

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

Decisions as of April 24, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

LBB Manager: George Dziuk

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
Article VII, Business and Economic Development 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	
Department of Housing and Community Affairs (332)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ -
Texas Lottery Commission (362)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 667,633,050	\$ 667,633,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Department of Motor Vehicles (608)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 175,000,000	\$ 175,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Texas Department of Transportation (601)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
Texas Workforce Commission (320)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 103,152,228	\$ 366,023,546	\$ 66,654,140	\$ 196,737,036	\$ -	\$ -
Reimbursements to the UC Benefit Account (32A)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ 1,218,656,596	\$ 80,354,140	\$ 210,437,036	\$ -	\$ -

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article VII, Business and Economic Development Department of Housing and Community Affairs (332) 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, Department of Housing and Community Affairs	\$ 28,484,177	\$ 910,351,940	\$ 29,184,177	\$ 911,051,940			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	393.0	389.0	393.0	389.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Reporting on Weatherization Efforts House includes a rider requiring the agency to produce a report on its efforts to help low-income Texans eligible for weatherization to conserve energy and lower bills.	VII-7, Rider 13 Rider Packet page VII-1						
2. Feasibility Study to Address Homelessness House provides \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026, with unexpended balance authority within the biennium, in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, and a rider directing the appropriation to conduct the study.			\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000			
			VII-7, Rider 17 Rider Packet page VII-1				
3 Local Rental Assistance Pilot Program House provides \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, and a rider directing this appropriation for a rental assistance pilot program operated through a partnership with nonprofit entitites in Dallas and Denton Counties.			\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000			
			VII-7, Rider 18 Rider Packet page VII-2				

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4.	Transitional Housing Program Funding House allocates \$200,000 from existing appropriations each fiscal year in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, for the operation of a transitional housing program that addresses the needs of homeless veterans.			VII-7, Rider 19 Rider Packet page VII-2				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ -	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

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Article VII, Business and Economic Development Department of Motor Vehicles (608) 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, Department of Motor Vehicles	\$ 277,679,126	\$ 708,540,908	\$ 102,679,126	\$ 533,540,908			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	952.0	952.0	952.0	952.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Registration and Titling System Replacement Senate provides \$175.0 million in General Revenue Funds and capital budget authority to implement the second phase of the legacy Registration and Titling System (RTS) Replacement project. House provides \$125.0 million in General Revenue in HB 500 for the same purpose.	\$ 175,000,000	\$ 175,000,000	\$ -	\$ -			
2. Capital Budget Transfer Authority for RTS Modernization Senate authorizes the agency to exceed the 25.0 percent capital budget appropriation transfer limits in Article IX, Section 14.03, of the General Appropriations Act, for transfers from the RTS Modernization capital budget project to the Data Center Services (DCS) capital budget project for any elements of the RTS Modernization project that must be paid through DCS.	VII-16, Rider #14 Rider Packet page VII-4						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 175,000,000	\$ 175,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

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Article VII, Business and Economic Development Texas Department of Transportation (601) 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 Transportation	\$ 151,330,436	\$39,895,409,514	\$ 154,330,436	\$39,898,409,514			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	13,175.0	13,175.0	13,175.0	13,175.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization Project House provides \$3.0 million in General Revenue and a rider directing the use of this appropriation to fund the Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization Project development study.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000			
			VII-33, Rider #51 Rider Packet page VII-11				
2. Sergio Ivan Rodriguez Memorial Pedestrian Bridge Project Senate provides \$10.0 million in General Revenue and a rider directing the use of this appropriation for the design and construction of the pedestrian bridge project.	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -			
	VII-33, Rider #50 Rider Packet page VII-11						
3. State Highway 71 Pedestrian Crossing House provides \$10.0 million in General Revenue and a rider directing the use of this appropriation for the design and construction of the pedestrian crossing project.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000			
			VII-33, Rider #52 Rider Packet page VII-12				
4. Reporting Requirements, Subsection (h) Toll Project Revenue and Funds Report Senate requires an annual report to LBB of all state toll project revenue received and other related funds that are deposited outside the state treasury.	VII-25, Rider #14 Rider Packet page VII-5						

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5.	Engineering and Engineering-Related Service Contracts House requires reporting of information relating to active engineering and engineering-related service contracts.			VII-32, Rider #50 Rider Packet page VII-9				
6.	Southern Gateway Deck Park Senate requires agency to make \$10.0 million in Federal Funds available for construction and buildout of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project if the project meets federal funding requirements and the expenditure of Federal Funds is approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.		VII-33, Rider #51 Rider Packet page VII-1 1					
7.	Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project Senate requires agency to make \$10.0 million in Federal Funds available for development of construction documents for the Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project if the project meets federal funding requirements and the expenditure of Federal Funds is approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.		VII-33, Rider #52 Rider Packet page VII-1 1					
8.	Presidio International Bridge House specifies legislative intent that the Department of Transportation convey the portion of the Presidio International Bridge owned by the state to Presidio County.			VII-33, Rider #53 Rider Packet page VII-1 2				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	

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						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

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Article VII, Business and Economic Development Texas Workforce Commission (320) 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 Workforce Commission		\$ 633,876,546	\$ 5,910,028,138	\$ 597,428,458	\$ 5,740,791,628			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		5,063.5	5,063.5	5,064.5	5,064.5			
Technical Adjustments:								
1.	Adjustment to Strategy A.3.2, Child Care Quality Activities, for the adopted Professional Development for Early Childhood Education rider appropriation that was put in Strategy A.3.1, Local Child Care Solution Cost Neutral	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Vocational Rehabilitation Federal Funds Senate provides \$70. 4 million in General Revenue Fund to match an available \$260.2 million in federal grants for Vocational Rehabilitation to meet current participant needs and to address projected participant growth. House provides \$35.2 million in General Revenue Fund to match an available \$130.1 million in federal grants for Vocational Rehabilitation to meet current participant needs and to address projected participant growth.	\$ 70,413,360	\$ 330,579,152	\$ 35,206,680	\$ 165,289,576			

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2.	Apprenticeship Training House provides \$13.0 million in General Revenue Funds for the Chapter 133 Apprenticeship Training Program.	\$-	\$-	\$13,034,430	\$13,034,430			
3.	Texas Veteran Leadership Program House provides \$3.4 million in General Revenue Funds for 22.1 existing FTEs that would provide services to 5,650 veterans statewide each year.	\$-	\$-	\$3,391,148	\$3,391,148			
4.	Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program Client Services Senate provides \$9.4 million in General Revenue Funds for increased demand of the Older Individuals Who Are Blind (OIB) program.	\$9,434,759	\$9,434,759	\$-	\$-			
5.	Career Schools and College Senate provides \$204,754 in General Revenue Funding for existing staff salary increase within the Career School and College program.	\$204,754	\$204,754	\$-	\$-			
6.	Labor Market Information Senate provides \$687,136 in General Revenue Funding and authority for additional FTEs (3.0) in the agency's labor market information department to meet increased demand for economic data from the public and U.S. Department of Labor.	\$687,136	\$687,136	\$-	\$-			

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7.	Civil Rights Division House provides \$549,554 in General Revenue Funding to maintain 4.0 of the additional 6.0 FTE's received in the 2024-25 biennium to reduce the backlog of Equal Employment Opportunity complaints from 1,500 to 350 cases of EEO complaints by the end of FY 2025.	\$-	\$-	\$549,554	\$549,554			
8.	UI Fraud Detection and Deterrence Senate provides \$3.3 million in General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 funding with capital budget authority to implement a UI Fraud Detection and Deterrence system. House provides funding for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$3,264,540	\$3,264,540	\$-	\$-			
9.	UI Cyber Security Senate provides \$3.2 million in General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 funding with capital budget authority to implement items identified in the Texas Cybersecurity Framework Assessment to improve TWC's cybersecurity. House provides funding for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$3,162,408	\$3,162,408	\$-	\$-			

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10.	UI Data Center Consolidation (Mainframe) Senate Provides \$11.8 million in General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 with capital budget authority funding to continue TWC's Unemployment Insurance (UI) Data Center Services Mainframe. House provides \$11.0 million for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$11,843,221	\$11,843,221	\$-	\$-			
11.	UI State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) Senate provides \$2.6 million in General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 funding with capital budget authority to implement the SIDES Monetary & Potential Charging Module, Determination & Decisions Module, Benefit Charges Chargeback Module, Single Sign-on using Okta, and additional Fact-finding Module. House provides funding for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$2,613,576	\$2,613,576	\$-	\$-			
12.	Network Modernization Senate provides General Revenue and General Revenue - Dedicated Fund 165 funding and Federal Funds with capital budget authority to address TWC network deficiencies identified in a AT&T Network Assessment which pose a risk to the TWC cybersecurity posture. House provides funding for this item in Supplemental Bill 500.	\$1,528,474	\$4,234,000	\$-	\$-			

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		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	
13.	Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Skills Development and Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) The house authorizes unexpended balances authority for the General-Revenue Dedicated Fund Lone Star Workforce of the Future Account No 5198.		VII-38, Rider #8 Rider Packet page VII-13			
14.	Expansion of Senior Keys to Independence Program (SKIP). The senate requires TWC to allocate \$1.0 million for expansion of the SKIP program to other cities throughout the state.	VII-47, Rider #51 Rider Packet page VII-13				
15.	Appropriation: GR-Dedicated Business Enterprise Program Account No. 492 The house authorizes estimated appropriations for the Business Enterprise Program Account No. 492 for the purpose of maintenance and replacement of equipment and other allowable program expenditures.		VII-47, Rider #51 Rider Packet page VII-13			
16.	Enhanced Workforce Data System House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses for upgrades to the state unemployment insurance data system and associated information technology and staffing costs to allow for enhanced reporting of employment and earnings data as part of routine wage filings required by the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.					
			\$ 1,572,328	\$ 1,572,328		
			VII-48, Rider #52 Rider Packet page VII-14			

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		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		
17.	Chapter 133 Apprenticeship Training Program								
	House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses to serve additional participants in the Chapter 133 Apprentice Training Program.			\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000				
				VII-48, Rider #53 Rider Packet page VII-14					
18.	Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program								
	House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses for the purpose of providing funding for emergency medical response service staffing.			\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000				
				VII-48, Rider #54 Rider Packet page VII-14					
19.	Certified Caregiver Pilot Program								
	House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses to provide certified caregiver services during evening hours for up to six months under the oversight of Workforce Borderplex Solutions.			\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000				
				VII-48, Rider #55 Rider Packet page VII-15					
20.	Statewide Expansion of Leadership Development Program								
	House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses for the creation of leadership development programs, organizing forums, hosting leadership dialogues, and fostering partnerships to drive solutions to critical issues such as workforce development, economic opportunity, education, governmental effectiveness, and infrastructure across the state.			\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000				
				VII-48, Rider #56 Rider Packet page VII-15					

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21	Mobile Statewide Workforce Development Pilot Program House provides General Revenue Funding and a rider directing uses only for the purpose of creating a mobile statewide workforce development pilot program.			VII-49, Rider #57 Rider Packet page VII-16				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$103,152,228	\$366,023,546	\$66,654,140	\$196,737,036	\$-	\$-	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

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Article VII, Business and Economic Development Reimbursements to the UC Benefit Account (32A) 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, Reimbursements to the UC Benefit Account		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		FY 2026	FY2027	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:								
None								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	