

Senate Finance Committee Decision Document
 Senator Nichols, Workgroup Chair on Articles VI, VII, and VIII
 Members: Senators Hall, Perry

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Article VIII, Regulatory Total, Article VIII, Regulatory Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
State Office of Administrative Hearings (360)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 6,014,097	\$ 6,014,097	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 708,061	\$ 708,061	\$ 94,690	\$ 94,690
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	(1.0)	(1.0)	0.0	0.0
Behavioral Health Executive Council (510)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,332,120	\$ 1,332,120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 913,940	\$ 913,940	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Board of Chiropractic Examiners (508)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 176,804	\$ 176,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,767	\$ 142,767	\$ 22,560	\$ 22,560
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Board of Dental Examiners (504)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,323,259	\$ 1,323,259	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 719,301	\$ 719,301	\$ 59,642	\$ 59,642
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Funeral Service Commission (513)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 2,264,458	\$ 2,264,458	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 876,754	\$ 876,754	\$ 99,104	\$ 99,104
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Board of Professional Geoscientists (481)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 52,818	\$ 52,818	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,018	\$ 5,018	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Health Professionals Council (364)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ (422,860)	\$ 57,140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (422,860)	\$ (182,860)	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Office of Injured Employee Counsel (448)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,608,384	\$ 1,608,384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,183,764	\$ 1,183,764	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Department of Insurance (454)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 30,621,131	\$ 30,621,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,013,464	\$ 10,013,464	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	73.0	73.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Office of Public Insurance Counsel (359)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,009,291	\$ 1,009,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 571,565	\$ 571,565	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Department of Licensing and Regulation (452)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 28,704,389	\$ 28,704,389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,178,458	\$ 27,178,458	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
Texas Medical Board (503)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 45,182,489	\$ 45,182,489	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,251,735	\$ 16,251,735	\$ 161,388	\$ 161,388
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0
Texas Board of Nursing (507)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 7,533,474	\$ 7,533,474	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,742,954	\$ 6,742,954	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
Optometry Board (514)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 8,014	\$ 8,014	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,014	\$ 8,014	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Board of Pharmacy (515)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 3,976,791	\$ 3,976,791	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,848,884	\$ 1,848,884	\$ 50,750	\$ 50,750
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0

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Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (533)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 439,968	\$ 439,968	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 373,446	\$ 373,446	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Board of Plumbing Examiners (456)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 3,179,656	\$ 3,179,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,954,585	\$ 1,954,855	\$ 60,246	\$ 60,246
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0
Racing Commission (476)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 8,070,210	\$ 7,867,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (870,000)	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Securities Board (312)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,120,454	\$ 1,120,454	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 685,848	\$ 685,848	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public Utilities Commission (473)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 15,259,000	\$ 15,259,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,559,000	\$ 14,559,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	51.0	51.0	0.0	0.0	45.0	45.0	0.0	0.0
Office of Public Utility Counsel (475)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,748,000	\$ 1,748,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,108,000	\$ 1,108,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (578)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 788,760	\$ 788,760	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 770,710	\$ 770,710	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special Provisions to Article VIII (S08)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 159,990,707	\$ 160,268,717	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,193,407	\$ 85,563,677	\$ 658,380	\$ 658,380
NO-COST ADJUSTMENTS								
1 Racing Commission (476)	\$ -	\$ 870,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 870,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total, NO COST ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ 870,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 870,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total GR & GR-D Adopted Items less Cost-out Adjustments	\$ 159,990,707	\$ 159,398,717	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,193,407	\$ 84,693,677	\$ 658,380	\$ 658,380
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	225.0	225.0	0.0	0.0	111.5	111.5	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory State Office of Administrative Hearings (360) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Technical Adjustments:								
1. Reduction of 2.0 FTEs associated with IT request not included in Senate Bill 1 as introduced or in the supplemental bill.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Agency Requests:								
1. Salary Increase General Revenue funding to increase the salaries of agency administrative law judges (ALJ), support staff, and regional ALJs to equivalent levels at comparable state agencies.	\$ 3,512,646	\$ 3,512,646						
2. Cybersecurity Staff General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 2.0 FTEs to improve the agency's cybersecurity program that includes: 1.0 Data Officer (\$130,540 each fiscal year) 1.0 Information Security Officer (\$157,953 each fiscal year)	\$ 585,640	\$ 585,640			\$ 320,645	\$ 320,645		
					Workgroup adopts funding and authority for an additional 1.0 Information Security Officer position.			
3. Increasing IT Software Costs General Revenue funding for an anticipated 17 percent increase in various software license costs supporting legal research, process automation, hybrid hearings, an emergency alert system, secure file sharing, cloud services, and a legal library.	\$ 387,416	\$ 387,416			\$ 387,416	\$ 387,416		
4. Filling Vacant Positions General Revenue funding to backfill currently vacant judge and support staff positions for cases from agencies funded through General Revenue.	\$ 591,438	\$ 591,438						

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5. Administrative Law Judge Salary Differentials General Revenue funding to establish salary differentials among the four statutorily-required levels of seniority for ALJs and to promote judges to these new positions. ALJ III – \$124,056 (agency benchmark) ALJ IV – \$129,056 (ALJ III + \$5,000) Master I – \$137,066 (B29 mid-point) Master II – \$165,851 (B31 mid-point)	\$ 842,267	\$ 842,267						
6. Chief Administrative Law Judge Compensation Request for General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Chief ALJ salary cap from \$184,805 in Group 5 to \$232,150 in Group 7.	\$ 94,690	\$ 94,690					\$ 94,690	\$ 94,690
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 6,014,097	\$ 6,014,097	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 708,061	\$ 708,061	\$ 94,690	\$ 94,690
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	(1.0)	(1.0)	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Behavioral Health Executive Council (510) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Technical Adjustments:								
1. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ (29,240)	\$ (29,240)			\$ (29,240)	\$ (29,240)		
Agency Requests:								
1. Texas Psychology Licensing Exam, Initial Design General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2026, with unexpended balance authority within the biennium, to complete the initial design phase of a new, Texas-owned psychology licensing examination.	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000			\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000		
2. Additional Staff General Revenue funding to fill six existing vacant staff positions for which the agency does not have sufficient resources that includes: 1.0 Attorney (\$82,000 each fiscal year) 1.0 Supervising Attorney (\$100,000 each fiscal year) 2.0 Program Supervisor IV (\$60,000 per FTE each fiscal year) 1.0 Licensing Administrative Assistant II (\$42,000 each fiscal year) 1.0 Ombudsman IV (\$68,000 each fiscal year).	\$ 836,360	\$ 836,360			\$ 418,180	\$ 418,180		
					Workgroup adopts half the request			
3. National Practitioner Data Bank Request for General Revenue funding to subscribe to the National Practitioner Data Bank continuous query feature, to address a recent finding by the State Auditor's Office.	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000			\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000		

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4. Relocate FTEs and their Funding out of Indirect Administration Request to relocate 4.0 FTEs and an amount of General Revenue equal to their salaries and other related costs totaling \$1,207,724 from Strategy C.1.1, Indirect Administration, to other strategies. 2.0 FTEs and \$615,938 in General Revenue would be relocated to Strategy A.1.1, Licensure, and 2.0 FTEs and \$591,786 would be relocated to Strategy B.1.1, Enforcement.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
5. New Rider, Judgments and Settlements Request a new rider that would specify that payments of judgments or settlements, including attorney's fees, resulting from actions brought under the Texas Constitution or Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act that arise from claims challenging the validity or constitutionality of a state law and prosecuted or defended by the Office of the Attorney General that are obtained against BHEC or the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners shall be paid out by the Comptroller and not by BHEC. Cost Neutral	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,332,120	\$ 1,332,120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 913,940	\$ 913,940	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalentents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Chiropractic Examiners (508) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Technical Adjustments:								
1. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 18,245	\$ 18,245			\$ 18,245	\$ 18,245		
Agency Requests:								
1. Staff Salary Increases Request for General Revenue appropriations of \$39,261 each year to increase staff salaries to support staff recruitment and retention.	\$ 78,522	\$ 78,522			\$ 78,522	\$ 78,522		
2. Increase Internet Bandwidth Request for General Revenue appropriations of \$18,000 each year to increase the agency's internet bandwidth from 20Mbps to 100Mbps.	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000			\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000		
3. Paralegal Certificate Program Request for General Revenue one-time appropriations of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2026 to fund a legal assistant position's enrollment in a Paralegal Certificate program.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		
4. Executive Director Compensation Request for General Revenue appropriations and authority to increase the Executive Director salary cap from \$108,720 to \$120,000 within Group 2.	\$ 22,560	\$ 22,560					\$ 22,560	\$ 22,560
5. Increased Funding for the Health Professions Council Request for General Revenue appropriations to fund the agency's share of cost increases at the Health Professions Council. This is also the subject of the above technical adjustment and would not be needed if the technical adjustment is funded.	\$ 11,477	\$ 11,477						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								

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Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 176,804	\$ 176,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,767	\$ 142,767	\$ 22,560	\$ 22,560
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Technical Adjustments:								
1. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ (42,181)	\$ (42,181)			\$ (42,181)	\$ (42,181)		
Agency Requests:								
1. Staff Salary Increases General Revenue funding for a ten percent salary adjustments for all eligible staff to address staff retention and reduce turnover.	\$ 641,474	\$ 641,474			\$ 641,474	\$ 641,474		
2. Funding to Fill Vacant License & Permit Specialist III Positions General Revenue funding to fill 3.0 vacant License & Permit Specialists III positions (\$58,000 per FTE each fiscal year) due to growth of the licensee population and the new agency responsibility of approving local infiltration anesthesia permits for dental hygienists.	\$ 360,024	\$ 360,024			\$ 120,008	\$ 120,008	Workgroup adopts funding to fill 1.0 License & Permit Specialists III vacant FTE position.	
3. Funding to Fill a Vacant License & Permit Specialist IV Position General Revenue funding to fill a vacant License & Permit Specialist IV position at \$60,000 each year.	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000						
4. Funding to Fill a Vacant Staff Attorney III Position General Revenue funding to fill a vacant Staff Attorney III position at \$90,000 each year to assist with a backlog of enforcement cases and growth in the number of jurisdictional complaints filed.	\$ 184,300	\$ 184,300						
5. Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director salary from \$141,867 in Group 3 to \$171,688 in Group 4.	\$ 59,642	\$ 59,642					\$ 59,642	\$ 59,642
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								

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1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,323,259	\$ 1,323,259	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 719,301	\$ 719,301	\$ 59,642	\$ 59,642
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Funeral Service Commission (513) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Technical Adjustments:								
1. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 13,952	\$ 13,952			\$ 13,952	\$ 13,952		
Agency Requests:								
1. Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding to increase the annual authorized salary amount for the Executive Director position from \$107,948 in Group 2 to \$149,240 in Group 3 in fiscal year 2026 and to \$165,000 in Group 4 in fiscal year 2027.	\$ 99,104	\$ 99,104					\$ 99,104	\$ 99,104
2. Salary Increases General Revenue funding to increase compensation for agency staff.	\$ 65,802	\$ 65,802			\$ 65,802	\$ 65,802		
3. Agency Automation General Revenue funding to improve operations through automation to efficiently serve licensees and the public.	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000			\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000		
4. Licensing Department Staff General Revenue funding and 4.0 FTEs for additional Program Specialists II at \$53,000 each year per FTE to staff the licensing department.	\$ 424,000	\$ 424,000			\$ 318,000	\$ 318,000		
					Workgroup adopts funding and authority for an additional 3.0 Program Specialists II.			
5. Additional Investigator Position General Revenue funding and 1.0 FTE for an additional investigator position at \$72,500 in FY 2026 and \$76,500 in FY 2027 to address a growing number of complaints filed with the agency.	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000			\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000		
6. Office Expansion General Revenue funding for additional office space to meet the needs of the expanding staff.	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000						

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7. Additional Staff Attorney Position General Revenue funding and 1.0 FTE for an additional staff attorney position at \$88,800 in fiscal year 2026 and \$91,800 in fiscal year 2027 to address a backlog of enforcement cases.	\$ 180,600	\$ 180,600						
8. New Administrative Assistant Position General Revenue funding and 1.0 FTE for a new administrative assistant position at \$66,300 each year to perform tasks currently performed by more specialized staff thereby permitting them to focus greater attention on their particular responsibilities.	\$ 132,600	\$ 132,600						
9. New Administrative Assistant Position General Revenue funding and 1.0 FTE for a new administrative assistant position at \$58,200 in fiscal year 2026 and \$61,200 in fiscal year 2027 to perform tasks currently performed by more specialized staff thereby permitting them to focus greater attention on their particular responsibilities.	\$ 119,400	\$ 119,400						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 2,264,458	\$ 2,264,458	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 876,754	\$ 876,754	\$ 99,104	\$ 99,104
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0

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

Article VIII, Regulatory Health Professions Council (364) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Adjust General Revenue funding and capital budget authority for the migration of servers and data associated with the Information Technology Shared Services program into DIR's Data Center Services/Shared Technology Services, to reflect DIR's updated cost estimate.	\$ (422,860)	\$ (422,860)			\$ (422,860)	\$ (422,860)		
2. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjust the amount of Interagency Contracts authority with pro-rata General Revenue funding at member agencies, to cover additional cost increases not funded by recommendations associated with onboarding PT/OT to the Shared Regulatory Database and higher software licensing costs in the Information Technology Shared Services, Laserfiche, and Web Administration programs.	\$ -	\$ 240,000			\$ -	\$ 240,000		
Agency Requests:								
1. Increased Funding from Member Agencies Request for Interagency Contracts authority, with pro-rata General Revenue funding at member agencies, to cover additional cost increases not funded by recommendations associated with onboarding PT/OT to the Shared Regulatory Database and higher software licensing costs in the Information Technology Shared Services, Laserfiche, and Web Administration programs. This is also the subject of Technical Adjustment #2, above.	\$ -	\$ 240,000						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ (422,860)	\$ 57,140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (422,860)	\$ (182,860)	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027

Article VIII, Regulatory Health Professions Council (364) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Injured Employee Counsel (448) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Reduction of 4.0 FTEs associated with an IT request not included in Senate Bill 1 as Introduced or in the supplemental bill.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Agency Requests:								
1. Case Management System General Revenue-Dedicated funding and 4.0 additional full-time equivalents for IT modernization of the COMPASS system. The requested positions are as follows: a) 1.0 Information Technology Business Analyst II \$80,421 at each year. b) 1.0 Programmer IV at \$102,980 each year. c) 1.0 Data Analyst V at \$102,980 each year. d) 1.0 Program Specialist V at \$70,662 at each year.	\$ 731,598	\$ 731,598			\$ 731,598	\$ 731,598		
2. First Responders Unit General Revenue-Dedicated funding and 3.0 additional full-time equivalents for additional support in the newly created First Responder Unit. The requested positions are as follows: a) 2.0 Ombudsman IV at \$80,421 per FTE each year. b) 1.0 Ombudsman I at \$53,723 each year.	\$ 452,166	\$ 452,166			\$ 452,166	\$ 452,166		
3. Early Assistance Program General Revenue-Dedicated funding and 4.0 additional full-time equivalents for additional support in the newly created Early Assistance Program. The requested positions are as follows: a) 3.0 Ombudsman I at \$53,723 per FTE each year. b) 1.0 Customer Service Representative II at \$43,914 each year.	\$ 424,620	\$ 424,620						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								

Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Injured Employee Counsel (448) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,608,384	\$ 1,608,384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,183,764	\$ 1,183,764	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Department of Insurance (454) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Reduction of 6.0 FTEs associated with an IT request not included in Senate Bill 1 as Introduced or in the supplemental bill.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Agency Requests:								
1. Targeted Salary Increases								
a) General Revenue-Dedicated funding for salary increases for legal, actuarial, and support positions to improve recruitment and retention.	\$ 395,640	\$ 395,640						
b) General Revenue-Dedicated funding for salary increases for Attorneys and General Counsel. Additional funding for certain attorney salaries provided in Article IX.	\$ 2,226,600	\$ 2,226,600						
2. ALJ Salary Increases General Revenue-Dedicated funding for salary increases for administrative law judge positions within the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC).	\$ 1,590,226	\$ 1,590,226						

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

Article VIII, Regulatory Department of Insurance (454) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
5. Case Management System General Revenue-Dedicated funding with authority for an additional 6.0 full-time equivalent positions for IT staff to replace the COMPASS claims-management system. The requested positions are as follows: a) 2.0 Program Specialist V at \$70,662 each year. b) 1.0 Programmer IV at \$102,980 each year. c) 1.0 Systems Analyst V at \$91,936 each year. d) 1.0 Information Technology Business Analyst III at \$91,836 each year. e) 1.0 Data Analyst V at \$102,980 each year.	\$ 1,097,040	\$ 1,097,040			\$ 1,097,040	\$ 1,097,040		
6. Fraud and SFMO Vehicles One-time General Revenue-Dedicated funding to replace 10 vehicles for the SFMO and 10 vehicles for the Insurance Fraud Unit.	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 1,115,000						
7. SFMO Equipment and Travel One-time General Revenue-Dedicated funding to replace aging equipment and travel expenses within the SFMO.	\$ 1,174,700	\$ 1,174,700						
8. Operational IT Projects General Revenue-Dedicated funding for new and ongoing software products associated with network adequacy, data management, data collection, learning management, and analytics.	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,450,000			\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,450,000		
9. IT Ongoing Price Increases General Revenue-Dedicated funding to address price increases of contracted data center service levels, ongoing software licenses, and replacing unsupported equipment.	\$ 6,466,424	\$ 6,466,424			\$ 6,466,424	\$ 6,466,424		

Article VIII, Regulatory Department of Insurance (454) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
		Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
		GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
10.	Rider 14, Appropriation: Agent and Adjuster Licensing Fee Collections. Agency requests to amend the rider to limit the amount appropriated each fiscal year and the amount eligible for unexpended balance authority between the 2024-25 and 2026-27 biennium to \$1,000,000.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:									
1.	None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 30,621,131	\$ 30,621,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,013,464	\$ 10,013,464	\$ -	\$ -
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalentents / Tentative Decisions		73.0	73.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Public Insurance Counsel (359) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
5. Deputy Public Counsel Salary Supplement General Revenue funding to provide a salary supplement to the Deputy Public Counsel vacant position in an effort to attract more candidates to the job posting.	\$ 61,711	\$ 61,711			\$ 61,711	\$ 61,711		
6. Additional IT Specialist General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 1.0 FTEs for an Information Specialist III position specializing in communications and technological support.	\$ 163,181	\$ 163,181			\$ 163,181	\$ 163,181		
7. HPC Cost Increases General Revenue funding to cover increased costs to Health Professions Council membership following IT upgrades included in recommendations and would not be needed if the technical adjustment is funded.	\$ 8,804	\$ 8,804						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,009,291	\$ 1,009,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 571,565	\$ 571,565	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (452) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Add a new rider to exempt funds designated for the attachment of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections (ALRC) requirements in the Article VIII Special Provisions. These amounts were originally exempted from ALRC by Article IX, Section 18.59, 2024-25 GAA, but the section was deleted in the bill as introduced.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Agency Requests:								
1. Additional Staff, Vacant Positions, and Salary Increases								
a) General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 12.0 full-time equivalent positions. The requested positions are: a) 1.0 Hydrologist II at \$59,580 each year. b) 1.0 Program Specialist II at \$54,600 each year. c) 2.0 Program Specialist III at \$60,113 each year. d) 1.0 Program Specialist IV at \$68,194 each year. e) 1.0 Program Specialist V at \$75,521 each year. f) 1.0 Licensing Specialist III at \$54,500 each year. g) 1.0 Attorney III at \$103,000 each year. h) 2.0 Legal Assistant III at \$67,000 each year. i) 1.0 Accountant III at \$59,500 each year. j) 1.0 Programmer V at \$111,517 each year.	\$ 2,216,430	\$ 2,216,430			\$ 2,216,430	\$ 2,216,430		
b) General Revenue funding to provide agency wide salary increases to current staff and to vacant positions to improve recruitment and retention.	\$ 2,512,451	\$ 2,512,451			\$ 2,512,451	\$ 2,512,451		

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (452) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
2. Cyber Security Projects General Revenue funding and capital budget authority to modernize the agency's cybersecurity system alongside several new cybersecurity projects.	\$ 1,438,000	\$ 1,438,000			\$ 1,438,000	\$ 1,438,000		
3. Financial Crimes Intelligence Center								
a) General Revenue funding for the Financial Crimes Intelligence Center (FCIC) for 25 additional staff.	\$ 7,174,707	\$ 7,174,707			\$ 7,174,707	\$ 7,174,707		
b) General Revenue funding for the FCIC to provide salary raises to their staff.	\$ 2,912,467	\$ 2,912,467			\$ 2,912,467	\$ 2,912,467		
c) General Revenue funding for the FCIC for 17 additional vehicles leases.	\$ 1,281,174	\$ 1,281,174			\$ 1,281,174	\$ 1,281,174		
d) General Revenue funding for the FCIC for additional field operations equipment.	\$ 4,307,314	\$ 4,307,314			\$ 4,307,314	\$ 4,307,314		
e) General Revenue funding for additional IT hardware and software subscriptions, including additional buildouts of the digital forensic laboratory.	\$ 4,022,847	\$ 4,022,847			\$ 4,022,847	\$ 4,022,847		
4. New Helpdesk System General Revenue funding for the replacement of the agency's Helpdesk System.	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000		
5. Agency Computer Replacement One-time General Revenue funding and capital budget authority to replace 459 agency computers due for replacement.	\$ 522,068	\$ 522,068			\$ 522,068	\$ 522,068		
6. Vehicles One-time General Revenue funding and capital budget authority for the purchase of 9 vehicles.	\$ 515,000	\$ 515,000						

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (452) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
7. AI Customer Service General Revenue funding and capital budget authority to implement artificial intelligence into the agency's customer service program.	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000						
8. New Rider, Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Modern and Comprehensive Licensing System Agency requests amending the rider to grant unexpended balance authority carry over of unexpended funds for the Legacy Modernization project in the 2024-25 biennium into the 2026-27 biennium for the same purpose of developing a comprehensive, cloud-based licensing system. It is estimated that the agency will need to carry over funds to complete the project, but the amount cannot be estimated at this time.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
9. New Rider, Combative Sports Program Appropriation Agency requests a new rider that would appropriate 50 percent of the tax collected by the agency from combative sports event promoters to assist in hiring contracted staff for the regulation of combative sports events.	\$ 1,151,931	\$ 1,151,931						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. Adopt 3.0 FTEs for the Human Trafficking Prevention program and amend associated Rider 10, Human Trafficking Prevention.					\$ 641,000	\$ 641,000		
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 28,704,389	\$ 28,704,389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,178,458	\$ 27,178,458	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5.0	1.5.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Medical Board (503) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810			\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810		
Agency Requests:								
1. Restoration of Reduced Funding General Revenue funding to restore the 2022-23 budget reduction and provide additional funding both for existing staff positions and to support payroll-related costs associated with the statewide salary increase.	\$ 2,478,750	\$ 2,478,750			\$ 2,478,750	\$ 2,478,750		
2. Executive Director Salary Supplement General Revenue funding to provide the Executive Director exempt position with a salary raise of \$78,726 in fiscal year 2026 and \$82,662 in fiscal year 2027 if the requested amendments to Rider 3, Salary Supplementation, are adopted.	\$ 161,388	\$ 161,388					\$ 161,388	\$ 161,388
3. Staff Salary Increases General Revenue funding to provide salary adjustments for all staff to improve recruitment and retention.	\$ 8,637,242	\$ 8,637,242						
4. HEALS Case Management System General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding with capital budget authority and 6.0 additional full-time equivalent positions to provide for a new case management system.	\$ 10,131,895	\$ 10,131,895			\$ 10,131,895	\$ 10,131,895		
5. Inflationary Increases and Expert Panelists General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding to cover inflationary cost increases in operations, membership to the Health Professions Council, for continuing education, and to provide an increase in the hourly rates for expert panelists.	\$ 1,827,163	\$ 1,827,163						

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Medical Board (503) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
6. Ongoing IT Operations General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding with capital budget authority and 8.0 additional FTE positions for legacy system modernization and to support ongoing IT operations.	\$ 3,618,280	\$ 3,618,280			\$ 3,618,280	\$ 3,618,280		
7. Increased Agency Staff General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding, capital budget authority and 42.0 additional FTE positions to support increasing workload, train expert panelists, and for facility expansion.	\$ 9,887,878	\$ 9,887,878						
8. Ombudsman Program General Revenue funding and 4.0 additional FTE positions for the creation of an Ombudsman office to assist in dispute resolution.	\$ 602,515	\$ 602,515						
9. Annual Leave Payouts General Revenue funding for lump sum annual leave payments due to anticipated turnover and increased amounts of retirement-eligible staff.	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000						
10. Amend Rider 3, Salary Supplementation. Agency requests to amend the rider to have the authority to increase the Executive Director salary under the following conditions: - \$40,000 in FY2026 and \$42,000 in FY2027 if the Executive Director is a medical doctor. - \$38,726 in FY2026 and \$40,662 in FY2027 if the Executive Director is an attorney. - \$78,726 in FY2026 and \$82,662 in FY2027 if the Executive Director is a medical doctor and an attorney.	\$ -	\$ -					Adopt	

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas Medical Board (503) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
11. New Rider, Contingent Appropriation from IMLC Licensees. Agency requests a new rider that would appropriate an undetermined amount of General Revenue and authority for 4.0 FTEs contingent upon the agency generating sufficient revenue from another state activating an Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.	\$ -	\$ -						
12. New Rider, Lump Sum Retirement Payouts. Agency requests a new rider that restricts \$300,000 in requested General Revenue each fiscal year to be used for lump sum payouts for retiring employees.	\$ -	\$ -						
13. New Rider, Doctor Surcharge Fees. Agency requests a new rider that provides estimated appropriation authority to all unobligated and unexpended balances and all revenues in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate to Strategies A.1.1, Licensing, and B.1.1, Enforcement, from Health Professional Fee revenues generated by the doctor surcharge and deposited to the credit of General Revenue-Dedicated Public Assurance Account No. 5105 for the agency's licensing and enforcement programs. In addition, the rider would grant unexpended balance authority for these funds between the 2024-25 biennium and 2026-27 biennium, and unexpended balance authority within the 2026-27 biennium.	\$ 7,214,568	\$ 7,214,568						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. Workgroup adopts a rider that requires the agency to use a contracted vendor to develop the HEALS Case Management System.						Adopt		
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 45,182,489	\$ 45,182,489	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,251,735	\$ 16,251,735	\$ 161,388	\$ 161,388
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalentents / Tentative Decisions	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Nursing (507) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 59,954	\$ 59,954			\$ 59,954	\$ 59,954		
Agency Requests:								
1. Additional Staff General Revenue appropriations for 15.0 additional FTEs: a) 1.0 Enforcement Manager (\$88,000 per year) b) 6.0 Investigators (\$57,000 per FTE each year) c) 1.0 Human Resources Specialist (\$54,000 per year) d) 1.0 Nursing Education Specialist (\$100,000 per year) e) 1.0 Budget and Policy Analyst (\$90,000 per year) f) 1.0 Customer Service Representative (\$44,000 per year) g) 1.0 Message Center Representative (\$45,000 per year) h) 1.0 Records Retention Specialist (\$41,000 per year) i) 1.0 Payroll Specialist (\$61,000 per year) j) 1.0 Data Analyst (\$84,000 per year).	\$ 1,898,000	\$ 1,898,000			\$ 1,898,000	\$ 1,898,000		
2. Information Technology Upgrade								
a. General Revenue appropriations with capital budget authority for Enforcement System and Education Program System modernization.	\$ 4,135,000	\$ 4,135,000			\$ 4,135,000	\$ 4,135,000		
b. General Revenue appropriations with capital budget authority for website modernization.	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000			\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000		
c) Request for a new rider that would exempt any funds appropriated for Exceptional Item 2 from Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections requirements.								

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Nursing (507) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
3. Additional Funding for the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies General Revenue appropriations of \$213,274 each year for ongoing costs to allow the agency to transfer additional collections from existing revenue to the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS). TCNWS has requested this additional funding for two Research Specialist FTEs that were previously eliminated and to cover a slight increase in operational costs.	\$ 426,548	\$ 426,548						
4. Additional Funding for the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses General Revenue appropriations of \$160,000 each year for ongoing costs for additional funding for the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). TPAPN funding from the agency has remained at the same level since the 2017-18 biennium, and TPAPN has been operating at a deficit, relying on additional fees and depleting reserves, due to rising costs. There would be no impact on agency fees.	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000						
5. Executive Director Compensation Request for authority to increase the Executive Director salary cap from \$171,547 to \$203,337, an annual increase of \$31,790, within Group 5. No additional funding is requested.	\$ -	\$ -						Adopt

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Nursing (507) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
6. Increased Funding for the Health Professions Council Request for General Revenue appropriations to fund the agency's share of cost increases at the Health Professions Council. This is also the subject of the above technical adjustment and would not be needed if the technical adjustment is funded.	\$ 43,972	\$ 43,972						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 7,533,474	\$ 7,533,474	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,742,954	\$ 6,742,954	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0

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

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (515) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Cost-Out Adjustments:								
1. None.								
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ (26,914)	\$ (26,914)			\$ (26,914)	\$ (26,914)		
Agency Requests:								
1. Additional Staff General Revenue appropriations with authority for an additional 11.0 FTEs to address increased agency workloads within the following agency functions: a) Information Technology: Programmer IV (\$110,000 per year), Programmer V (\$125,000 per year), Network Specialist IV (\$90,000 per year), Web Administrator III (\$90,000 per year), Program Specialist III (\$62,136 per year), Database Administrator III (\$95,000 per year). b) Finance: Accountant VII (\$102,980 per year) c) Licensing: Programmer Supervisor VII (\$91,836 per year), 2.0 Program Specialist III (\$62,136 per year each) d) Prescription Monitoring Program: Epidemiologist IV (\$95,000).	\$ 2,104,659	\$ 2,104,659			\$ 1,052,330	\$ 1,052,330		
2. Vehicle Replacement General Revenue funding for the replacement of eight vehicles that are over 10 years old and over approximately 100,000 miles.	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000						
3. Information Technology Upgrades								
a) General Revenue funding for one-time funding in fiscal year 2026 for the purchase of Adobe licenses.	\$ 53,340	\$ 53,340			\$ 53,340	\$ 53,340		
b) General Revenue funding to fund an additional 15 Tableau software license subscriptions.	\$ 24,990	\$ 24,990			\$ 24,990	\$ 24,990		

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (515) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
4. Staff Salary Increases General Revenue funding for the following:								
a) Staff equity increases: \$195,923 in each year of the biennium for annual costs to increase salaries of select positions to increase retention of staff and make positions competitive.	\$ 391,846	\$ 391,846						
b) Equity increases for attorney positions: \$95,742 each year of the biennium. Additional funding for certain attorney salaries provided in Article IX	\$ 191,484	\$ 191,484						
c) Staff merit increases: \$136,751 in each year of the biennium for annual costs to provide merit increases based on performance to provide incentives for high performing staff.	\$ 273,502	\$ 273,502			\$ 273,502	\$ 273,502		
d) Merit increases for attorney positions: \$25,749 each year of the biennium. Additional funding for certain attorney salaries provided in Article IX	\$ 51,498	\$ 51,498						
5. Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding and authority to increase the Executive Director salary cap by \$25,000 annually plus benefits, from \$156,336 in Group 4 to \$181,336 in Group 5.	\$ 50,750	\$ 50,750					\$ 50,750	\$ 50,750

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (515) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
6. Training and Conferences General Revenue funding to fund \$50,000 in annual costs for staff attendance of conferences and \$29,259 in annual costs for staff trainings in each year of the biennium.	\$ 158,500	\$ 158,500			\$ 158,500	\$ 158,500		
7. DIR and Texas.gov Increases General Revenue funding for the following:								
a) An additional \$5,616 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,520 in fiscal year 2027 for Department of Information Resources (DIR) cloud services cost increases.	\$ 13,136	\$ 13,136			\$ 13,136	\$ 13,136		
b) An additional \$35,000 each year for Texas.gov fees to reflect current revenue collection and expenditure totals.	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000						
8. New Rider, 5. Unexpended Balances: Prescription Monitoring Program Request a new rider that would provide unexpended balance authority between fiscal years and biennia for the Prescription Monitoring Program. Cost Neutral	\$ -	\$ -						
9. New Rider, 6. Cybersecurity Response Request a new rider that would appropriate \$300,000 in General Revenue and provide authority for an additional 3.0 FTEs in each year of the biennium, contingent upon a finding of fact by the Board of Pharmacy that the agency needs additional resources due to a cybersecurity attack affecting prescribers. The Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor would each have an opportunity to disapprove the finding of fact. Request that the \$300,000 appropriation be exempt from Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections (ALRC) requirement.	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000			\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000		

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (515) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 3,976,791	\$ 3,976,791	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,848,884	\$ 1,848,884	\$ 50,750	\$ 50,750
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 196,231	\$ 196,231			\$ 196,231	\$ 196,231		
2. Correct the amount of General Revenue appropriated to Strategy C.1.1, Indirect Administration, for the Executive Director.	\$ 7,570	\$ 7,570			\$ 7,570	\$ 7,570		
Agency Requests:								
1. Salary Increases and Termination Payments General Revenue funding to provide competitive salaries to retain current staff and to fund anticipated lump sum termination payments.	\$ 168,522	\$ 168,522			\$ 102,000	\$ 102,000		
					Workgroup adopts funding to increase staff salaries.			
2. Executive Director Compensation Authority to increase the annual authorized salary amount for the Executive Director position from \$116,508 to \$129,765 within Salary Group 2. No additional funding is requested.	\$ -	\$ -					Adopt	
3. IT Upgrades and Maintenance General Revenue funding to maintain use of the Parchment transcript management program, incorporate DocuSign signature software upgrade, lease copiers, and implement new call center phone software.	\$ 67,645	\$ 67,645			\$ 67,645	\$ 67,645		
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 439,968	\$ 439,968	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 373,446	\$ 373,446	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (456) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
4. Additional Staff General Revenue funding with authority for an additional 7.0 FTEs to fund additional positions in Licensing, Enforcement, Legal Support, and Administration program areas made necessary by plumber population growth. - Program Specialist II - Examiner (x2) \$68,714 in FY26 and \$64,524 in FY27 - Program Specialist II - Examiner \$79,771 in FY26 and \$75,115 in FY27 - Administrative Assistant III - \$51,466 in FY26 and \$47,994 in FY27 - Legal Assistant III - \$59,998 in FY 26 and \$56,171 in FY27 - Program Specialist III - \$68,715 in FY26 and \$64,524 in FY27 - Customer Service Representative II - \$51,466 in FY26 and \$47,994 in FY27	\$ 869,692	\$ 869,962			\$ 869,692	\$ 869,962		
5. Executive Director Compensation General Revenue funding to increase the Executive Director position's salary from \$129,377 to \$152,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$167,000 in fiscal year 2027. This includes a request to increase the position's salary cap from \$129,377 in Group 3 to \$171,699 in Group 4.	\$ 60,246	\$ 60,246					\$ 60,246	\$ 60,246
6. Plumbing Promoting Program General Revenue funding to promote the plumbing profession as a career option through community events at primary, secondary and post-secondary educational institutions; municipal buildings and inspection departments; and trade associations.	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000						

Article VIII, Regulatory Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (456) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
7. Financial Audit General Revenue funding for one-time appropriations to conduct a financial audit of the agency in order to ensure compliance with accounting rules and standards.	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000						
8. Improving IT General Revenue funding for transfer via Interagency Contract to the Health Professions Council to enhance and improve the license database (VERSA) and to improve electronic communication capabilities with licensees, registrants and the public.	\$ 167,000	\$ 167,000			\$ 167,000	\$ 167,000		
9. Vehicle Replacements General Revenue funding to replace older high-mileage vehicles that have exceeded their useful life.	\$ 116,500	\$ 116,500						
10. Additional Testing Facilities General Revenue funding for improvements to the examination facility in Harlingen and the design and building of a mobile testing unit.	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000			\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000		
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. Add a new rider directing the State Auditor's Office to conduct a financial audit of the agency.					Adopt			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 3,179,656	\$ 3,179,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,954,585	\$ 1,954,855	\$ 60,246	\$ 60,246
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Racing Commission (476) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Cost-Out Adjustments:								
1. Adjust Other Funds from the Texas Bred Incentive Fund No. 327 in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Bred Incentive Program, by (\$435,000) in fiscal year 2026 and by (\$435,000) in fiscal year 2027 to align with the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.	\$ -	\$ (870,000)			\$ -	\$ (870,000)		
Agency Requests:								
1. Legacy Database Replacement General Revenue Funds and capital budget authority to replace the agency's nonfunctioning legacy database.	\$ 3,737,795	\$ 3,737,795						
2. Vehicle Replacement and Operating Costs General Revenue Funds and capital budget authority for acquisition of 15 replacement fleet vehicles and associated maintenance and operating costs.	\$ 2,003,495	\$ 2,003,495						
3. Drug and Evidence Testing Trailers General Revenue Funds and capital budget authority for acquisition of two mobile drug and evidence testing trailers and associated maintenance and operating costs.	\$ 238,340	\$ 238,340						
4. Forensic Laboratory Services Procurement General Revenue Funds (\$2,106,700 in FY 2026; \$2,206,700 in FY 2027) to replace GR-Dedicated Funds in SB 1 (decrease of \$1,166,410 each fiscal year) and increase Appropriated Receipts (\$283,870 in FY 2026; \$383,870 in FY 2027) for procurement of contracted forensic laboratory and drug testing services following the discontinuation of services previously performed by the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory under an interagency contract.	\$ 1,980,580	\$ 2,648,320						

Article VIII, Regulatory Racing Commission (476) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
5. Executive Director Compensation General Revenue Funds (\$55,000 each fiscal year) to increase the Executive Director exempt salary within Group 5, for an annual amount not to exceed \$197,415.	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000					\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000
6. New Rider, Asset Forfeiture Appropriations Authority Request a new rider to appropriate in Strategy B.1.1, Deter, Investigate, and Adjudicate, all funds received from seized or forfeited property under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 59, and Property Code, Chapter 71, and provide unexpended balance authority (UB) between fiscal years within the biennium for such appropriated funds.	\$ -	\$ -						
7. New Rider, Unexpended Balance Authority: Seized Assets Request a new rider to (1) provide UB authority between fiscal years within the biennium for unobligated and unexpended balances of forfeited money, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property, or similar monetary awards related to the agency's participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband that are appropriated under Article IX, Section 8.02, of the General Appropriations Act; (2) authorize the agency to spend these appropriations for purposes authorized by the Texas Racing Act, including capital budget purposes; and (3) require the agency to provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Comptroller of Public Accounts of the UB amounts carried forward and the purposes for which UB funds would be used.	\$ -	\$ -						

Article VIII, Regulatory Racing Commission (476) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
8. New Rider, Clothing and Equipment Provision Request a new rider to appropriate any additional revenue received from license fees to provide a \$1,200 clothing allowance and \$500 cleaning allowance for a commissioned officer and a \$1,200 clothing allowance for any employee assigned to work in the veterinary or laboratory test barn or stable areas of a racetrack for the purpose of purchasing certain protective clothing and items.	\$ -	\$ -						
9. New Rider, Peace Officer Classification Request a new rider to authorize the Racing Commission to pay its peace officer personnel in the Schedule C classification schedule.	\$ -	\$ -						
10. New Rider, Recruiting Officers with Previous Experience Request a new rider to authorize the Racing Commission, at the time a commissioned officer is hired, to elect to credit up to four years of experience as a peace officer in any state within the United States as years of service for the purpose of calculating the officer's salary under Salary Classification Schedule C.	\$ -	\$ -						
11. New Rider, Cash Flow Contingency Request a new rider to allow the agency, with prior approval from the Legislative Budget Board, to access additional appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in the amount of annual license fee revenue lost as a result of actions taken by the Texas Racing Commission to revoke or suspend an active or inactive greyhound or horse racetrack license.	\$ -	\$ -						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. Add a new rider to require the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory to conduct animal medication or drug testing performed under the Texas Racing Act.						Adopt		
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 8,070,210	\$ 7,867,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (870,000)	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000

Article VIII, Regulatory Racing Commission (476) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory State Securities Board (312) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Agency Requests:								
1. Recover Lapsed Funds General Revenue funding to recover lapsed funding from prior fiscal years to be used for current staff salaries and efforts to retain experienced staff.	\$ 477,848	\$ 477,848			\$ 477,848	\$ 477,848		
2. Security Commissioner Compensation Authority to increase the Security Commissioner exempt position salary cap by \$49,202 from \$177,836 within Group 5 to \$227,038 within Group 6.	\$ -	\$ -					Adopt	
3. Maintain IT Software Licenses General Revenue funding to maintain licenses for two software applications that the agency is currently piloting to more effectively investigate fraudulent digital asset schemes.	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000			\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000		
4. Termination Payments General Revenue funding to establish reserve funds to pay anticipated lump sum termination payments.	\$ 434,606	\$ 434,606						
5. Digital Wallets General Revenue funding to provide for digital wallets to support investigation of potentially fraudulent digital asset promotions.	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000			\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000		
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,120,454	\$ 1,120,454	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 685,848	\$ 685,848	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Public Utilities Commission (473) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Reduction of 6.0 FTEs associated with IT request not included in Senate Bill 1 as introduced or in the supplemental bill.					Adopt			
Agency Requests:								
1. Additional Staff Request General Revenue appropriations to provide funding and authority for additional staff (35.0 FTEs) to meet increased demand for agency services such as: 1) increased number of cost-recovery proceedings; 2) streamline filings in the form of System Improvement Charge filing for water cases; 3) rate-related cases involving issues such as storm-hardening, resiliency, mobile generation, and vegetation management costs; 4) additional steps in rate case proceedings; and 5) future filings in response to recent weather events.	\$7,467,500	\$7,467,500			\$7,467,500	\$7,467,500		
2. Case Management System								
a) Request General Revenue appropriations to provide funding for the development of a case management system to streamline and improve contested case processes and improve case processing data collections and tools as recommendation by the Sunset Commission Report in the 88th Legislature.	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000			\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000		

Article VIII, Regulatory Public Utilities Commission (473) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
b) Request in General Revenue appropriations to provide funding and authority for additional staff to implement the case management system. 6.0 FTES include: 2.0 Project Manager III-V (\$145,00 per year) 3.0 Engineering Specialist IV-V or Engineer III-V (\$130,000 per year) 1.0 Attorney I-IV (131,000 per year) 1.0 Program Specialist III-V (\$82,000 per year)	\$1,551,400	\$1,551,400			\$1,551,400	\$1,551,400		
3. Infrastructure Resilience and Reliability								
a) General Revenue appropriations to provide funding and authority for additional staff to review an anticipated increase in the number of contested cases and Certificates of Convenience and Necessity applications. 8.0 FTES include: 2.0 Project Manager III-V (\$145,00 per year) 3.0 Engineering Specialist IV-V or Engineer III-V (\$130,000 per year) 1.0 Attorney I-IV (131,000 per year) 1.0 Program Specialist III-V (\$82,000 per year) 1.0 Financial Examiner III-V (\$110,000 per year)	\$2,061,200	\$2,061,200			\$2,061,200	\$2,061,200		
b) General Revenue appropriations to develop an enhanced system to report utilities outage information during State Operations Center activation events.	\$700,000	\$700,000						

Article VIII, Regulatory Public Utilities Commission (473) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
4. Additional Texas Energy Fund Staff General Revenue appropriations to provide funding and authority for additional staff to meet increased demand for the Texas Energy Fund programs and ensure all the projects within each of the four programs in the Fund are monitored appropriately. 2.0 FTEs include: 1.0 Engineering Specialist II – V or Engineer II-V (\$133,450 per year) 1.0 Project Manager III-V (\$156,000 per year) \$1,606,000 and 8.0 FTEs for the program are included in SB 1.	\$578,900	\$578,900			\$578,900	\$578,900		
5. Power to Choose Website General Revenue appropriations to provide one-time funding to update and modernize the agency's electricity rate comparison tool.	\$500,000	\$500,000			\$500,000	\$500,000		
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. Amend Rider 5, Texas Energy Fund, to specify that grants and loans made using Texas Energy Fund appropriations be done pursuant to funding requirements in Utilities Code, Chapter 34.					Adopt			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 15,259,000	\$ 15,259,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,559,000	\$ 14,559,000	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	51.0	51.0	0.0	0.0	45.0	45.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Office of Public Utility Counsel (475) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Agency Requests:								
1. Public Counsel Compensation General Revenue Funds and authority to raise the Public Counsel exempt position salary cap from \$165,000 in Group 4 to \$185,000 in Group 5.	\$40,000	\$40,000					\$40,000	\$40,000
2. Staff Salaries Increase General Revenue Funds and GR-Dedicated funding for a 10 percent salary increase for all agency staff to reduce staff turnover rates.	\$508,000	\$508,000			\$508,000	\$508,000		
3. Legal Expert Witness Fees General Revenue Funds and GR-Dedicated funding to provide additional funding for legal expert witnesses.	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000			\$600,000	\$600,000		
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,748,000	\$ 1,748,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,108,000	\$ 1,108,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article VIII, Regulatory Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (578) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Cross-agency Adjustment: Adjustment to the appropriation adopted in Recommendations for the agency's share of the Health Professions Council cost increases.	\$ 32,710	\$ 32,710			\$ 32,710	\$ 32,710		
Agency Requests:								
1. New Database Expansion General Revenue Funds to expand the licensing database to include enforcement, inspection, and legal capabilities.	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000		
2. Staff Salary Increases General Revenue Funds to adjust agency staff salaries so that all staff are at the midpoint of their classification salary range.	\$ 238,000	\$ 238,000			\$ 238,000	\$ 238,000		
3. Executive Director Compensation General Revenue Funds and authority to raise the Executive Director salary cap from \$120,740 to \$129,765.	\$ 18,050	\$ 18,050					\$ 18,050	\$ 18,050
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 788,760	\$ 788,760	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 770,710	\$ 770,710	\$ 18,050	\$ 18,050
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

By: _____

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

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

Required Action

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

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

By: Senate Workgroup

Article VIII, Department of Insurance

Amend Rider

Rider 14, Appropriation: Agent and Adjuster Licensing Fee Collection

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

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

Required Action

On page VIII-23 in the Department of Insurance bill pattern, amend the following rider:

14. **Appropriation: Agent and Adjuster Licensing Fee Collections.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, out of funds collected from agent and adjuster licensing fees (revenue object code 3210) deposited to General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36, the Department of Insurance is appropriated all amounts collected in excess of those contained in the Comptroller's January 20232025 Biennial Revenue Estimate (estimated to be \$0) to Strategy A.1.1. Operations, Education, and Outreach.
- (a) Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations, not to exceed \$1,000,000, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- (b) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers of this Act, appropriations made by this rider may not be transferred from Strategy A.1.1, Customer Operations, Education, and Outreach, to other strategies without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board.

By: _____

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

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

Required Action

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

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

By: Senate Workgroup

Article VIII, Department of Licensing and Regulation

New Rider

Unexpended Balance Authority: Modern and Comprehensive Licensing System

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

Add a new rider that provides unexpended balance authority between the 2024-25 and 2026-2027 biennia and within the 2026–27 biennium for funds appropriated to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the Legacy Modernization capital budget item and that an exemption from Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections requirements for these funds.

Required Action

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

_____.
Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Modern and Comprehensive Licensing System. Any unobligated and unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2025, that were appropriated to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the 2024-25 biennium for the capital budget item in the Legacy Modernization category are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. These amounts are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.

By: Senate Workgroup

Article VIII, Texas Medical Board
Proposed Rider
Licensing and Enforcement Database

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

Designates General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated Account No.5105 appropriations to be used for the purposes of engaging in a contract to develop a new licensing and enforcement database.

Required Action

On page VIII-35 in the Texas Medical Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Licensing and Enforcement Database.** Out of amounts appropriated above, \$3,000,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5105, Public Assurance, Funds and \$750,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,075,001 in General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5105, Public Assurance, Funds and \$768,751 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the Texas Medical Board for the purposes of developing a new licensing and enforcement database through third-party contractors.

By: _____

Article VIII, Board of Plumbing Examiners
Proposed Rider
Audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/25/25

Overview

Add a new rider in the bill pattern of the Board of Plumbing Examiners requiring the State Auditor's Office to conduct an audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

Required Action

On page VIII-46 in the Board of Plumbing Examiner's bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____ **Audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners.** In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 321, the State Auditor's Office (SAO) shall conduct a comprehensive financial audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners. The SAO shall provide an audit report, including all related findings, by September 1, 2026. The report should be provided to the Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee.

By: _____

Article VIII, Board of Pharmacy

Proposed Funding and Rider

Cybersecurity Response

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

Increase appropriations for the Board of Pharmacy by \$300,000 in General Revenue funds and authority for an additional 3.0 FTEs for the 2026–27 biennium and add a new rider that make these funds contingent upon a finding of fact by the Board of Pharmacy that the agency needs access to these resources in response to a cybersecurity attack affecting prescribers and without disapproval from the Legislative Budget Board and Office of the Governor. In addition, provide unexpended balance authority within the 2026-27 biennium for these amounts and make them exempt from Appropriations Limit to Revenue Collections obligations.

Required Action

1. On page VIII-41 of the Board of Pharmacy’s bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, Indirect Administration, in the amount of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026.

2. On page VIII-40 of the Board of Pharmacy’s bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) from 117.0 to 120.0 in fiscal year 2026 and from 117.0 to 120.0 in fiscal year 2027.

3. On page VIII-58 of the Board of Pharmacy’s bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Cybersecurity Response Contingency.** Amounts appropriated above include \$300,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, Indirect Administration, and 3.0 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) positions each fiscal year contingent upon a finding of fact by the Board of Pharmacy that additional resources are needed by the department for the agency to respond to a cybersecurity attack. These amounts are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies, Sec. 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections

None of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1 may be expended and none of the 3.0 Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) positions each fiscal year included above may be used unless the Board of Pharmacy files a finding of fact with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and neither the Governor nor the LBB issues a written disapproval not later than the 2nd business day after the date the staff of the LBB concludes its review of the findings of fact and forwards those findings of fact along with the conclusions or comments of the LBB staff to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor; and the 2nd business day after the receipt of the finding of fact by the Governor.

By: _____

Article VIII, Racing Commission
Proposed Rider
Medication and Drug Testing Laboratory Services

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/04/2025

Overview

Add a rider to the bill pattern for the Racing Commission to require the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory to perform race animal medication and drug testing laboratory services.

Required Action

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

_____. **Medication and Drug Testing Laboratory Services.** Out of funds appropriated by this Act for pari-mutuel racing animal medication and drug testing laboratory services, pursuant to Occupations Code, Section 2034.002, medication or drug testing performed on a race animal under the Texas Racing Act shall be conducted by the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

By: _____

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/25/2025

Overview

Amend Rider 5, Texas Energy Fund, to clarify the allowable uses of appropriated funding for all programs within the Texas Energy Fund.

Required Action

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

_____. **Texas Energy Fund.**

- (a) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer \$5,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall consult with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to coordinate the timing of transfers to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176.
- (b) The transfers made under Subsection (a), included in appropriations made in Strategy A.4.1, Texas Energy Fund, shall be used to provide grants and loans ~~for electric generating facilities~~ pursuant to Utilities Code, Chapter 34.
- (c) In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$0).
- (d) All unexpended and unobligated balances in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for fiscal year 2025 and remaining as of August 31, 2026 (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: _____

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

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

Required Action

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

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

Participating Agency	2026	2027
Office of Public Insurance Counsel	\$11,317,18,177	\$11,317,18,117
Board of Plumbing Examiners	\$162,146,147,335	\$168,034,150,646
Board of Professional Geoscientists	\$31,167,33,389	\$32,271,35,067
Texas Medical Board	\$79,342,90,747	\$79,342,90,747
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	\$298,511,280,339	\$307,620,283,611
Board of Nursing	\$121,122,150,727	\$120,378,150,727
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	\$18,573,27,696	\$18,456,27,578
Funeral Service Commission	\$54,803,62,998	\$55,442,61,199
Optometry Board	\$43,123,47,596	\$43,985,47,526
Board of Pharmacy	\$556,850,547,546	\$572,668,555,058
Behavioral Health Executive Council	\$311,055,298,080	\$320,653,304,388
Health and Human Services Commission	\$11,599	\$11,599
Exec Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners	\$49,875,147,528	\$52,146,150,724
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	\$30,554,46,909	\$30,554,46,909
Total	\$1,780,037,1,910,606	\$1,824,465,1,933,896