Technical correction	VI-13, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page VI-4		VI-13, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page VI-4				SENATE
8.	Report on Livestock Threats Over the Next Ten Years. House provides a rider with unexpended balances authority within the biennium requiring the agency to use \$100,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 to create and submit a report on threats to livestock over the next ten years to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock, the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs, and the Senate Finance Committee no later than December 1, 2026.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	HOUSE
				VI-13, Rider #10 Rider Packet, page VI-4				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 2,234,602	\$ 2,234,602	\$ 550,300	\$ 550,300	\$ 2,117,302	\$ 2,117,302	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						10.0	10.0	

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Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Commission on Environmental Quality			\$ 732,120,994	\$ 954,324,245	\$ 664,934,342	\$ 887,137,593			
			FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)			3,006.3	3,009.3	3,052.3	3,058.3			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1.	Enhance Permitting, Compliance, and Public Engagement. Senate provides \$2.7 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 10.0 FTEs each fiscal year to address increasing responsibilities due to increasing demands with Texas' growth and expanding federal requirements.								
a.	Regional Field Investigators. Senate provides \$2.5 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 9.0 FTEs each fiscal year to assist with enforcing compliance with state and federal regulations and to address a growing number of regulated entities increasing statewide.								
i.	Senate provides \$1.7 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 9.0 FTEs each fiscal year to increase regional staff enforcing state and federal regulations.		\$ 1,724,131	\$ 1,724,131	\$ 3,448,262	\$ 3,448,262	\$ 2,586,197	\$ 2,586,197	ADOPT SENATE Amount plus \$862,066 with a total of 14.0 FTEs
ii.	Senate provides \$0.2 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds for calibration of air sampling and monitoring equipment.		\$ 154,000	\$ 154,000	\$ 308,000	\$ 308,000	\$ 308,000	\$ 308,000	HOUSE

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

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5.	Cybersecurity and Modernization. Senate provides \$10.2 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year to address agency information technology needs.							
a.	Cybersecurity. House provides \$7,494,879 in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds in HB 500, covering 14.0 FTEs each fiscal year included in SB1, to assist with cybersecurity practices including: establishing a comprehensive risk management program, implementing continuous monitoring and response, rapid detection and containment of threats, and other support activities.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT \$7,494,879 in HB 500 ADOPT a total of 14.0 FTEs in CSSB1
b.	Modernization. Senate provides \$9.9 million in various General Revenue-Dedicated Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year to modernize two legacy applications, the Title V software and the Water Districts Database, to become web-based applications.	\$ 9,918,026	\$ 9,918,026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500 ADOPT a total of 2.0 FTEs in CSSB1
	House provides the same amount in HB 500, covering 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year included in SB1, for the same purposes.							
c.	Personal Computer (PC) Replacement. Various General Revenue-Dedicated Funding to replace an increased number of workstations reaching the end of their lifecycle.	\$ 301,439	\$ 301,439	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500
	House provides the same amount in HB 500 for the same purposes.							
6.	Data Center Services (DCS). Senate provides \$24.4 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Funds to address agency forecasted increases in DCS costs.							

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

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		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
8.	Air Quality Planning. House provides an increase of \$2.0 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 for air quality planning activities to reduce fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in affected counties not designated as nonattainment areas for PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and allows the agency to allocate a base amount of \$281,250 instead of \$118,750 from specified funding to reduce PM2.5 in each eligible state planning region. Senate rider includes: (1) September 1, 2025, as the date for determining the affected counties not designated as being in nonattainment for either the O3 NAAQS or PM2.5 NAAQS; (2) air pollution and data analysis as an eligible expenditure from specific funding required to be used for air quality planning activities to reduce PM2.5 in affected counties.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	HOUSE
	House rider includes: (1) September 1, 2024, as the date for determining the affected counties not designated as being in nonattainment for either the O3 NAAQS or PM2.5 NAAQS; (2) additional authority to allow air pollution data analysis, modeling pollution levels, and regional air quality planning as eligible expenditures from specific funding required to be used for air quality planning activities to reduce ozone in affected counties; (3) additional authority to allow regional air quality planning as an eligible expenditure from specific funding required to be used for air quality planning activities to reduce PM2.5 in affected counties; (4) air pollution data analysis as an eligible expenditure from specific funding required to be used for air quality planning activities to reduce PM2.5 in affected counties.	VI-20, Rider #7 Rider Packet, page VI-6		VI-20, Rider #7 Rider Packet, page VI-6				

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VI, Natural Resources Commission on Environmental Quality (582) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
9.	Emergency Response On-Call (Standby) and Overtime Pay. House adds a new rider that authorizes standby and overtime pay for staff performing emergency response duties and specifies the permitted compensation rates.			VI-26, Rider #32 Rider Packet, page VI-7				HOUSE	
10.	Water Quality Model Update. Senate provides \$1.0 million in General Revenue Funds and a new rider directing the agency to update a water quality stream model to reflect current conditions of a segment of the Neches River.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$-	\$-	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	SENATE	
		VI-26, Rider #33 Rider Packet, page VI-8							
11.	Municipal Utility District (MUD) Report. House adds a new rider requiring the agency to study and develop a report that analyzes MUDs.			VI-27, Rider #34 Rider Packet, page VI-8				SENATE	
12.	Monitoring and Report on Upper San Saba River. House provides \$0.5 million in General Revenue Funds and a rider directing the agency to monitor and report on characteristics of the Upper San Saba River.	\$-	\$-	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	HOUSE	
				VI-27, Rider #35 Rider Packet, page VI-8					
13.	Interbasin Transfer Permit Guidance. House adds a new rider prohibiting the agency from expending any funding or resources for any permits related to an interbasin transfer of water from the Cypress Basin to any entities in the Group C regional water planning group.			VI-27, Rider #36 Rider Packet, page VI-9				HOUSE	

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Article VI, Natural Resources Commission on Environmental Quality (582) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration			Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
14.	Existing Environmental Remediation Agreements. House adds a new rider expressing Legislative intent that the agency use applicable appropriations to abide by the Remediation Funding Trust Agreement for remediation at the former Exide Battery Recycling Center.				VI-27, Rider #37 Rider Packet, page VI-9				ADOPT HOUSE as Amended
15.	Release of Water Quality Studies on Salinity. House adds a new rider requiring the agency to develop a report summarizing the results of long-term studies conducted between 2003 and 2025 regarding estuarine salinity gradients.				VI-27, Rider #38 Rider Packet, page VI-9				SENATE
16.	Study on Desalination. House adds a new rider requiring the agency to study and develop a report on desalination.				VI-27, Rider #39 Rider Packet, page VI-10				SENATE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions			\$ 83,538,985	\$ 83,538,985	\$ 16,352,333	\$ 16,352,333	\$ 47,436,856	\$ 47,436,856	
							<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents							63.5	66.5	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources General Land Office (305) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		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, General Land Office	\$ 156,054,597	\$ 2,436,341,015	\$ 154,271,014	\$ 2,434,557,432			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	875.5	875.5	870.5	870.5			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Improve Cybersecurity Capabilities. Senate provides \$1.8 million in General Revenue Funds and 5.0 FTEs, including three Cybersecurity Analysts positions and two Support Staff positions, to provide for the enhancement and strengthening of the agency's cybersecurity capabilities, including third-party risk management and monitoring, monitoring of agency security telemetry, and resiliency of operations.	\$ 1,783,583	\$ 1,783,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	HOUSE
2. Appropriation of Receipts: Real Property Sales and Mineral Royalties. House amends the rider to direct the agency to report to the Legislative Budget Board information on expenditures of any real property acquisitions made through the appropriation authority provided by this rider within 30 calendar days of the transaction, and also directs the agency to publish this report on its website. (See Issue Docket Item #3 below.)	VI-31 Rider #9 Rider Packet, page VI-12		VI-32 Rider #9 Rider Packet, page VI-12				HOUSE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VI, Natural Resources General Land Office (305) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
3.	Real Property Transactions Reporting Requirement. Senate provides a rider requiring the agency to report to the Legislative Budget Board information including the purpose and expenditure of any real property acquisitions or sales transactions made by the agency through the appropriation authority provided by Rider 9, Appropriation of Receipts: Real Property Sales and Mineral Royalties, within 30 calendar days of the transaction, and also include these acquisitions and expenditures in its Operating Budget and Legislative Appropriations Request. (See Issue Docket Item #2 above.)	VI-35 Rider #28 Rider Packet, page VI-12						HOUSE	
4.	Study on Private Landowner Participation in Border Security. House provides a rider to direct the agency to conduct a study to identify methods to increase private landowner cooperation with state border security activities, including cooperation with law enforcement, permission granted to a state entity for the temporary placement on a landowner's property of personnel, equipment, and infrastructure relating to border security; or property modification for the purpose of supporting border security. The rider requires the agency to submit a written report on the study to the legislature no later than September 1, 2026.			VI-37 Rider #30 Rider Packet, page VI-12				HOUSE	
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 1,783,583	\$ 1,783,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>		
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0		

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (535) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission	\$ 986,454	\$ 986,454	\$ 986,454	\$ 986,454			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. None.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
					FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents					0.0	0.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		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, Parks and Wildlife Department	\$ 926,438,888	\$ 1,065,245,480	\$ 945,431,888	\$ 1,084,238,480			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	3,268.9	3,268.9	3,271.9	3,271.9			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) Capital Budget Allocation Correction Senate capital budget rider does not accurately reflect an adopted increase in capital budget authority from Sporting Goods Sales Tax - Transfer to Parks and Wildlife Conservation and Capital Acct No. 5004 (SGST 5004) for Land Acquisition totaling \$628,110 in fiscal year 2026 and \$621,890 in fiscal year 2027 and for Construction and Major Repairs totaling \$11,650,000 in fiscal year 2027. House capital budget correctly reflects the adopted authority increase by fiscal year from SGST 5004 for the same capital budget categories. Technical Correction							HOUSE

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

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Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
4.	Parks, Fisheries and Wildlife Capital Construction Needs. House provides \$5.2 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Lifetime License Endowment Fund 544 and \$0.4 million in General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 to fund capital construction for various land and facility holdings, including field offices, state parks, natural areas, historic sites, wildlife management areas, fish hatcheries and outreach centers.	\$-	\$-	\$5,643,000	\$5,643,000	\$-	\$-	ADOPT House Amount in HB 500	
5.	Employee Compensation. Senate provides \$15.0 million in General Revenue Funds to fund targeted salary increases and classification upgrades for TPWD employees (excluding Schedule C employees).	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$-	\$-	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	ADOPT SENATE Amount less \$10,000,000	
6.	Agency Technology Modernization. Senate provides \$7.8 million in General Revenue Funds for Information Technology projects identified by the agency as being critical including:								
a.	Expansion/Improvement of Agency Network. Senate provides \$1.3 million to increase core infrastructure to support connectivity upgrades at sites throughout the state.	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500	
b.	Expanded Data Center Services. Senate provides \$1.3 million to increase cyber security to monitor/mitigate risks; procure additional digital tools and software licenses, and provide data oversight.	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	HOUSE	

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

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7.	Access to/Conservation of Fisheries & Wildlife Resources. House provides \$3.4 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish, and Water Safety Account No. 9 with 2.0 FTEs including:								
a.	House provides \$1.6 million to retain existing hunting leases, additional hunting leases on private lands, and to increase available acreage.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ -	\$ -	SENATE	
b.	House provides \$1.8 million and 2.0 FTEs for staffing/operating to plan, design and implement small and large-scale bank and shoreline based angler access and fish habitat enhancements in streams and reservoirs statewide.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	ADOPT half of HOUSE Amount with 1.0 FTE	
8.	Texas Farm & Ranch Lands Conservation Program. House provides \$15.0 million in General Revenue and 1.0 FTE to increase grant funding for the purchase of long-term conservation easements to increase acreage protected from fragmentation and development of the state’s fish, wildlife, water, and open space resources.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	SENATE	
9.	Game Warden 50-Hour Work Week. Senate provides \$38.5 million in General Revenue Funds to provide funding for a 50-hour work week for game wardens. House provides \$43.2 million in General Revenue Funds in Strategy C.1.1 to provide funding for a 50-hour work week for game wardens and park police.	\$ 38,500,000	\$ 38,500,000	\$ 43,200,000	\$ 43,200,000	\$ 45,117,672	\$ 45,117,672	ADOPT HOUSE Amount plus \$1,917,672	

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10.	Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST). House amends the rider to include:								
	a. additional qualifying language so that appropriated amounts designated elsewhere for benefit and debt service costs paid from Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) in addition to agency appropriations would be included in the calculation determining the amount of additional SGST that would be appropriated to the agency upon the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) finding that the maximum allocation of SGST revenue for the agency in the biennium exceeded amounts included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA);							SENATE	
	b. a requirement that agency proposed allocation plans for additional SGST determined to be available by the CPA above amounts initially appropriated during the biennium would be automatically approved unless the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) issued a disapproval of the plan within 90 calendar days of the date the request was submitted;							HOUSE	
	c. additional appropriation authority for any SGST balances remaining in General Revenue-Dedicated Accounts into which SGST was transferred in prior appropriation years and not spent and/or from available General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 (Account No. 64) funds in an amount equivalent to any CPA estimated SGST reductions during the biennium from SGST amounts appropriated in the agency's bill pattern;	VI-43 Rider #14 Rider Packet, page VI-14		VI-45 Rider #14 Rider Packet, page VI-14				SENATE	

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	d.	a requirement that appropriations from Account No. 64 for the purpose of funding a shortfall in SGST would be contingent upon: (1) sufficient balances being available in Account No. 64; (2) Account No. 64 appropriations would be used for the same purposes as the SGST that was originally appropriated in the GAA, or in subsequent approvals; and (3) the agency coordinating with and providing advance notification to the LBB and the CPA before initiating the change in appropriations.							SENATE
11.	Battleship Texas. Senate provides \$7.0 million in General Revenue Funds for operation and maintenance of Battleship Texas and amends the related rider to require the agency to use the appropriations for this purpose and to provide unexpended balance authority within the biennium.		\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$-	\$-	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	ADOPT SENATE Amount with SENATE RIDER as Amended
			VI-49 Rider #34 Rider Packet, page VI-18		VI-51 Rider #34 Rider Packet, page VI-18				

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Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
12.	Appropriation: Boater Education Fees. Senate rider: (1) identifies estimated appropriations by fiscal year from boater education exam and course fees collected under Comptroller's Revenue Object Code 3462 (COBJ 3462); (2) requires expenditures from the collected revenue for the program to be in accordance with Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 31.108; and (3) appropriates revenues collected under COBJ 3462 during the 2026-27 biennium above amounts included in the Comptroller Biennial Revenue Estimate. House rider: (1) identifies estimated biennial appropriations from collected boater fee revenues, including boater education deferred fees; and (2) requires collected revenues to be used for the program and allows expenditures to include salaries, operating costs, and capital transportation and equipment items.	VI-50 Rider #41 Rider Packet, page VI-18		VI-52 Rider #41 Rider Packet, page VI-18				SENATE as Amended
13.	Grant for the Robb Elementary Memorial. House includes \$10.0 million in General Revenue Funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants for a memorial at Robb Elementary with a rider requiring the agency to use the appropriations for this purpose and providing unexpended balance authority within the biennium.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	HOUSE
				VI-53 Rider #45 Rider Packet, page VI-19				

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Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
14.	Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Recovery and Rehabilitation. House provides \$10.0 million in General Revenue Funds for the purpose of providing grants for the Texas State Aquarium with a rider requiring the agency to use the appropriations for this purpose and providing unexpended balance authority within the biennium.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000			SENATE
				VI-53 Rider #46 Rider Packet, page VI-19				
15.	Study on Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 Revenues and Balances. House provides a rider directing the agency to conduct a study of the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 revenues and balances, and to report any findings and recommendations to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office no later than September 1, 2026.			VI-53 Rider #47 Rider Packet, page VI-19				HOUSE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Unexpended Balance Authority: Oyster License Buyback Program. Conference Committee adds a rider to provide unexpended balance authority to allow the agency to carry forward any General Revenue Funds appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 from amounts appropriated for the Oyster License Buyback Program in the 2024-25 biennium.							ADOPTED

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2.	On-going Aircraft Operations. Conference Committee provides \$1.2 million in General Revenue Funds for increased ongoing aircraft operation costs including helicopter and fixed wing aircraft maintenance, fuel, insurance, training, and inflation increases.					\$ 1,185,826	\$ 1,185,826	ADOPTED
3.	Game Warden In-Car Automation. Conference Committee provides \$4.7 million in General Revenue Funds for Game Warden in-car automation cost increases including E-ticketing software license subscriptions; annual data services; implementation and installation of E-tickets, printers, and peripherals; and vehicle modems.					\$ 4,744,000	\$ 4,744,000	ADOPTED
4.	Game Warden Body Camera Data Storage. Conference Committee provides \$0.9 million in General Revenue Funds for Game Warden body camera data storage annual subscriptions and one-time costs including cameras, video managers, storage, solo docks, and dock controllers.					\$ 949,363	\$ 949,363	ADOPTED
5.	Game Warden Computers. Conference Committee provides \$1.5 million in General Revenue Funds for the replacement of Game Warden aging computers and peripherals.					\$ 1,450,000	\$ 1,450,000	ADOPTED
6.	Game Warden Patrol Vehicles. Conference Committee provides \$17.4 million in General Revenue Funds for Game Warden patrol vehicles and operating expenses including fuel, maintenance, and repair costs.					\$ 17,400,000	\$ 17,400,000	ADOPTED

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Article VI, Natural Resources Parks and Wildlife Department (802) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
7.	Local Park Grants. Conference Committee provides \$19.8 million in General Revenue Funds for various local park projects with and amends rider 43, Local Park Grants, to direct the funds to be used for this purpose. The rider also provides unexpended balance authority to allow the agency to carry forward any General Revenue Fund appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 into fiscal year 2027 to be used for the same purposes.					\$ 19,800,000	\$ 19,800,000	ADOPTED
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 68,250,000	\$ 68,250,000	\$ 87,243,000	\$ 87,243,000	\$113,546,861	\$113,546,861	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						1.0	1.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VI, Natural Resources Railroad Commission (455) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Railroad Commission		\$ 374,385,770	\$ 487,338,354	\$ 349,914,657	\$ 462,867,241				
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027				
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		1,138.6	1,138.6	1,150.6	1,150.6				
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1.	Produced Water Injection Data Reporting System. Senate provides \$7.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs to develop a system to collect produced water and injection data from well sites and make it available to industry, state regulators, and other interested parties.	\$ 7,685,824	\$ 7,685,824	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500 ADOPT a total of 2.0 FTEs in CSSB1	
2.	Oil and Gas Authorized Pit Registration System. Senate provides \$2.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs to produce a new information technology system to provide information about pits used to store or manage oil field fluids and oil and gas waste, particularly regarding size, location, and uses of fluids and waste. This system would allow data to be publicly available.	\$ 2,748,000	\$ 2,748,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500 ADOPT a total of 2.0 FTEs in CSSB1	
3.	Oversight and Safety Regulatory Filing and Permitting Systems. Senate provides \$6.3 million in General Revenue Funds to produce a new online filing system to (1) streamline utility company reporting through a paperless process; and (2) enhance Railroad Commission auditing capabilities related to the sale of natural gas.	\$ 6,288,068	\$ 6,288,068	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VI, Natural Resources Railroad Commission (455) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
4.	Underground Injection Well Investigation Team. House provides \$2.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 10.0 FTEs to investigate hydrogeologic phenomena resulting from the injection of produced water into subsurface formations.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,687,310	\$ 2,687,310	\$ 1,343,655	\$ 1,343,655	ADOPT half of HOUSE Amount with 5.0 FTEs	
5.	Site Remediation Program Support. House provides \$0.3 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs to review complex cleanup projects and respond to public information requests about cleanup projects.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 342,140	\$ 342,140	\$ 342,140	\$ 342,140	HOUSE	
6.	GIS Cloud Upgrade. Senate provides \$2.1 million in General Revenue Funds to migrate the current geographic information system (GIS) from its current platform to a cloud-based platform.	\$ 2,142,778	\$ 2,142,778	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500	
7.	Microfilm Digitization. Senate provides \$0.9 million in General Revenue Funds to digitize existing microfilm records in the Austin office.	\$ 907,496	\$ 907,496	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	HOUSE	
8.	Data Center Services (DCS) Adjustment. Senate provides \$7.7 million in General Revenue Funds for Data Center Services costs for new projects including Technology Solutioning Services (TSS) Rate Card for migration from Remedy to new ticketing system, Informatica Intelligent Cloud Services Software as a Service (SaaS) Procurement, TSS Application Development efforts for the RRC Access Management Process, and Increased Mainframe and Software Service Charges/SaaS for LoneSTAR migration; and General Revenue to maintain current obligations. This includes:								

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VI, Natural Resources Railroad Commission (455) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
	a. Funding to maintain DCS current obligations.	\$ 2,997,132	\$ 2,997,132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500	
	b. Funding for new DCS projects.	\$ 4,731,265	\$ 4,731,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500	
9.	Hydrogen Sulfide Mapping Study. The House provides a rider requiring the agency to conduct a mapping study and assessment that determines and shows in a geographical manner: (1) a list and map of oil and gas wells with hydrogen sulfide levels greater than 100PPM; (2) a list and map of oil and gas infrastructure including storage tanks that contain products that have hydrogen sulfide levels greater than 100PPM; and (3) a list of such wells and infrastructure located within 5 miles of residential properties. The rider requires the agency to provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board and all members of the Legislature by September 1, 2026.			VI-59, Rider # 19 Rider Packet, page VI-21				ADOPT HOUSE as Amended	
10.	Report on Oil-Field Electric Infrastructure. The House provides a rider requiring the agency to develop and submit a report no later than August 31, 2026, to each member of the Legislature on oil-field electric infrastructure in the state. This must include information on the location of oil-field electric infrastructure and the risks posed by not modifying that infrastructure, recommendations for improving or removing oil-field electric infrastructure, and any additional information RRC considers necessary.			VI-60, Rider # 20 Rider Packet, page VI-21				SENATE	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Railroad Commission (455) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
11.	Report on Inactive Oil and Gas Wells. The House provides a rider requiring the agency to develop and submit a report no later than August 31, 2026, to each member of the Legislature on inactive oil and gas wells in the state. The report must include information on the location of each inactive oil and gas well, the risks posed by not plugging each of them, a plan to plug or restore each of them, and any additional information that RRC considers necessary.			VI-60, Rider # 21 Rider Packet, page VI-22				ADOPT HOUSE as Amended
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 27,500,563	\$ 27,500,563	\$ 3,029,450	\$ 3,029,450	\$ 1,685,795	\$ 1,685,795	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						11.0	11.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Soil and Water Conservation Board (592) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> 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, Soil and Water Conservation Board	\$ 91,167,050	\$ 164,466,674	\$ 91,167,050	\$ 164,466,674			
	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0			
<u>Senate / House Differences in SB 1:</u>							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
					<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents					0.0	0.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Water Development Board (580) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		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, Water Development Board	\$ 195,909,641	\$ 445,072,498	\$ 199,344,058	\$ 454,306,161			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	535.5	535.5	544.5	544.5			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Targeted Salary Adjustments. Senate provides \$3.4 million in General Revenue Funds and \$0.2 million in Federal Funds to provide targeted salary increases to raise the average annual salary of several targeted positions to the midpoint of specific salary ranges, and to provide specific increases to other positions difficult to fill and retain.	\$ 3,428,979	\$ 3,629,733	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	ADOPT SENATE Amount less \$2,629,733 in All Funds
2. Agricultural Water Conservation Fund. House provides General Revenue Funds and 3.0 FTEs each fiscal year to capitalize the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358 (AWCF) in fiscal year 2026; provide authority to spend the AWCF funds; and to provide three positions to administer the additional AWCF funds. This includes: (1) \$795,118 in General Revenue Funds and 3.0 FTEs to administer AWCF grant and loan funding; (2) \$6,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to be deposited to the credit of the AWCF; and (3) \$6,000,000 in the AWCF to provide grant and loan funding during the biennium.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,795,118	\$ 12,795,118	\$ -	\$ -	SENATE

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VI, Natural Resources Water Development Board (580) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
3.	Information Technology (IT) Risk Mitigation. Senate provides \$1.6 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year to support mitigation of IT risks to assist with Microsoft server migrations.	\$1,550,422	\$1,550,422	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	ADOPT SENATE Amount plus \$1,125,632 in HB 500 ADOPT a total of 5.0 FTEs in CSSB1	
4.	Groundwater Data Collection and Analysis. Senate provides \$0.4 million in General Revenue Funds and 1.0 FTE each fiscal year to provide additional support for groundwater programs, primarily to conduct spring and well monitoring and allow for existing staff to dedicate more time to data analysis.	\$372,560	\$372,560	\$745,121	\$745,121	\$372,560	\$372,560	SENATE	
	House provides \$0.7 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the same purpose.								
5.	Surface Water Data Collection and Analysis. House provides \$1.6 million in General Revenue Funds and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year to provide additional support for surface water programs, including: (1) to maintain stream gages through fiscal year 2027; (2) improve reservoir evaporation dataset accuracy; and (3) continue reservoir volumetric and sedimentation surveys of water supply reservoirs.	\$-	\$-	\$1,612,368	\$1,612,368	\$806,184	\$806,184	ADOPT half of HOUSE Amount with 1.0 FTE	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Water Development Board (580) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
6.	TexMesonet Coverage. House provides \$1.9 million in General Revenue Funds to support the buildout of agency-operated mesonet stations across Texas and to expand the existing network of regional partnerships to increase statewide coverage of the TexMesonet program and hydrometeorological network. According to the agency, the funding would enable statewide coverage by 2030, whereas at current funding levels would not be achieved until 2034 or later.	\$-	\$-	\$1,880,000	\$1,880,000	\$940,000	\$940,000	ADOPT half of HOUSE amount
7.	Agency Digitization Initiative (ADI). Senate provides \$2.5 million in General Revenue Funds to complete the initiative of digitizing all existing agency records and to continue maintaining and storing records in the future.	\$2,540,000	\$2,540,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	HOUSE
8.	Data Center/Shared Technology Services (DCS). Senate provides \$2.7 million in General Revenue Funds to maintain current obligations for DCS based on revised estimates provided by the Department of Information Resources (DIR).	\$2,744,229	\$2,744,229	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	ADOPT SENATE Amount in HB 500
9.	Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) Needs Assessment Study. House provides \$0.8 million in General Revenue Funds and a new rider directing the agency to conduct an EDAP Needs Assessment Study.	\$-	\$-	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$-	\$-	SENATE
				VI-73, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page VI-23				

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article VI, Natural Resources Water Development Board (580) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
10.	Statewide Floodplain and Grant Management System. House provides \$2.0 million in General Revenue Funds and a rider with unexpended balance authority within the biennium directing the agency to implement and maintain a statewide floodplain and grant management system.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,988,000	\$ 1,988,000	\$ 1,988,000	\$ 1,988,000	HOUSE	
				VI-73, Rider #28 Rider Packet, page VI-23					
11.	Study on North American Development Bank (NADB) Collaboration. House provides \$0.3 million in General Revenue Funds and a rider with unexpended balance authority within the biennium directing the agency to study and develop a report on current and future collaboration between NADB and the agency. The rider requires the report to be provided to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Water Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, the House Appropriation Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee no later than December 1, 2026.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000			SENATE	
				VI-74, Rider #29 Rider Packet, page VI-24					
12.	Recycled Municipal Wastewater for Aggregate Production Operations (APOs). House adds a new rider directing the agency to use appropriations to conduct and publish a study of the feasibility of APOs using recycled municipal wastewater from groundwater wells of the Edwards and Trinity aquifers.			VI-74, Rider #30 Rider Packet, page VI-24				HOUSE	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VI, Natural Resources Water Development Board (580) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Commissioner Salary Group Classification and Cap Change. Conference Committee increases Exempt Position groupings from Group 6 to Group 7 and approved salary cap from \$201,000 to \$230,000 for the Commissioner (Chair) and two Commissioners.							ADOPT
2.	Executive Administrator Salary Cap Change. Conference Committee increases the Executive Administrator salary cap from \$219,284 to \$236,900 within Group 7.							ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 10,636,190	\$ 10,836,944	\$ 14,070,607	\$ 20,070,607	\$ 5,106,744	\$ 5,106,744	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						7.0	7.0	

By: _____

Texas Department of Agriculture
Proposed Funding and Rider Amendment
Texans Feeding Texans

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/23/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations by \$8,000,000 in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance for at-Risk Children and Adults, in the bill pattern of the Texas Department of Agriculture, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, to provide additional funding for the Tarrant area Food Bank (\$3,000,000) and the El Paso Food Bank (\$5,000,000) and amend rider 10, Texans Feeding Texans, in the agency's bill pattern, to require the agency provide funding to those entities and to provide unexpended balance authority for General Revenue Fund appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year ending August 31, 2026 from amounts appropriated to the agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-1 of the Department of Agriculture's bill pattern in CSSB 1 increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance for at-Risk Children and Adults, by \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2) On page VI-12 of the Department of Agriculture's bill pattern, in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, amend the following new rider:

10. Texans Feeding Texans. Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance for at-Risk Children and Adults, includes the following:

- (a) \$10,081,480 each fiscal year to fund the Texans Feeding Texans (Surplus Agricultural Product Grant Program) to offset the costs of harvesting, gleaning and transporting agricultural products to Texas food banks.
- (b) \$12,432,584 each fiscal year to fund the Texans Feeding Texans (Home Delivered Meals Grant Program) to defray the costs of providing home-delivered meals to homebound elderly and disabled Texans. The Department of Agriculture may award grants to organizations providing this service that have also received matching funds from the county where meals are served.
- (c) Out of the amounts identified in subsection (a) above for the Surplus Agricultural Grant Program, no less than \$5,000,000 each fiscal year shall be used to provide food and may not be used for costs including facility expansion or renovation, increasing capacity, transportation, equipment, technology, personnel, administration, indirect administration, or to purchase generators.
- (d) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the Tarrant area Food Bank.
- (e) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the El Paso Food Bank.
- (f) Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: _____

Texas Department of Agriculture
Proposed New Rider
Unexpended Balance Authority: GO TEXAN Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/23/2025

Overview

Add a new Rider, Unexpended Balance Authority: GO TEXAN Program, in the bill pattern of the Texas Department of Agriculture, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, to provide unexpended balance authority for General Revenue Funds appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 from amounts appropriated to the agency in the 2024-25 biennium for the purpose of providing funding for the GO TEXAN program.

Required Action

On page VI-12 of the Department of Agriculture’s bill pattern, in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

____. **Unexpended Balance Authority: GO TEXAN Program.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from General Revenue Fund appropriations made to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy A.1.1, Maintain Trade and Promote Texas Agriculture & Economic Opportunities, for the purpose of operating the GO TEXAN program in the 2024-25 biennium (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy A.1.1, Maintain Trade and Promote Texas Agriculture & Economic Opportunities, for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

By: _____

Department of Agriculture
Proposed Reporting Rider
Quarterly Financial Reports: Agriculture and Livestock Entry Point Inspection Stations.

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/15/2025

Overview

Add a new rider in the Department of Agriculture’s bill pattern in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, requiring the agency to provide quarterly financial reporting on expenditures related to Rider 27, Agriculture and Livestock Entry Point Inspection Stations.

Required Action

On page VI-11 of the Department of Agriculture’s bill pattern, in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

Quarterly Financial Reports: Agriculture and Livestock Entry Point Inspection Stations.

- (a) The Department of Agriculture shall submit the following information to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than 30 calendar days after the close of each quarter:
 - (1) Information on appropriated, budgeted, expended, and projected funds, by strategy and method of finance related to Rider 27, Agriculture and Livestock Entry Point Stations;
 - (2) Narrative explanations of significant budget adjustments, ongoing budget issues, and other items as appropriate;
 - (3) Capital budget items, including capital budget purchases, increases to existing projects and creation of new projects;
 - (4) All vehicle purchases not included in subsection (3) above; and
 - (5) Any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor.
- (6) The quarterly financial reports shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (b) For each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium, the Department of Agriculture shall submit an annual summary of the information required in subsections (1) through (5) above related to Rider 31, Agriculture and Livestock Entry Point Stations, in the Department of Agriculture’s bill pattern in the General Appropriations Act for the 2024-25 biennium, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than December 31, 2025, in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

By: _____

Commission on Environmental Quality
Proposed Rider Amendment
Existing Environmental Remediation Agreements

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/23/2025

Overview

Add a new Rider, Existing Environmental Remediation Agreements, in the bill pattern for the Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, to specify the intent of the Legislature that the City of Frisco works in coordination with the TCEQ to support remediation of the former Exide Battery Recycling Center and consistent with the Remediation Funding Trust Agreement.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-26 of the Commission on Environmental Quality’s bill pattern, in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

_____. **Existing Environmental Remediation Agreements.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the City of Frisco continue to work in coordination with the Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as set out in the Remediation Funding Trust Agreement to support remediation of the former Exide Battery Recycling Center in accordance with the industrial hazardous waste permit. TCEQ shall review financial information provided by the City of Frisco consistent with the Remediation Funding Trust Agreement.

By: _____

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider Amendment
Game Warden and Park Police 50-Hour Work Week

Prepared by LBB Staff, May 23, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, in Strategy B.1.1, State Parks Operations, by \$2,563,836 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,563,836 in fiscal year 2027 and in Strategy C.1.1 Enforcement Programs by \$745,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$745,000 in fiscal year 2027 and revise Rider 44, Game Warden 50-Hour Work Week, accordingly by changing the title and directing the agency to use the funds to provide payments for a 50-hour work week for game wardens and park police.

Required Action

1. On page VI-37 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern in CSSB 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.1.1, State Parks Operations, by \$2,563,836 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,563,836 in fiscal year 2027 to provide payment for a 50-hour work week for game wardens park police.
2. On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern in CSSB 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1 Enforcement Programs by \$745,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$745,000 in fiscal year 2027.
3. On page VI-51 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern in CSSB 1, amend the following rider:

44. Game Warden and Park Police 50-Hour Work Week. Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.1.1, State Parks Operations, include \$2,563,836 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,563,836 in fiscal year 2027 and in Strategy C.1.1 Enforcement Programs, include ~~\$19,250,000~~ \$19,995,000 in fiscal year 2026 and ~~\$19,250,000~~ \$19,995,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing payments for a 50-hour work week for game wardens and park police.

By: _____

Texas Parks and Wildlife
Proposed Rider Amendment
Battleship Texas

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/23/25

Overview

Amend Rider 34, Battleship Texas, in the bill pattern for the Parks and Wildlife Department, in Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, to specify the intent that \$7,000,000 appropriated for the repair, renovation, operation and maintenance of the Battleship Texas is to be used to provide a grant to the Battleship Texas Foundation for that purpose.

Required Action

On page VI-49 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife’s bill pattern, in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, amend the following rider:

34. Battleship Texas.

- (a) The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall submit annual reports based on information provided by the Battleship Texas Foundation to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor’s Office related to the repair, renovation, operation, and maintenance of the Battleship Texas. The reports shall be provided no later than September 1 of each fiscal year and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board. The report shall include, at minimum:
 - (1) A copy of the most recent draft or fully executed Memorandum of Understanding developed between the agency and the Battleship Texas Foundation;
 - (2) The status of state funds granted to the Battleship Texas Foundation from TPWD;
 - (3) Performance indicators and timelines for activities related to Battleship Texas reservation efforts; and
 - (4) Performance indicators for educational outreach programs conducted by the Battleship Texas Foundation.
- (b) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Improvements and Major Repairs, the Parks and Wildlife Department shall use \$7,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to provide a grant to the Battleship Texas Foundation for the repair, renovation, operation and maintenance of the Battleship Texas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

By: _____

Texas Parks and Wildlife
Proposed Rider Amendment
Appropriation: Boater Education Fees

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/23/25

Overview

Amend Rider 41, Appropriation: Boater Education Fees, in the bill pattern for the Parks and Wildlife Department, in Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, to include salaries, operating expenses and the purchase of necessary capital transportation and equipment items as eligible uses of the appropriation from boater education fees.

Required Action

On page VI-50 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s bill pattern, in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, amend the following rider:

41. Appropriation: Boater Education Fees.

- a. Amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy C.1.1, Enforcement Programs, include an estimated \$391,000 in fiscal year 2026 and an estimated \$391,000 in fiscal year 2027 from boater education exam and course fees (Revenue Object Code 3462) collected and deposited to the credit of the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 for the purpose of enhancing boater and water safety through the boater education program, including salaries, operating expenses, and the purchase of necessary capital transportation and equipment items, as provided by Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 31.108. This amount includes any revenues received during the 2026-27 biennium from boater education exam and course fees (Revenue Object Code 3462) in excess of the amount included in each fiscal year in the Comptrollers Biennial Revenue Estimate are appropriated for the same purpose.
- b. Any unexpended balances remaining in the Parks and Wildlife Department Strategy C.1.1, Enforcement Programs, as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for use in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes.

By: _____

Texas Parks and Wildlife
Proposed New Rider
Unexpended Balance Authority: Oyster License Buyback Program.

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/23/2025

Overview

Add a new Rider, Unexpended Balance Authority: Oyster License Buyback Program, in the bill pattern of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, to provide unexpended balance authority for General Revenue – Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 appropriations remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 from amounts appropriated to the agency in the 2024-25 biennium for the purpose of providing funding for the Oyster License Buyback Program.

Required Action

On page VI-51 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Departments’ bill pattern, in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, add the following new rider:

____. **Unexpended Balance Authority: Oyster License Buyback Program.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 appropriations made to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, for the purpose of operating an Oyster License Buyback Program in the 2024-25 biennium (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

By: _____

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider Amendment
Local Parks Grants

Prepared by LBB Staff, May 23, 2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, by \$19,800,000 in fiscal year 2026 and amend Rider 43, Local Parks Grants to include a listing of all funded parks.

Required Action

1. On page VI-37 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$19,800,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page VI-51 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, amend the following new rider:

43. **Local Parks Grants.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include ~~\$1,000,000~~\$20,800,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 ~~that may be used for no other purpose than providing a grant to Runge Park for grants for the following local parks in the following amounts.~~ Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for these grants as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

- (a) \$1,000,000 for Runge Park
- (b) \$3,000,000 for Longview Park
- (c) \$2,000,000 for Doss Park
- (d) \$2,000,000 for Melrose Park
- (e) \$3,000,000 for Southwestern Medical District Park
- (f) \$1,000,000 for Sullivan City Park and Upgrades
- (g) \$1,000,000 for City of La Joya Parks
- (h) \$5,000,000 for Veterans Memorial Park
- (i) \$2,800,000 for Fish Creek Linear Park

By: _____

Railroad Commission
Proposed Rider
Hydrogen Sulfide Mapping Study
Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/23/2025

Overview

Add a new rider in the bill pattern of the Railroad Commission (RRC), in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, to conduct a mapping study to determine and show a list and map of oil and gas wells with hydrogen sulfide levels that are greater than 100 parts per million (PPM), a list and map of oil and gas infrastructure, including storage tanks that contain products that have hydrogen sulfide levels that are greater than 100 PPM, and a list of those wells or infrastructure that are located within 5 miles of residential properties. The rider would require the RRC to provide a report with this information to the Legislative Budget Board and all members of the Legislature by December 1, 2026.

Required Action

On page VI-57 of the Railroad Commission’s bill pattern in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, add the following new rider:

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

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

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

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Railroad Commission
Proposed Rider
Report on Inactive Oil and Gas Wells
Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/23/2025

Overview

Add a new rider in the bill pattern of the Railroad Commission (RRC), in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, that would require the agency to use funds appropriated in Strategy C.2.1, Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Remediation, to develop and submit to each member of the Legislature a report on inactive oil and gas wells in this state no later than December 1, 2026. The rider would require the report to include information on the location of each oil and gas well, the risks posed by not plugging each inactive oil and gas well, and any additional information that the RRC considers necessary.

Required Action

On page VI-57 of the Railroad Commission’s bill pattern in CSSB 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2026-27 biennium, add the following new rider:

_____. **Report on Inactive Oil and Gas Wells.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Railroad Commission for Strategy C.2.1, Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Remediation, not later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall develop and submit to each member of the Legislature a report on inactive oil and gas wells in this state. The report must include:

- (1) information on the location of each inactive oil and gas well;
- (2) the risks posed by not plugging each inactive oil and gas well; and
- (3) any additional information the commission considers necessary.