

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article VII**

Article XI

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Legislative Budget Board

By Johnson / Hinjosa

Article VII, Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Proposed Rider
Contingency for Senate Bill 2250

Overview

Prepare a rider to appropriate funding at the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 2250.

Required Action

On page VII-8 of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. Contingency for Senate Bill 2250. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 2250 or similar legislation relating to financial assistance administered by the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs is appropriated \$ _____ in fiscal year 2020 and \$ _____ in fiscal year 2021 to implement the legislation.

By: Thule Watson

**Article VII, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Proposed Rider
Funding to Address Youth Homelessness**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/13/19

Overview

Prepare a rider which directs \$3.0 million in General Revenue toward regional urban areas with a population of 285,500 or greater for services to homeless youth and young adults 24 years old and younger.

Required Action

On page VII-8 of the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, add the following new rider:

_____. **Funding to Address Youth Homelessness.** From funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall designate \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year for the purpose of assisting regional urban areas having a population of 285,500 or more, in providing services to unaccompanied homeless youth and homeless young adults 24 years of age and younger. Eligible services may include case management, emergency shelter, street outreach, and transitional living. The agency shall distribute these funds through the Homeless Housing and Services Program.

By: Alvarado/Hinojosa

**Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)
SB 1019**

Overview

The 2019 Access and Maintain Housing Units Bill provides \$1 million over two years for a pilot program providing grants to landlords to incentivize them to rent their single-family housing units, up to four units (a four-plex), to individuals and families with housing vouchers to decrease homelessness. There is currently no similar program that seeks to increase the number of housing units available to voucher holding families. Landlords are dissuaded from making their housing units available due to the time lost as they wait on an inspection and the possibility of a rejection from consideration to the program due to minor maintenance issues. This rider provides TDHCA General Revenue funding to be used to provide grants to landlords to be used for certain housing units repairs in order increase the number housing units available to voucher holding individuals.

Required Action

On page VII-2 of the TDHCA bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy C.1.1 by \$1 million over the biennium:

Contingency Rider for S.B. 1019. Contingent on enactment of S.B. 1019, or similar legislation, the Texas Department of Housing and Urban Affairs shall allocate \$1 million from General Revenue funds to support a pilot program to increase the number of housing units available to housing voucher holding families. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2020 in appropriations made to the Department are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2021.

By: _____

Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
County Transportation Infrastructure Fund

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/25/19

Overview

The Transportation Infrastructure Fund provides grants for transportation infrastructure projects located in areas of the state affected by increased oil and gas production. This rider would appropriate \$225.0 million from the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) to the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and directs TxDOT to transfer the ESF appropriation to the Transportation Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of making grants to counties for projects located in areas of the state affected by increased oil and gas production as stipulated in Subchapter C, Chapter 256, Transportation Code.

Required Action

(1) Appropriate \$225,000,000 from the Economic Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2020 to Article VII, Department of Transportation, in Strategy A.1.8, Construction Grants & Services.

(2) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **County Transportation Infrastructure Fund.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.8, Construction Grants & Services, \$225,000,000 from the Economic Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2020 is to provide grants through the Transportation Infrastructure Fund for the purposes stipulated by Subchapter C, Chapter 256, Transportation Code. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2020, from this appropriation are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020.

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII

Proposed Funding and Rider Contingency Rider for SB 1055 or HB 2416

Overview

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in the 2020-21 biennium for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1055 or House Bill 2416, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page VII-48 of the Texas Workforce Commission bill pattern, add the following new rider:

45. Contingency for Senate Bill 1055 or House Bill 2416. Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1055, House Bill 2416, or similar legislation relating to the assistance of any individual over the age of compulsory school attendance prescribed by Education Code, Sec. 25.085, in obtaining a high school diploma and the attainment of career technical skills, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is appropriated \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in the 2020-21 biennium to implement the provisions of the legislation. TWC shall develop a pilot program to assist individuals over the age of compulsory school attendance prescribed by Education Code, Sec. 25.085, to obtain a high school diploma and develop employability and career technical skills. The pilot program shall be open to eligible providers who meet criteria including ability to meet Texas graduation requirements designed to lead to an accredited high school diploma; remediation in literacy and numeracy; career readiness training; technical training; and transition to employment. Funding shall only be used to reimburse qualified providers upon completion of course credit milestones as outlined by TWC. TWC shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, no later than November 1, 2020, a report on the effectiveness of the pilot that includes an evaluation of the pilot project detailing the number of total students served, total course credits completed, skills certificates issued, and number of successful graduates.