Senate Finance Committee Riders - Article VII

Adopted

March 12, 2025

Legislative Budget Board

By: Hall OSof Hall

Texas Lottery Commission, Article VII Proposed Rider Lottery Sales Report.

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern to direct the agency to produce a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board and members of the Legislature on the ratio of lottery sales to non-lottery sales in the top ten lottery sales retailer locations in the State of Texas.

Required Action

On page VII-13 of the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

____. Lottery Sales Report. The Texas Lottery Commission shall submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board and members of the Legislature on the ratio of lottery sales to non-lottery sales in the top ten lottery sales retailer locations in the State of Texas.

By: Hall OSof Hall

Texas Lottery Commission, Article VII Proposed Rider Lottery Terminals Report.

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern to direct the agency to produce a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board regarding the number of retailer locations with more than 3 lottery terminals on the retailer's premises.

Required Action

On page VII-13 of the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

_____. Lottery Terminals Report. The Texas Lottery Commission shall submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board on the number of retail locations with more than 3 lottery terminals on the retailer's premises.

By:	Alvarado

Article VII, Department of Transportation

Proposed Funding and Rider Sergio Ivan Rodriguez Memorial Pedestrian Bridge Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/05/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$10.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund the design and construction of the Sergio Ivan Rodriguez Memorial Pedestrian Bridge to provide a safe crossing for students and other pedestrians at the Union Pacific rail line located in the vicinity of Milby High School in Houston, Texas.

- 1) On page VII-19 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2026 by \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

 Sergio Ivan Rodriguez Memorial Pedestrian Bridge Project. Out of amounts
appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4,
Construction Contracts, the amount of \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the
2026–27 biennium is to be used for the purpose of funding the design and
construction of the Sergio Ivan Rodriguez Memorial Pedestrian Bridge at the Union
Pacific rail line located in the vicinity of Milby High School in Houston, Texas, to
provide a safe crossing for students and other pedestrians.

By: West

Department of Transportation, Article VII **Proposed Rider** Southern Gateway Deck Park Phase III Construction

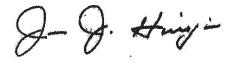
Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/04/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) bill pattern to require the agency to make available \$10.0 million in Federal Funds administered by TxDOT for the construction and buildout of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project Phase III and subsequent phases of the project if the project meets federal requirements.

Required Action
On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Southern Gateway Deck Park. Out of amounts appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall make available during the 2026-27 biennium \$10,000,000 in Federal Funds administered by the Department of Transportation for the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project if the project meets federal funding requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated above would cover the construction and buildout of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project. Any project expenditures using Federal Funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.



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Article VII, Department of Transportation Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/27/2025

Add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the agency to make available \$10.0 million in Federal Funds during the 2026-27 biennium to fund the Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project in El Paso if the project meets federal funding requirements.

Required Action
On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project. Out of amounts appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall make available during the 2026-27 biennium \$10,000,000 in Federal Funds administered by the Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding the Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project in El Paso if the project meets federal funding requirements. It is the intent of the legislature that funds appropriated above would cover the costs for development of construction documents for the Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project. Any project expenditures using Federal Funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway

By Campbell; Menendez

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII Expansion of Senior Keys to Independence Program (SKIP)

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$2 million for Senior Keys to Independence Program (SKIP). The Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) SKIP is a program that provides intensive independent living skills training to Texans 55 and older experiencing vision loss or have significant visual impairment, and whose ability to function independently in the home, family, or community is substantially limited. This four-day training is offered to customers from across the state in groups of four to eight customers. Included in the costs for participants is the training, an aids kit for each customer to take home, travel, lodging, and other support services.

Required Action

On page VII-50 of Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

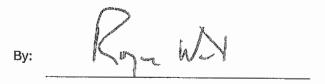
Expansion of Senior Keys to Independence Program (SKIP). Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1 Vocational Rehabilitation, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the Texas Workforce Commission for expansion of the SKIP program to other cities throughout the state. These funds may cover the cost of the program, the aids kit that each customer takes home, travel costs, lodging expenses, and other support services.

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Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Article VII Proposed Rider

Contingency for SB209

Overview

Add a rider in the Trusteed Programs within the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern that appropriates \$25 million in General Revenue to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to fund the Workforce Housing Capital Investment fund.

Required Action

On page VII of the Texas Department of I	lousing and Community Affairs bill pattern, add the
following rider:	,,
. Contingency for Senate Bill 2098.	Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 208 or sim

legislation relating to creation of the Workforce Housing Capital Investment Fund, by the Eightyninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is appropriated \$25,000,000 in General Revenue in in Strategy_____,________.

By: Hall

Texas Lottery Commission, Article VII Proposed Rider Agency Funding Contingency for Commissioner's Training

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern to direct that the agency's appropriated funding not be made available by the Comptroller of Public Accounts until confirmation of the fact that the agency's Commissioners have undergone annual training on their roles and responsibilities as commission members to adopt rules in compliance with Government Code Section 466.015.

Required Action

On page VII-13 of the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

. Contingency for Commissioner's Training. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not make available appropriations made in this Act for the Texas Lottery Commission each fiscal year until the Texas Lottery Commission provides confirmation to the Legislative Budget Board that the agency's commissioners have undergone annual training on their roles and responsibilities in compliance with Government Code Section 466.015.

By: Hall OSof Hall

Texas Lottery Commission, Article VII

Proposed Contingency Rider
Agency Funding Contingency for Senate Bill 28

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2025

Overview

Add a contingency rider to the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern to direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer available appropriations made in this Act for the Texas Lottery Commission to Lottery Proceeds No. 902 in Strategy A.1.1, FSP – Equalized Operations within the bill pattern of the Texas Education Agency if the agency adopts any administrative rules that contradicts the intent of Senate Bill 28 or similar legislation.

Required Action

On page VII-13 of the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

Contingency for Senate Bill 28. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 28, or similar legislation relating to a lottery game played or facilitated for play by telephone or through an Internet or mobile Internet application; creating criminal offenses, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer available appropriations made in this Act for the Texas Lottery Commission to Lottery Proceeds No. 902 in Strategy A.1.1, FSP — Equalized Operations, in the bill pattern of the Texas Education Agency if the agency adopts any administrative rule that contradicts the legislative intent of Senate Bill 28 or similar legislation.

By: Hall

Texas Lottery Commission, Article VII

Proposed Contingency Rider Agency Funding Contingency for Draw Game Rules

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2025

Overview

Add a contingency rider to the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern to direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer available appropriations made in this Act for the Texas Lottery Commission to Lottery Proceeds No. 902 in strategy A.1.1, FSP – Equalized Operations, in the Texas Education Agency bill pattern in fiscal year 2027 if the agency fails to readopt all draw games rules as they were before June 1, 2015, by September 1, 2026.

Required Action

On page VII-13 of the Texas Lottery Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

Draw Game Rules. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer available appropriations made in this Act for the Texas Lottery Commission to Lottery Proceeds No. 902 in Strategy A.1.1, FSP — Equalized Operations, in the Texas Education Agency bill pattern if, by September 1, 2026, The Texas Lottery Commission fails to readopt all draw games rules as they were before June 1, 2015.

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By: Article VII, Department of Transportation

Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview

The oil and gas industry provides a good deal of revenue to the state, however, accelerated road degradation in several of the counties throughout the state in recent years has been attributed to the increased vehicle traffic due to the exploration and production of oil and gas. These roads were not intended to sustain the heavy trucks that are used in this process. County road and bridge budgets are not sufficiently funded to routinely maintain the roads, and counties are left with severe damage directly related to the energy exploration and production.

Transportation Infrastructure Fund

In 2013, the Legislature created the Transportation Infrastructure Fund under Subchapter C, Chapter 256, Transportation Code, to provide a solution and a sustainable long-term plan dedicated to those areas that have created the surplus our state has benefited from. In 2019, the legislature appropriated \$250,000,000 to the fund.

Since that time, counties in highly productive regions have used these funds to supplement their road construction budgets with great success, however, these areas continue to experience the degradation of their roads.

- (1) On page VII-20 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding in Strategy A.1.8, Construction Grants and Services, by \$250,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026.
- (2) On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:
- Transportation Infrastructure Fund. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.8, Construction Grants and Services, the amount of \$250,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used to provide grants for transportation infrastructure projects under Transportation Code, Chapter 256, Subchapter C.



Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII

Proposed Rider Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program

Overview

Add a rider providing funding to the Texas Workforce Commission to support programs that incentivize and increase the number of Emergency Medical Technicians and fund Emergency Medical Services education programs.

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staffing, including:

1) On page of the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, add the following
rider:
Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program. (a) In addition to
amounts appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, the Texas Workforce
Commission is appropriated \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,500,000 in fiscal
year 2027 from the general revenue fund, and the "Number of Full-Time-
Equivalents (FTE)" indicated in the bill pattern is increased by 3.0 in each fiscal

year, for the purpose of providing funding for emergency medical response service

- (1) funding for programs to incentivize and increase the number of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and paramedics that provide care on an ambulance; and
- (2) funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education programs, including distance learning programs, to increase the number of EMTs and paramedics graduating from EMS education programs.
- (b) Of amounts appropriated in each fiscal year under Subsection (a) of this section, TWC must use at least \$6 million to provide grants to EMS employers or state-certified EMS training providers for the purposes of providing scholarships for EMT-Basic, EMT-Advanced, and Paramedic students. TWC may use not more than \$1.5 million in each fiscal year for administration of the grant program.

- (c) It is the intent of the legislature that, consistent with state law, TWC prioritize funding appropriated under Subsection (a) of this section for rural and underserved areas.
- (d) To the extent that the Department of State Health Services is administering a similar emergency medical response service staffing program authorized by Acts 2021, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, S.B. 8, Sec. 35, effective November 8, 2021, DSHS shall transfer that program and any associated funding to TWC to be combined with the program described by Subsection (a) of this section.
- (e) Any unexpended balances in appropriations made to Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, for the Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

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By: Zaffirini

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII Proposed Funding and Rider Contingency for Senate Bill 972

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations for the Texas Workforce Commission by

\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and add a contingency rider that directs the allocation for the purpose of implementing the provisions of the legislation.

Required Action

1. On page VII-53 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

Contingency for Senate Bill 972. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 972, or similar legislation relating to reimbursement rates for child-care providers participating in the Texas Rising Star Program, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session; the Texas Workforce Commission is appropriated \$1,000,000 in Strategy A.1.3, Local Child Care Solutions, in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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March 12, 2025

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By Johnson/Alvarado

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Article VII Workforce Housing Fund and Loan Program

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$2,000,000,000 for the creation of the Workforce Housing Fund and Loan Program.

The Workforce Housing Fund and Loan Program provides low-interest loans to construct or rehabilitate multifamily workforce housing. This program incentivizes workforce housing development with below-market-rate loans to help developers close the 20% gap for financing. It expands workforce housing opportunities, stabilizes rents at 30% of up to 120% area median income, and, principally, strengthens the overall housing market by increasing supply.

Program Details

- The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) will administer a \$2 billion loan program to provide low-interest, mezzanine loans directly to developers circumventing municipalities or local governments for disbursement.
- Loans will cover up to 20% of a development's initial construction costs, inclusive of construction, rehabilitation, and land acquisition costs.
- Loans provided by this Fund may be stacked with other local, state, and/or federal housing incentives.
- Loan repayments and interest paid back will not go back to the Fund, but to the General Revenue Fund.
- Interest rates will be set at applicable federal rate (AFR) at the time of award.
- TDHCA may create an advisory committee to set eligibility criteria and program rules.
- Recipients must lease at least 75% of units to households earning up to 120% AMI, as defined by HUD.
- Rent for these units will be capped at 30% up to the 120% AMI for that region.

·	Bill 96 imple: Depart mezza eighth amend	ngency for Senate Bill 960 / SJR XXX. Contingent on enactment of Senate 50 and SJR XX, or similar legislation relating to the development and mentation of a workforce housing loan program administered by the Texas tment of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to provide low interest, mine financing to developers to build workforce housing, by the Eighty-Legislature, Regular Session and the associated proposed constitutional dment being approved by voters. Upon voter approval of the constitutional dment establishing the Workforce Housing Fund and Loan Program am:
	(a)	The Department of Housing and Community Affairs is appropriated \$, in fiscal year 2026 and \$, in fiscal year 2027 from General Revenue. In addition, the "Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)" in the agency's bill pattern is increased by X.X FTEs in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to implement the provisions of the legislation, and

\$2,000,000,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Workforce Housing Fund for TDHCA to implement the provisions of the

Constitution, Article VIII, Section 22, Limitation on the Rate of Growth of Appropriations, money in the Workforce Housing Fund established by

Section _____, Article ____, of the Texas Constitution is considered dedicated by the constitution and an appropriation of money to the fund is

Interest earnings and loan repayments received from loans made through the Workforce Housing Fund program shall be deposited in the General

It is the intent of the Legislature that, for purposes of the Texas

bill during the 2026-27 biennium.

considered dedicated by the Constitution.

On page VII-XXX of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern,

add the following new rider:

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Revenue Fund.

By: West

Department of Transportation, Article VII Proposed Funding and Rider Southern Gateway Deck Park Phase III Construction

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/04/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$20.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund the construction and buildout of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project Phase III and subsequent phases.

Required Action

- On page VII-19 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2026 by \$20,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Southern Gateway Deck Park Phase III Construction. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$20,000,000 in General Revenue for the 2026–27 biennium is to be used for the purpose of funding the construction and buildout of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project Phase III and subsequent phases of the project.

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Article VII, Department of Transportation Proposed Funding and Rider Short Line Rail Development

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/27/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$25.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to leverage federal grant funding or provide grants to fund short line rail development on behalf of small to mid-sized rail companies.

- Required Action

 1) On page VII-20 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy D.1.3, Rail Construction, in fiscal year 2026 by \$25,000,000 in General
 - 2) On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Short Line Rail Development. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy D.1.3, Rail Construction, the amount of \$25,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the 2026-27 biennium is to be used to leverage federal grant funding or provide grants to fund short line rail development on behalf of small to mid-sized rail companies.

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By: Alvarado

Article VII, Department of Transportation Proposed Rider Contingency for Senate Bill 1555: Allocation for Pedestrian Bridge Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/27/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation to specify legislative intent that \$10.0 million out of any funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation for implementation of Senate Bill 1555, or similar legislation relating to a grant program to fund certain railroad grade separation projects, is to be used to fund the design and construction of a pedestrian bridge to provide a safe crossing for students and other pedestrians at the Union Pacific rail line located in the vicinity of Milby High School in Houston, Texas, contingent upon the enactment of the legislation.

Required Action

On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Contingency for Senate Bill 1555: Allocation for Pedestrian Bridge Project. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1555, or similar legislation relating to a grant program to fund certain railroad grade separation projects, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, it is the intent of the legislature that \$10,000,000 out of any funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation for implementation of the legislation shall be used for the purpose of funding the design and construction of a pedestrian bridge at the Union Pacific rail line located in the vicinity of Milby High School in Houston, Texas, to provide a safe crossing for students and other pedestrians.

By: Paxton apli S. Paylan

Article VII, Department of Transportation Proposed Funding and Rider

Improvements to McKinney National Airport

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/19/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds for the Department of Transportation by \$14.8 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider directing the use of this appropriation to fund airport expansion projects at McKinney National Airport.

Required Action

- (1) On page VII-20 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$14,800,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026.
- (2) On page VII-37 the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

____. Improvements to McKinney National Airport. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$14,800,000 in General Revenue Funds for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used to fund airport expansion projects at McKinney National Airport.



Department of Transportation, Article VII Proposed Funding and Rider Southern Gateway Deck Park Phase III Construction

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/04/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$10.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund the construction and buildout of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project.

Required Action

- On page VII-19 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2026 by \$20,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Southern Gateway Deck Park Construction. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$10,000,000 in General Revenue for the 2026–27 biennium is to be used for the purpose of funding the construction and buildout of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project. Tan Pauler By: West Roy West

Department of Transportation, Article VII Proposed Rider Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/04/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to require the agency to make available \$20.0 million in Federal Funds administered by TxDOT to the Texas Trees Foundation for planning and construction of the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project if the project meets federal requirements.

Required Action

On Page VII-_ of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project. Out of amounts appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall make available during the 2026-27 biennium \$20,000,000 in Federal Funds administered by the Department of Transportation to the Texas Trees Foundation for the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project in the City of Dallas if the project meets federal funding requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated above would cover the planning and construction of the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project. Any project expenditures using Federal Funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

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By: West

Department of Transportation, Article VII

Proposed Funding and Rider Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/04/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$20.0 million and add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to require the agency to allocate \$20.0 million in General Revenue Funds to provide funding to the Texas Trees Foundation for planning and construction of the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project.

Required Action

- 1) On page VII-19 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2026 by \$20,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$20,000,000 in General Revenue for the 2026–27 biennium is to be used to provide funding to the Texas Trees Foundation for the planning and construction of the Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project in the City of Dallas.

By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

Department of Transportation Article VII

Proposed Funding and Rider Emergency and First Responder Airport Facilities

Overview

Increase General Revenue funding for the Department of Transportation by \$8 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider directing the use of this appropriation to fund hangar expansion at Mid Valley Airport at Weslaco for airport facilities used by the Texas National Guard, other law enforcement agencies for emergency and first responders including facilities used for staging and storing state, municipal, county aircraft, and as a fixed based operator.

Required Action

- 1. On page VII-20 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$8,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026.
- 2. On page VII-38 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Emergency and First Responder Airport Facilities. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$8,000,000 in General Revenue for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the purpose of hangar expansion at the Mid-Valley Airport in Weslaco for airport facilities used by the Texas National Guard, Department of Public Safety, other law enforcement agencies, and municipalities, for emergency and first responders, including facilities used for staging and storing state, municipal, county aircraft, and as a fixed based operator.

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Article VII, Department of Transportation Proposed Funding and Rider Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/27/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$10.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund the Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project in El Paso.

- On page VII-19 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2026 by \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

 Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project. Out of amounts appropriated above to the
Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount
of \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the 2026-27 biennium is to be used for
the purpose of funding the development of construction documents for the Interstate
10 Deck Park Plaza Project in El Paso

Department of Transportation, Article VII Proposed Rider Presidio International Bridge

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/05/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to establish that it is the intent of the legislature that TxDOT convey ownership of the Presidio International Bridge to Presidio County.

Required Action
On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

Presidio International Bridge. It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Transportation convey the portion of State Highway 67 that is the Presidio International Bridge that is owned by this state to Presidio County by October 31,

By Senator Hughes

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ARTICLE 7 NORTHEAST TEXAS RURAL RAIL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT RAIL REHABILITATION

Overview

The Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District (NETEX) includes six counties (Titus, Franklin, Hopkins, Delta, Hunt, and Collin) across North and Northeast Texas. The District manages a short-line rail of 65.7 miles that is the only "last mile/first mile" connector in this part of the state. It carries roughly 2,000 cars per year, but traffic on the line could increase exponentially due to the Hopkins County transload facility, prospective industrial development at the former Luminant coal mine, the great potential for lithium mining in Northeast Texas, and strong economic growth generally in the region.

Much of the track was built between 1927-1949 and can only be used at very low speeds. This funding request would upgrade the track from "Excepted" to a Class 2 line. TxDOT owns 31 miles of track right-of-way and has a security interest in the infrastructure.

Required Action:

On page VII-20 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation, add General Revenue of \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the Strategy D.1.3., Rail Construction.

On the appropriate page of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, insert the following item:

. Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District. Out of General Revenue funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.3., Rail Construction, \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for rail rehabilitation by the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

By Senator Hughes

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ARTICLE 7 RUSK COUNTY RURAL RAIL DISTRICT RAIL REHABILITATION

Overview

The Rusk County Rural Rail District operates a short-line rail of 14 miles from Henderson to Overton. This line is an economic artery for Rusk County, providing the only rail access from the county seat of Henderson to the Union Pacific line in Overton. The District has secured an \$8.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to refurbish parts of the line. This funding request of \$6.6 million would provide the 45 percent local match for those federal funds.

Required Action:

On page VII-20 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation, add General Revenue of \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the Strategy D.1.3., Rail Construction.

On the appropriate page of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, insert the following item:

_____. Rusk County Rural Rail District. Out of General Revenue funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.3., Rail Construction, \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2027 will be used for rail rehabilitation by the Rusk County Rural Rail District. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

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By: Middleton

Department of Transportation Proposed Funding and Rider Requirement for Certain Road Projects

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On April 14, 2025, Adrian Combs was cycling on the road, when a driver came up behind him. Since there was no shoulder to the roadway, the cyclist had no place to move out of the vehicle's way. Adrian was struck by the vehicle and killed. This rider seeks to improve road safety conditions by restricting the use of appropriated funds by the Department of Transportation to ensure the addition of a shoulder to roadways in certain circumstances.

Required Action

On page VII-38 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of Department of Transportation's bill pattern, add the following rider:

Requirement for Certain Road Projects. The Department of Transportation may not expend any funds appropriated by this Act to rebuild or improve any roadway in an unincorporated area of counties with a high propensity for cyclist or pedestrian deaths or disabled vehicles, unless the department includes a shoulder in the rebuilding or widening of the roadway.

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Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Improvements to San Marcos Regional
Airport

· Prepared by LBB Staff, 01/07/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds for the Department of Transportation by \$10.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider directing the use of this appropriation to fund a runway expansion project and related infrastructure improvements at San Marcos Regional Airport.

- (1) In the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase funding in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, by \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026.
- (2) Add the following rider in the Department of Transportation bill pattern:
- Improvements to San Marcos Regional Airport. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used to fund runway extension and related infrastructure improvements at the San Marcos Regional Airport in Caldwell County.

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By: Zaffirini

Department of Transportation, Article VII Proposed Funding and Rider Contingency Appropriation for SH 130 Segments 5 and 6 Veterans Discount

Prepared by LBB Staff, 01/07/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation to appropriate \$2.0 million from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026–27 biennium contingent upon the enactment of legislation relating to the implementation of a toll discount program for veterans on State Highway 130, Segments 5 and 6.

Required Action

Add the following rider in the Department of Transportation bill pattern:

Contingency Appropriation for SH 130 Segments 5 and 6 Veterans Discount.

Contingent on enactment of legislation relating to the implementation of a toll discount program for veterans on State Highway 130, Segments 5 and 6, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, the Department of Transportation is appropriated \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to supplement the costs of the veteran discount program pursuant to the legislation. Any unexpended balances of these appropriations remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Judith Toffini

By: Zaffirini

Article VII, Department of Transportation Proposed Funding and Rider State Assistance for Installation of Certain Memorial Highway Signs

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/27/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$5.0 million and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to provide state assistance to defray the costs to non-state sponsors for the initial installation of memorial highway signs for memorial highway designations honoring veterans and first responders who died in the line of duty.

- 1) On page VII-20 in the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy B.1.2, Routine Maintenance, in fiscal year 2026 by \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-37 in the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:
 - State Assistance for Installation of Certain Memorial Highway Signs. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy B.1.2, Routine Maintenance, the amount of \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the 2026–27 biennium is to be used to provide state assistance to defray the costs to non-state sponsors on a first come first served basis for the initial design, construction, and installation of memorial highway signs as specified by Transportation Code, Section 225.021(c), for memorial highway designations established under Transportation Code, Chapter 225, Subchapter B, in honor of veterans and first responders who died in the line of duty.

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Article VIII, Department of Transportation Proposed Funding and Rider Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization and Expansion Project

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/10/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$3.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund the Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization and Expansion Project development study in the City of El Paso.

- 1) On page VII-19 of Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.1, Plan/Design/Manage, in fiscal year 2026 by \$3,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-37 the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:
- Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization and Expansion Project. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.1, Plan/Design/Manage, the amount of \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used for the purpose of funding the Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization and Expansion Project development study in the City of El Paso.

By: Diw. teller

Texas Department of Transportation, Article VII Victoria Regional Airport

Overview

Add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of \$5.0 million in General Revenue Funds in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, to fund airport expansion and improvement projects at Victoria Regional Airport contingent on the contribution of \$3.0 million in local matching funds.

Required Action

On page VII-37 the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. Improvements to Victoria Regional Airport. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, shall be allocated to fund airport expansion and improvement projects at Victoria Regional Airport. The allocation of General Revenue Funds for expansion and improvement projects at Victoria Regional Airport specified in this rider is contingent upon the contribution of \$3,000,000 in local matching funds.

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By Senator Hughes

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ARTICLE 7 RUSK COUNTY RURAL RAIL DISTRICT RAIL REHABILITATION

Overview

The Rusk County Rural Rail District operates a short-line rail of 14 miles from Henderson to Overton. This line is an economic artery for Rusk County, providing the only rail access from the county seat of Henderson to the Union Pacific line in Overton. The District has secured an \$8.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to refurbish parts of the line. This funding request of \$6.6 million would provide the 45 percent local match for those federal funds.

Required Action:

On page VII-20 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation, add General Revenue of \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the Strategy D.1.3., Rail Construction.

On the appropriate page of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, insert the following item:

_____. Rusk County Rural Rail District. Out of General Revenue funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.3., Rail Construction, \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2027 will be used for rail rehabilitation by the Rusk County Rural Rail District. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

By: Campbell Wo

Article VII, Department of Transportation Proposed Funding and Rider Kendall County Weigh Station and Inspection Facility

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/27/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Funds by \$34.0 million in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider to the Department of Transportation bill pattern directing the use of these General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund the planning, design, and construction of a truck weigh station and inspection facility along Interstate Highway 10 in Kendall County.

- 1) On page VII-19 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, in fiscal year 2026 by \$34,000,000 in General Revenue Funds.
- 2) On page VII-37 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

 Kendall County Weigh Station and Inspection Facility. Out of amounts
appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4,
Construction Contracts, the amount of \$34,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund
for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used to fund the
planning, design, and construction of a new truck weigh station and inspection facility
to be located along Interstate Highway 10 in Kendall County.

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Department of Transportation, Article VII

Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview

This rider is needed to ensure Texas can leverage federal grant opportunities to enhance freight mobility at seaports. By funding an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), the state will improve truck circulation, increase safety, reduce community impacts, and boost port competitiveness—all critical for maintaining Texas' status as a leader in global trade.

Required Action

1. On Page VII-36 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Department of Transportation's bill pattern, add the following rider.

Funding for Freight Intelligent Transportation System. (a) Within the amount appropriated above for the Seaport Connectivity Program, up to \$5 million for each fiscal year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2027, may be utilized as the state match for federal grants to install a freight Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and necessary database for a web-based portal and mobile app; with the goal(s) of improving truck circulation and reliability, mitigate community impacts, increase safety, growth in port competitiveness, and improve connectivity for goods movement to and from Texas seaports

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By:	Perry	

Article VII, Department of Transportation Proposed Rider Amendment District Discretionary Funds

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/28/2025

Overview

Amend Rider 11, District Discretionary Funds, in the bill pattern for the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to require TxDOT to allocate, out of funds appropriated in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, funding for planning projects within the 1-27 System in Texas and recommended to the Texas Transportation Commission by the I-27 Advisory Committee the I-27 System in Texas Implementation Plan.

Required Action

On page VII-25 in the Department of Transportation bill pattern, amend the following rider:

11. District Discretionary Funds.

- a. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate a minimum of \$2.5 million for each district to the State District Discretionary Category each fiscal year. In addition, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor an annual report no later than November 1st each fiscal year detailing the amount of District Discretionary category funds used by each district for project cost overruns.
- b. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to the allocations made under subsection (a) of this rider, funds to fund improvements designed to facilitate traffic related to motor vehicles, cargo, and rail, and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at land ports of entry located within 25 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. In making allocations under this subsection, the department shall consider factors related to the movement of people and goods through the land border ports of entry within the boundaries of the state, including but not limited to the number of incoming commercial trucks and railcars, the number of incoming personal motor vehicles and buses, the weight of incoming cargo by commercial trucks, and the number of land border ports of entry.
- c. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to the allocations made under subsection (a) and (b) of this rider, funds to fund projects that are located within 60 miles of an international border crossing and recommended to the Texas Transportation Commission by the Border Trade Advisory Committee under Transportation Code, Section 201.114.
- d. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate a minimum of \$15 million to the San Angelo District for Funding for Future Interstate Planning between San Angelo and Sonora (FIS 0159-01) and City Location Studies for Eldorado and Christoval as identified in the I-27 System in Texas Implementation Plan.
- e. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to the allocations made under subsection (a) of this rider, a minimum of \$8 million to the Laredo District funding for Interstate Plans, Specifications and Estimates around Del Rio. (Acuna-Del Rio II Connector) as identified in the 1-27 System in Texas Implementation Plan.
- f. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate in addition to the allocations made under subsection (a) and (b) of this rider funds, a minimum of \$8 million to the Odessa District to fund planning for Interstate Expansion for U.S. 349 Lamesa to Midland (FIS 0380-06) and the City Location Study for Patricia for Schematic and Environmental planning as identified in the I-27 System in Texas Implementation Plan.

By: Deling's

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII

Proposed Rider Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program

Overview

Add a rider providing funding to the Texas Workforce Commission to support programs that incentivize and increase the number of Emergency Medical Technicians and fund Emergency Medical Services education programs.

- 1) On page _____ of the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:
- _____. Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program. (a) In addition to amounts appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, the Texas Workforce Commission is appropriated \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general revenue fund, and the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" indicated in the bill pattern is increased by 3.0 in each fiscal year, for the purpose of providing funding for emergency medical response service staffing, including:
- (1) funding for programs to incentivize and increase the number of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and paramedics that provide care on an ambulance; and
- (2) funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education programs, including distance learning programs, to increase the number of EMTs and paramedics graduating from EMS education programs.
- (b) Of amounts appropriated in each fiscal year under Subsection (a) of this section, TWC must use at least \$6 million to provide grants to EMS employers or state-certified EMS training providers for the purposes of providing scholarships for EMT-Basic, EMT-Advanced, and Paramedic students. TWC may use not more than \$1.5 million in each fiscal year for administration of the grant program.

- (c) It is the intent of the legislature that, consistent with state law, TWC prioritize funding appropriated under Subsection (a) of this section for rural and underserved areas.
- (d) To the extent that the Department of State Health Services is administering a similar emergency medical response service staffing program authorized by Acts 2021, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, S.B. 8, Sec. 35, effective November 8, 2021, DSHS shall transfer that program and any associated funding to TWC to be combined with the program described by Subsection (a) of this section.
- (e) Any unexpended balances in appropriations made to Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, for the Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

By: Alvarado

Texas Workforce Commission

Proposed Rider

Contingency for legislation relating to the Latino Learning Center of Houston.

Overview

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$1,950,000 from General Revenue for the purposes of implementing the provisions of legislation relating to building renovations for the Latino Learning Center of Houston, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action
On page VII-53 of the bill pattern for the Texas Workforce Commission, add the following new rider:

Contingency for Building Renovations to Latino Learning Center of Houston. Contingent on the enactment of legislation relating to building renovations on the Latino Learning Center of Houston by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Workforce Commission is appropriated \$1,950,000 for fiscal year 2026 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation. By: Blanco/Alvarado

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII Proposed Funding and Rider Certified Caregiver Pilot Program Funding

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/10/2025

Overview

Increase General Revenue Fund appropriations for the Texas Workforce Commission by \$450,000 in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider to the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern directing use of these funds to establish an after-hours certified caregiver pilot program under the oversight of Workforce Borderplex Solutions.

Required Action

- 1. On page VII-39 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy A.3.1, Local Child Care Solutions, in the amount of \$450,000 in fiscal year 2026.
- 2. On page VII-53 of the Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

. Certified Caregiver Pilot Program. Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Local Child Care Solutions, include \$450,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to provide certified caregiver services during evening hours for up to six months under the oversight of Workforce Borderplex Solutions.

By: D. Hung

Texas Workforce Commission

Proposed Funding and Rider

Growing the Health Care Workforce Pipeline

Overview

This rider would provide funding for health care workforce nursing pipeline programs.

Required Action

- 1. On page VII-39 of the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, increase appropriations by \$2.5 million in General Revenue each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.
- 2. On page I-x of the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

XX. Growing the Health Care Workforce Nursing Pipeline. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Workforce Commission in Strategy B.1.1 Skills Development, is:

- (a) \$2.5 million in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for providing grants to qualified non-profit organizations to:
 - a. provide and/or contract for training services for students pursuing Certified Nurse Aide licensure in Texas;
 - provide wraparound services to ensure consistent access to education, training, and employment, including childcare support, transportation, and access to other community resources; and
 - c. provide opportunities for upskilling in the healthcare workforce.
- (b) The grantee shall provide to the Texas Workforce Commission a report on the use of funds awarded, including the number of new Certified Nursing Assistants and their employment status.