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ARTICLE IV - Amendment Floor Report for HB 1 – Wednesday, March 27, 2019


Author	Analysis	Recommendation
Capriglione P. 213 860178	<p>In the current budget, there is an allocation for the creation of a state-wide case management system. The purpose of the system is to create a database in order to register in real time citizens who are not permitted to own weapons. Currently, without this system, if an inmate is paroled, he can potentially go buy a gun since the system will not update fast enough. The case management system aims to fix this issue.</p> <p>The amendment changes the language from statewide case management system to uniform case management system. The purpose of this change is there have been concerns that the governor has already chosen a vendor to create this system. The goal of the amendment is to ensure the competitive bidding process between vendors remains and to try to prevent a monopoly by one vendor. The monopoly could be prevented by allowing the counties to keep the current system they have now and report to the uniform case management system which would serve as an umbrella for all counties reporting systems.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
Guillen P. 215 860326	<p>In the current budget, there is an allocation of \$27,479,580 for fiscal year 2020 and \$2,171,580 for Fiscal year 2021 for the creation of a statewide case management system. The purpose of the system is to create a database in order to register in real time citizens who are not permitted to own weapons. Currently, without this system, if an inmate is paroled, he can potentially immediately buy a gun since the system will not update fast enough. The case management system aims to fix this issue.</p> <p>The amendment states that the statewide case management system may not be used unless a court in said county voluntarily chooses to participate in the system and the commissioners court of the county in which the court operates approves the participation in the system.</p> <p>The ACLU opposes this amendment and has spoken with the author to convey their concerns about how this amendment would allow counties to opt out of the Office of Court Administration data collection requirement, which could have lots of negative impacts. Data regarding Harvey cases, child abuse cases, and other information deemed vital would not be collected. It is the author's intent to withdraw this amendment.</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>

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<p>Minjarez P. 217 860313</p>	<p>In 2017, there were reports that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) was misusing funds on expensive trips out of the state. The amendment would restrict the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) from using any funds for traveling out of the state other than for real investigations or to attend any events, trainings, class, or any similar outside activity.</p> <p>TABC may also not accept any payments of forms of spending on behalf of any trade or industry organization of any kind. TABC will also have to submit a report to the LBB and Governor’s Office outlining in and out of state expenses for trips whose total costs exceed 1,000.</p> <p>The goal of the amendment is to provide more oversight regarding the travel expenses of the agency.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Dominguez P. 218 860122</p>	<p>This amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces funds appropriated to Contract Prisons and Privately-Operated State Jails by the amount of \$28,000,000 for the biennium. • Appropriates funds to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice by the amount of \$28,000,000 in GR funds to Basic Supervision for the biennium. <p>This amendment is not contingent upon passage of HB 4044, but they are linked. HB 4044 is a formula created by the Hidalgo County Probation Advisory establishing how TDCJ’s money should be allocated regarding community supervision and corrections departments. The formula was created with goals to increase early termination and decrease instances of being sent back to jail/prison for violating conditions of supervision. This formula is a long-term plan but unfortunately it is predicted that at first there will be detrimental loss of funding for 46 probation departments throughout Texas. The \$28 million from private prisons to Basic Supervision is meant to fund the supervision offices as compensation for the money loss due to the formula. There is support for this formula because despite the rough beginning for some probation departments, the new system is better in the long run.</p> <p>The goal of this legislation is to decrease recidivism by encouraging supervision rather than jailtime and keeping people out of private prisons. However, according to TDCJ, these facilities are filled up and this loss of funds will end in a loss of 1100-1200 beds. Since 2012, there have been 8 prisons closed and 6 of them were private. The majority of remaining private prisons are contracted by TDCJ. This loss of funding to the remaining private prisons would effectively hurt TDCJ, and the prisoners.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Wu P. 219 860128</p>	<p>Since 2013, Texas has cut down its Juvenile Justice Department population in half and currently houses 850 juvenile inmates. However, Texas still has 5 JJD facilities open and operating.</p> <p>The intent of the amendment is to begin closing down some of the 5 facilities in order to only house the juveniles who are a true danger to the public. JJD already has \$15, 005, 868 allocated for the biennium to house juvenile inmates. If JJD begins closing facilities, the amendment would allow for the JJD to enter into an agreement with the Criminal Justice Department (CJD) to allow the CJD to use the \$15 million to provide approximately 350 beds for its geriatric inmates within the shutdown JJD facility.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Neave P. 220 860238</p>	<p>Currently in Texas, inmates are able to take secondary education classes and earn degrees, however, upon release, the inmate is charged the tuition and has to pay it back along with probation fees.</p> <p>The amendment will create the Texas Second Chance Grant Pilot program for academic and Vocational training. The pilot program will make grants for postsecondary education available to inmates and will assess if the availability of these grants will increase participation for postsecondary educational programs.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>



<p>Cain P. 221 860258</p>	<p>This amendment would prohibit the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from using appropriated funds for an inmate’s elective surgery. The rider fails to define ‘elective’ and professional interpretation ranges from an “operation that can be scheduled in advance,” to “a surgery a patient chooses to undergo although its need is neither vital nor urgent.” This legislation could result in foregone routine medical procedures, delayed treatment at higher costs, patient suffering and liability for the state.</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>
<p>Wu P. 222 860127</p>	<p>The addition of this rider will require the Department of Criminal Justice to put aside appropriated funds in order to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of converting a state jail facility into a substance abuse treatment center for individuals convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication community supervision, who has also not been previously convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for an offense under Section 481.115, 481.1151, 481.116, 481.1161, 481.117, 481.118, or 481.121, Health and Safety Code.</p> <p>The study conducted shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the steps necessary to implement the proposal; • Consider the cost of implementing the proposal; • Consider the potential cost savings associated with sentencing a person to the treatment center instead of a state jail or prison; and • Make recommendations regarding changes to the laws of this state necessary to implement the proposal. <p>The rider would also require that the results of the study be reported to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the legislature. The purpose of study is to get data on our state’s low-level drug offense incarcerations and the costs to the state.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Ramos P. 223 860299</p>	<p>This amendment will reduce the appropriations by \$300,000 in the biennium for the strategy to regulate Pesticide Use within the Department of Agriculture to increase the Texas Juvenile Justice Department’s Mental Health Services Grants and Contract Residential Placements. The purpose of these funds is to adopt evidence-based practice from Phoenix House that serves adolescent youth struggling with substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health issues. Although these are much needed programs, reducing funds in appropriated to regulate Pesticide use allocated for the rider that funds the cost share appropriation for the eradication program for the Boll Weevil pest.</p> <p>This cotton damaging pest has been eradicated throughout the state, but this issue still resides in the Rio Grande Valley. The state has continued to reduce the funding for this program which started at approximately \$50 million in 1999 to the current shared cost appropriation of \$4.8 Million.</p>	<p>Favorable with Concerns</p>
<p>Minjarez P. 224 860314</p>	<p>Currently, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department receives funds to operate educational programs, vocational training, and workforce development within their facilities. However, not all facilities operate the development programs.</p> <p>The amendment would require Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) to submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor’s Office detailing recommendations to improve the workforce training at TJJD, the number of juveniles who receive employment upon release, the number of industrial certifications, percent reading at grade level, current workforce programs and services offered to juveniles and the number of juveniles participating in the program.</p> <p>The amendment aims to have to the report inform the offices noted above and influence future policy making.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Wu P. 225 860129</p>	<p>The amendment would conduct a study on closing Juvenile secure facilities. The study should identify the services it provided to juveniles, identify which facilities could be closed, make recommendations on risk assessment instruments used to determine if a juvenile can return safely to the county which the juvenile was adjudicated, identify the order and timeline in which facilities should close, determine whether Juvenile Justice</p>	<p>Favorable</p>



	<p>Detentions(JJD) should collaborate with the department of criminal justice to move juveniles into special population facilities. The study shall examine whether JJD should contract with large urban counties to provide supervision.</p> <p>If JJD determines that the facility is not feasible to shut down, it must outline the reason it cannot close, the use of any of those remaining facilities and the population served by each facility and establish a predicted timeline for closing any remaining facilities. Since 2013, Texas has cut down its Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) population in half and currently houses 850 juvenile inmates. However, Texas still has 5 JJD facilities open and operating.</p> <p>The intent of the study is to start scaling down JJD so they only have to take kids or juveniles who truly are a danger to the public. JJD could be scaled back by closing some of the 5 facilities that houses juveniles.</p>	
<p>Wu P. 227 860130</p>	<p>Funds appropriated to the Juvenile Justice Department shall conduct a study to develop strategies to reduce confinement of children with mental illness or intellectual disabilities. The department shall report the results of the study to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each member of the Legislature.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Canales P. 228 860114</p>	<p>This amendment creates a new rider in the Department of Transportation for Border Security Improvements and appropriates \$5.6 million for state fiscal year 2020. The purpose is to fund local infrastructure repairs to improve border security at the major international port of entry at the Donna International Bridge in Hidalgo County. This rider will create a safe and efficient inspection of inbound commercial traffic by creating 3 components to the port which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) Command Center includes NII equipment to efficiently image 100% of all commercial traffic entering the United States in compliance with the requirements received from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) the Commercial Building support the inbound processing of commercial goods and CBP agents while allowing further inspection of cargo when deemed necessary. Exit Booth and Canopy work in tandem regulating which vehicles are free to enter the United States <p>These funds will be allocated from funds appropriated to DPS for the Security Programs strategy by \$5.6 million within the biennium.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Martinez P. 229 860118</p>	<p>The Weslaco Mid Valley Airport is located in the central part of the Rio Grande Valley, and its air traffic has risen dramatically recently. The amendment would allocate \$2,500,000 for the biennium from the Department of Public Safety into the Department of Transportation in order to fund the expansion of the runway of the Weslaco Mid-Valley airport.</p> <p>The Weslaco Mid Valley airport is located next to the Rio Grande Valley National Armory. The expansion of the runway would allow larger planes serving the Armory to use this airport as well as larger commercial planes.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Gutierrez P. 230 860033</p>	<p>This amendment takes funds from the Department of Public Safety sections Secure Texas, Routine Operations, and Extraordinary Operations and \$435.7 from Border Security to increase funds for Special Education Supports in the Texas Education Agency. This amendment strikes the current \$50,478,500 for Special Education supports and increases it to \$486,204,780 for funding for Student with Disabilities. Making sure appropriate funding exists for special education is important which is explained by the increase in this amendment.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Julie Johnson P. 231 860190</p>	<p>This amendment decreases \$25,457,433 in GR for both fiscal years in the next biennium from DPS border security and increases the same amount in GR to HHSC within the Children Eligibility Group. This results in a total increase of \$65,730,527 for fiscal year 2020 and a total increase of \$65,730,527 for fiscal year 2021. Those appropriations will be used for a 25% provider rate increase for Medicaid home health physical and occupational therapy AND a 17% provider rate increase for Medicaid home health speech therapy for children. This amendment aims to restore the previous rates prior to the cut in 2015.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>




<p>Martinez P. 232 860020</p>	<p>This amendment aims to reduce the Department of Public Safety strategy for Routine Operations by \$2 million for the biennium and increase to Public safety communications strategy by \$2 million for the biennium. The amendment would also add a rider directing the \$2 million to be used for the regional communications center in Weslaco to improve local law enforcement interoperability.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Gutierrez P. 233 860040</p>	<p>To support an environmental study along the border on water and flooding the Water Development Board will receive \$2,100,000 from the Department of Public Safety Governor in the fiscal year 2020. This amendment is similar to the intent of HB 990, by the same author, which would have both the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to study the effects of the construction of a border wall on storm drainage and other environmental matters in this state.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Martinez P. 234 860117</p>	<p>This amendment reduces \$2,200,000 of funds from the Recovery and Mitigation Department of Public Safety for Strategy section and allocates the funds for an increase of \$2,200,000 to be used toward supporting the Texas A&M Task Force 3 capabilities. The Texas A&M Task Force are teams that are under FEMA and work in search and rescue efforts state wide under direction of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. They are emergency response teams in Texas that the Governor approved sessions before that did not include funding, so this increase and allocation of funds will help with their capabilities.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Cain P. 235 860265</p>	<p>This amendment changes the direction of \$1,864,056 from going to the Department of Public Safety for the administration of the driver responsibility program to the Texas Education Agency for property tax relief. The legislation relieves property taxes by reducing the state compression percentage.</p> <p>State compression percentage is the maintenance and operations tax rate established in 2006. If the state compression percentage isn't established by the school the commissioner determines it based on the percentage by which a district can reduce the maintenance and operations tax for that year compared to the 2006 tax.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Landgraf P. 236 860247</p>	<p>Rider 36, from Department of Public Safety (DPS), would be replaced by a rider that would set aside \$500,000 from the general revenue fund to the department for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2021, for the purpose of providing differential pay for hard to fill or specialized service non-commissioned officer positions.</p> <p>DPS is able to authorize this pay as long as it does not exceed the rate designated as the maximum rate for the applicable salary group. The pay is also not transferable if a person moves to a different position or location that is not hard to fill or a specialized service. The \$500,000 would come from each strategy of the Texas Lottery Commission to reduce the total of the appropriations of general revenue to the commission by \$500,000 by the end of 2021 biennium.</p> <p>This request was made for the DPS mega-centers out of Midland/Odessa which are currently working at 50% operating needs, and the fact that the area is becoming more expensive to live in area due to recent oil boom. The appropriated amount to DPS is for the purpose of filling those positions needed and for retention.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Anchia P. 237 860322</p>	<p>Rider 38 is amended by adding language to establish measurable outcomes for success regarding border security. The measurable outcomes must be defined by and separated on factors that include apprehensions, narcotic seizures, and crime statistics at the border.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>



<p>Schaefer P. 238 860254</p>	<p>This amendment aims to strike Rider No. 51, “Statewide Safe Gun Storage Campaign”. Rider No. 51 states that \$1,000,000 of Department of Public Safety’s appropriated monies will be used to establish and promote a statewide safe gun storage campaign.</p> <p>Rider No. 51 is paired with but not contingent upon HB 316 (SB 1573) which states that the Department of Public Safety in conjunction with appropriate agencies: the Department of State Health Services, the Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Veterans Commission, Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Family and Protective Services, and others, and interested stakeholders are to put together a public awareness campaign to educate the public about prevention of children-involved incidents, suicide prevention, and handling/storing firearms safely.</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>
<p>Tinderholt P. 239 860168</p>	<p>The amendment adds a new rider to the Department of Public Safety that they may allocate an amount necessary from money appropriated to Secure Texas in order to fund the administration of Operation Drawbridge during the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2021. Operation Drawbridge is a program designed to stop illegal drug and human traffickers from crossing the Rio Grande. Texas shares a 1,200-mile border with Mexico. Secure Texas is the public sex offender registry that is available online for non-Criminal Justice Users.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Nevarez P. 240 860215</p>	<p>In Eagle Pass, there is currently one driver’s license office and it has been in service for the past 20 years. There are currently 30 employees and the building needs renovation. The same number of employees have been employed for the past 20 years but Eagle Pass has grown by 10,000 citizens.</p> <p>The amendment would allocate 8 million dollars to equip a new driver’s license office. The office would have space for 12 more work stations or more than 2 commercial driver’s license testing lanes. The allocation of resources would also allow the office to hire 33.5 more full time employees for each year in the biennium.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Nevarez P. 241 860213</p>	<p>The amendment allocates up to 20 million in FY 2020 and allocates up to 20 million in FY 2021. These funds will be used to evaluate the emergency radio infrastructure needs along the Texas-Mexico border and by developing a statewide radio infrastructure in that region.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Howard P. 242 860286</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Department of Public Safety to allocate \$2 million to fund a study of the crime lab system directed by the Texas Forensic Science Commission that must assess opportunities to improve coordination between Texas’ public crime laboratories, law enforcement, and the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) to increase efficiency, capacity, and testing evidence most likely to impact criminal cases.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Israel P. 243 860079</p>	<p>This amendment directs \$15,000 of the Department of Public Safety’s appropriated money for Driver License Services to be used for the purpose of updating online voting registration using the Department of Information Resources and the Secretary of State as resources. This will only allow constituents to register to vote online if renewing driver’s licenses or updating addresses.</p> <p>Texas is currently facing a lawsuit for not providing a voter registration option for those renewing or changing their addresses for a TX DL/ID online. The lawsuit is costing unnecessary money and time. Current federal and state law allows persons changing their address within the county to update voter registration online. Appropriating the funds to implement what is already in statute will save state money.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Guillen P. 244 860331</p>	<p>This amendment is contingent on HB 1844 or similar legislation. HB 1844 has several functions: first, making it possible for licenses- for example, license to carry, hunting and fishing licenses, military and veteran’s identification—to be listed on a driver’s license or state identification card. This makes keeping track of licenses less burdensome.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>



	HB 1844 also implements automatic vote registration for eligible voter’s when issuing renewal of driver’s licenses and state IDs online. Voter levels in Texas are not high compared to the rest of the country and automatic voter registration could encourage higher levels of participation in elections in Texas. This amendment allocates the funds necessary.	
Shaheen P. 245 860211	The amendment adds a study to article 5 regarding the efficiency or driver’s license offices. The study must review the wait times, hours of operation, and general operations of each office. The study must examine the procedures for issuing driver’s licenses in other states, the technological advances in the issuance of driver’s licenses, and best practices for issuing the licenses. Lastly, the study must generate a report that includes the findings of the study and any recommendations to improve this process. The report must be provided to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and members of the legislature.	Favorable
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Cain P. 247 860267	This amendment would reduce the transfer of funds from Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission to the Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$448,942 per biennium and an additional reduction to the Department of Agriculture by \$51,058 negatively impacting Trade and Economic Development, Information Resources, and Other supportive Services. The total of \$500,000 would be appropriated to the School District Property Tax Relief.	Will of the House
Guillen P. 248 860347	This amendment would reduce funds to the Commission on Environmental Quality by \$3,000,000 and reallocate these funds to the Department of Agriculture to fund a pilot program to increase small farm operations, educate consumers on nutritional value of produce, provide healthy living information, and support to local food banks.	Favorable
Anderson P. 249 860064	This amendment adds a rider stating that any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 21, 2020, in appropriations made to the Department of Agriculture are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020.	Favorable
Darby P. 250 860106	Amendment would cut funding to the Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) by \$25,576,544 leaving less than half the allocated funds from last session. It also takes revenue generated from vehicle inspections in Williamson and Travis county. The amendment increases allocations for Office of Attorney General for salary increases, Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Department of Public Safety, and the Parks and Wildlife Department. These new allocations could be good as they allow the agencies to work on agency specific tasks or projects that may have not had the capabilities to run. The reduction in the allocation in LIRAP would negatively impact the average resident who has an older vehicle and utilize the trade in program. Maintenance alone does not reduce vehicular pollution.	Will of the House




<p>Darby P. 252 860311</p>	<p>Amendment would cut funding to the Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) by \$6,442,934. The funds would be reallocated as additional compensation for employee retention in the Permian Basin. Employee retention in the Permian Basin is very important for the Texas economy as the large shale and sedimentary deposits in west Texas produce huge amounts of oil and are rich in hydrocarbons, another leading source in the energy industry. However, reduction in the appropriated funds in LIRAP would negatively impact the grants provided to help replace older passenger vehicles that are polluting the air with emissions.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>VanDeaver P. 254 860135</p>	<p>This amendment would reduce funding to the Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) by \$750,000 for fiscal year 2020. Contingent on the passing of HB 4166, the \$750,000 will be reallocated to the study of the feasibility of the expansion of navigation on the Red River by the Red River Authority of Texas. The reduction in the appropriated funds in LIRAP would negatively impact the grants provided to help replace older passenger vehicles that are polluting the air with emissions.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Martinez P. 255 860021</p>	<p>This amendment reduces TCEQ funds for central administration and information resources by \$1.8 million and adds \$1.8 million for remediating the Donna Reservoir and Canal System federal Superfund site. It also reallocates \$5.7 million for the purpose of the Donna Reservoir and Canal System Superfund site. This adds a total of \$7.5 million for this project.</p> <p>Investigations of this site found elevated levels of cancer-causing chemicals, birth deformities, and resulted in a fish possession ban in 1994 and placement on the National Priorities list in 2008. In 2018 the EPA issued a plan of action to clean up the site. TCEQ is required to pay at least 50% of the cost for future action. TCEQ's cost for the first phase of this project is \$7.5 million.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Biedermann P. 257 860072</p>	<p>This amendment reduces appropriations by 50% for the biennium for the Clean Air Account under TCEQ from \$6M to \$3M for planning & ozone reduction and directs that \$3M be dedicated under the same Goal for assessment of air quality in or near aggregate mining operations, and for the mitigation of consequent air pollutants.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Murr P. 258 860134</p>	<p>This amendment would specify the use of the \$6,000,000 for the biennium allocated to the Clean Air Account for air quality planning activities to reduce ozone in areas not meeting attainment. The funds would be limited to inventorying emissions, monitoring of pollution, and administration of the program. The funds cannot be spent on marketing or outreach, bicycle use, carpooling awareness, environmental awareness campaigns, and local enforceable pollution reduction programs. Recipients can channel funds to more useful State Implementation Plans (SIP). With the limited use of the funds, and the intentional cut out of local programs to inform or create public awareness, the funds would more easily be misused and become ineffective. It also targets a certain demographic or income level that would utilize such public awareness campaign and may not have access to such information or resources otherwise.</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>
<p>Howard P. 259 860280</p>	<p>This amendment adds language to clarify what appropriated funds can be used for regarding air quality planning. This amendment is specifically for areas that are not yet in nonattainment but are in danger of getting there, which will limit what they can use the funds on to ensure that they are spending it on initiatives that will progress on air quality.</p> <p>The expenditures of funds for nonattainment zones are limited to: Inventorying emissions, monitoring of pollution levels, air quality data analysis, air quality planning, tracking of regional air quality plans, and administration of the program. It also stipulates that grants issued from the appropriations identified in this rider should go toward local councils of government or other state political subdivision and require that no more than 10 percent of the allocation be used for administrative purposes while also prohibiting the expenditure of the following: marketing and outreach activities, bicycle use programs, carpooling awareness, environmental awareness campaigns, and locally enforceable pollution reduction programs.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>



<p>Goodwin P. 260 860073</p>	<p>Rider 19 of the Commission on Environmental Quality had been amended to state that funds appropriated to the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Account No. 5071, Emission Reduction Incentives Grant Program, shall allocate funds for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at the Texas State Capitol.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Patterson P. 261 860234</p>	<p>Currently in Denton county, the U.S. Highway 380 has been known for car accidents, lack of lights, and very heavy traffic.</p> <p>The amendment aims to fix the issue by including language in the Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) to appropriate \$15 million to the Department of Transportation for safety and mobility improvements to the highway.</p> <p>Although the maintaining of Texas roads and highways is important, LIRAP money should be used to help low income drivers afford cleaner vehicles. Road maintenance does not reduce vehicle pollution.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Wilson P. 262 860243</p>	<p>Currently, the systems for monitoring surface water and groundwater do not communicate with each other due to both water sources being regulated by two different systems: the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for surface water and the Texas Water Board for groundwater. Therefore, there is not a lot of data to inform the citizens as to how much they can pump. The data is inconsistent and sometimes based on an estimation.</p> <p>The amendment would reallocate a total of \$20 million from the Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) for the biennium; specifically, from the Clean Air account. The amendment also reallocates that money to the University of Texas at Austin to create a comprehensive surface and groundwater model contingent on the passing of House Bill 3998 which is relating to the administration of surface water rights. The model would create a system so that ground water and surface water could communicate with each other and provide specific data as to where and how much can be pumped.</p> <p>If House Bill 3998 does not pass, then HJR 10 would be introduced in order to appropriate the 20 million into the Texas Legacy Fund and implement the provisions of the legislation.</p> <p>Although this model is important, the money should not be allocated from the clean air fund. Last session, LIRAP lost its funding so taking money from this fund would greatly affect the agency.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Rosenthal P. 264 860172</p>	<p>Rider 27 is a left-over and outdated rider first put in TCEQ’s budget back in 2011 by then Senator Glen Hegar as a backstop in case SB 1134 did not pass. However, the bill did pass, and Rider 27 remains.</p> <p>The rider is problematic due to it preventing TCEQ from spending money to do the monitoring or modeling it would need to even look at potential changes to its air quality regulations because it would need the legislatures to specifically grant it money out of TERP.</p> <p>Rider 27 now acts as a freeze on regulatory development when provisions are already in place to prevent regulatory overreach within the Health and Safety Code and is why it is being proposed to be removed completely.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>




<p>Reynolds P. 265 860163</p>	<p>This amendment directs previously appropriated funds under the Air Quality Assessment and Planning Strategy for TCEQ for the purposes of conducting a study to be made public relating to oil and gas facilities regulated through standard permits or permits-by-rule. The study must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present rules and requirements regarding inspection and maintenance, • Address issues raised with requirements and, • Suggest options for improving safety and reducing emissions <p>Commission may hold meetings for public comment.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Button P. 266 860069</p>	<p>It is known that there is a backlog for the testing of sexual assault kits in Texas. Victims can have their kits sit on a shelf for years before they receive any information about their case. The amendment aims to address some of these issues by appropriating funds from the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund (TERP) and transferring the fund to the Department of Public Safety Laboratory Services.</p> <p>The amendment would reduce the TERP fund by \$44, 020, 059 in the biennium as well as grant 122 additional full-time employees each fiscal year to increase crime lab capacity and prioritize the testing of backlogged sexual assault kits.</p> <p>Although fixing the backlog of sexual assault kits is an important issue, the funds should not be withdrawn from the TERP fund. The TERP account is a dedicated account to reduce air pollution from vehicles, which is paid into by drivers and vehicle owners for that purpose.</p>	<p>Favorable with concerns</p>
<p>Bell P. 267 860081</p>	<p>This amendment would decrease the allocation of funds to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) relating to Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund Account by \$14,971,118 and reallocate these funds, coupled with an additional \$19,238,916 from general revenue, to Prairie View A&M University’s Agriculture Match program. This amendment would be contingent upon the passing of HB 3745 which changes the language of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund to that of an account in which funds can be spent from and reallocated from.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Biedermann P. 268 860246</p>	<p>This amendment will reduce the travel budget for the General Land Office (GLO) by \$352,807 for the biennium. The author’s request is due to the Commissioner of the GLO not showing at a requested appearance by the Committee on Land and Resource Management to discuss the Alamo Master Plan.</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>
<p>Biedermann P. 269 860245</p>	<p>This Amendment would implement a new Master plan for the Alamo instead of funding already implemented by the General Land Office and the City of San Antonio. The new amendment would not move the cenotaph, which commemorates the Battle of the Alamo of the Texas Revolution.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Biedermann P. 270 860071</p>	<p>This amendment specifies that none of the funds appropriated under the General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board for the Alamo and Alamo Complex Master Plan and Preservation, Maintenance, and Operations bill pattern be used for the purpose of permanently relocating the Alamo Cenotaph.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>



<p>Biedermann P. 271 860244</p>	<p>This amendment would remove funds to the GLO and Veterans’ Land Board that would fund the Master plan and preservation, maintenance and operation of the Alamo. These funds are appropriated from the General Revenue Dedicated- Alamo Complex, totaling \$11.7 million, and the Economic Stabilization Fund totaling \$3 million. Return of all appropriated funds for this rider will be returned to their source.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Middleton P. 272 860196</p>	<p>Dredging can be defined as cleaning out the mud or bottom of a waterway by scooping out the mud, weeds, or rubbish with a dredge. The amendment states that funds coming from the General Land Office for dredging, deepening, or widening bayous, are to be used only in dredging operations that begin at the beginning or the mouth of the waterway and work inland, preserving the legislative intent that the funds be directed towards improving inland waterways.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Middleton P. 273 860194</p>	<p>The amendment would prevent any “illegal aliens” from receiving any disaster recovery money. The amendment outlines the definition of an “illegal alien” as anyone who is not a citizen of the United States and is unlawfully present in the United States within the legal terms of the constitution, including entering the country through an illegal point of entry or not being a legal resident of the country. This amendment would prevent any “illegal alien” from receiving any funds from the General Land Office after a natural disaster such as Hurricane Harvey.</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>
<p>Nevarez P. 274 860046</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to the Parks and Wildlife Department requiring that out of money appropriated from sporting goods sales tax, \$200,000 is appropriated for use under the State Park Operations Strategy for the purpose of providing for two full-time-equivalent positions. This rider will assist with the development of Davis Hills State Park, Chinati Mountains State Natural Area, and Devils River State Natural Area Dan Hughes Unit in state fiscal year beginning September 1. 2019. This was a request that came directly from the Department itself because of the need for staff to maintain the parks.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Cain P. 275 860264</p>	<p>The amendment will reduce funding in General Revenue for the Parks and Wildlife Department across all strategies by \$5 million within the biennium. These funds will be used to increase the appropriated funds to the department designated to restoring and maintaining the Battleship Texas. Battleship Texas has endured internal stabilization issues that need to continue to be maintained and repaired to ensure best possible care for the Battleship. These funds may be premature as a course of action regarding the battleship has not been decided on.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Paddie P. 276 860155</p>	<p>This amendment is contingent on the passage of HB 1422, SB 602, or similar legislation that transfers certain historic sites from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to Texas Historical Commission. Any employee of Texas Parks and Wildlife whose job is 50% related to the historic sites being transferred shall become an employee of the Texas Historical Commission. This amendment requires that on the date of the transfer of that site the adjustment to number of full-time equivalents for each agency to be made.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Guillen P. 277 860327</p>	<p>Amendment would utilize current appropriations to the Parks and Wildlife Department to conduct a study on Optimum Water Level for Falcon Lake in collaboration with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to determine optimum water level for recreational fishing and factors that contribute to the rise and fall of water level. This would provide information on optimizing water levels for recreational fishing.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>

<p>Gervin-Hawkins P. 278 860162</p>	<p>This amendment would reduce funds from the Railroad Commission’s Economic Stabilization Fund for FY 2021 by \$5,000,000 to increase the amount of the Water Development Board’s Economic Stabilization Fund by \$5,000,000 in FY 2020. This increase in funds will be reflected in the appropriately numbered rider stating that the appropriated money will be used for funding the Bexar County for the River East Flood Control Project.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Zwiener P. 279 860167</p>	<p>Kinder Morgan, an energy infrastructure company, has plans to lay a 42-inch natural gas pipeline across Hays County, a project called the Permian Highway Pipeline, that will carry natural gas through 16 counties in Texas and will affect hundreds of landowners. This amendment will add a rider to the Railroad Commission bill pattern allowing the Commission to use money allocated to ensure pipeline safety toward studying the impact of a proposed common carrier pipeline route. This study would need to be at the request of a member of the legislature and will cover the impact of such a project to the local economic development, public safety, and water quality.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Martinez P. 280 860119</p>	<p>This amendment reduces funds from the Soil and Water Conservation Board by \$400,000 from the Carrizo Cane Eradication in the Conservation Board for Strategy and allocates those \$400,000 to the appropriations for the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Citrus Center. The Carrizo Cane Eradication program has public health and environmental concerns because this program sprays the surrounding environment along the border with herbicides to eradicate an invasive species of Crane. The increase in funding for the Citrus Center is essential to the citrus industry of the Rio Grande Valley, as there is over 27,000 acres located there.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Toth P. 281 860115</p>	<p>This amendment would include \$500,000 from general revenue to be allocated to the Water development Board to conduct a study on the feasibility of a detention reservoir for the Spring Creek watershed located across Grimes, Waller, Harris, and Montgomery counties.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Buckley P. 282 860057</p>	<p>This amendment is contingent upon the enactment of HB 3264 or SB 1726, or a similar legislation relating to a study by the Water Development Board of groundwater availability in certain counties. If enacted, appropriated revenue out of general revenue to the Water Development Board for the use of in Technical Assistance and Modeling will be \$154,686 and shall be allocated to implement the study establish by the above bills or similar legislation and increase Full-Time Equivalents in the Water Development Board.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
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<p>Stickland P. 284 860089</p>	<p>This amendment reduces appropriations to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to zero. This amendment will reduce the funds for an agency that is responsible for affordable housing. Reducing these funds can result in a lack of resources for Texas families that benefit from this program.</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>




<p>Wilson P. 285 860242</p>	<p>The Texas Lottery Commission has an appropriated fund with \$10 Million that gives bonuses to vendors who sell winning lottery tickets. 1.815 million of those dollars comes from the Economic Stabilization Fund and goes to capital improvements which is renovating buildings and other improvements. The amendment would reallocate the 1.815 million dollars to the ESF and require the Texas Lottery Commission to not give out so many bonuses to vendors. The 1.815 million would be reallocated to the ESF contingent on the passing of HJR 10</p> <p>Currently, the ESF grows at a slow pace since it cannot be invested. The ESF must be liquid money to be able to be used in case of a disaster where the state cannot create revenue in sales tax and not be able to pay back its bonds. The ESF fund has to be available for immediate use.</p> <p>The amount of money that should be in the ESF fund is calculated by the number of credit ratings given to the state in order to pay off the interest on the bonds. However, there has an over allocation of money to the ESF and has more than the credit ratings required. HJR 10 would create the Texas legacy fund. The Texas Legacy fund would serve the same purpose of the ESF; however, it is being created to gather the overflow from the ESF as well as the 1.815 million from the lottery commission. The Texas Legacy fund could be invested since the ESF would still cover the costs in an instance of disaster. The Texas legacy fund could be used at the discretion of the comptroller, but the goal is to let it grow with interest.</p> <p>If HJR 10 does not pass, the 1.815 million from the Texas Lottery Commission would go back to the ESF.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Stickland P. 286 860088</p>	<p>This amendment strikes appropriations to the Texas Lottery Commission for the purpose Mass Media Advertising Contract (s) and for Drawing and Broadcast Services Contract(s). This amendment prohibits the Texas Lottery from using appropriations for advertising purposes.</p>	<p>Will of the House</p>
<p>Stucky P. 287 860029</p>	<p>The office of representative Stucky has been working with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) since 2017 regarding a formal review of the driver license office in Denton. Currently, the DPS office has lines waiting out the door and they are housed in the same office from the 1970's but the population of Denton has tripled.</p> <p>The amendment would reallocate \$7, 034, 375 from the Department of Motor Vehicles to fund a new driver license office in the city of Denton.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Martinez P. 288 860031</p>	<p>Currently, Texas international ports of entry are the gateway to the United States economy and a driver of revenue for our state. However, delays at the ports of entry can be extremely costly. There is an approximate loss of \$116,000,000 dollars per minute of delay at the ports of entry. Due to the privatization of the Mexican oil fields, there are more trucks at each port of entry and personnel are struggling to keep up with the traffic.</p> <p>The amendment addresses these issues by using any unexpended and unobligated contracts appropriations made to the department of transportation to be expedited to the state's international ports of entry upon approval of the Texas Transportation Commission.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Y. Davis P. 289 860093</p>	<p>The amendment would allocate funds, if possible, to ensure that close captioning is provided for video broadcasts of open meetings held by the department.</p> <p>The purpose of the amendment is to allow people with disabilities to be able to readily access the meetings of the department by providing this accommodation.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>



<p>Stickland P. 290 860099</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider stating that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) may not spend appropriated money on any form of advertising. The intention of the rider is to not publicize services of a state funded agency. The majority of TxDOT signage reminds people to focus on the road, not to drink and drive, not to text and drive, follow road laws, etc. Positive outcomes can result from reminding people to be cognizant on a regular basis</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>
<p>Nevarez P. 291 860045</p>	<p>Purpose of adding an additional rider to the Department of Transportation is to replace signage to revise the truck route to and through Eagle Pass. In recent years there has been an increase in traffic due to the Eagle Ford Shale (oilfield) and the increase in trade between Mexico. Out of the amounts appropriated to Department of Transportation for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 20019, \$150,000 may be used during that biennium only to designing and installing truck route signage in the City of Eagle Pass for the State Loop 480, which has been a truck route designated and approved by the Department of Transportation.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Goodwin P. 292 860075</p>	<p>This amendment would allow the Department of transportation to allocate funds out of \$122.7 million already appropriated to TxDOT for traffic safety, for the creation, production, and placement of “highway safety corridor” signs. Similar to construction and maintenance work zones, fines for most driving offenses committed in these areas will be double the normal amount in an effort to encourage drivers to drive safely and with caution.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Wilson P. 293 860241</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to the Department of Transportation for a Pavement Consumption Pricing Model. Out of the amounts already appropriated, \$6,000,000 for the biennium will be used for the purpose of funding studies based around pavement consumption rates to be completed by and in coordination with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.</p> <p>Economic expansion has brought rapid growth to the State of Texas so there is a surplus of big, heavy commercial vehicles passing through. The high weight vehicles damage pavement by cracking it and breaking down the structural integrity. As trucks are getting heavier, the damage grows greater and reparation costs rise. Taxation for commercial vehicles is becoming outdated because trucks are causing pricier damage than what is being paid for with taxes.</p> <p>The study mentioned above for Pavement Consumption Pricing Model will provide a successful business model. This will bring in more money which provides opportunity for relief in other areas.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Guillen P. 294 860349</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider stating that the Department of Transportation will allocate no more than \$1,000,000, of the already appropriated \$88,727,809, to the Texas Border Aviation Projects.</p> <p>This is a bracketed amendment for optimization of aviation services in counties located within 75 miles of the Mexican border with a population between 5,000-12,000.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Goodwin P. 295 860076</p>	<p>This amendment is contingent on the passage of HB 2814. HB 2814 seeks to provide TxDOT with the ability to designate portions of roadways with a high number of traffic fatalities as "highway safety corridors", out of \$122.7 million already appropriated to TxDOT for traffic safety. Similar to construction and maintenance work zones, fines for most driving offenses committed in these areas will be double the normal amount in an effort to encourage drivers to drive safely and with caution.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Zwiener P. 296 860263</p>	<p>This amendment prohibits appropriated funds to the Department of Transportation from being used to permit placement of billboards that will be visible from Ranch-to-Market roads in Hays County. This will apply to 10 miles of land in the Texas Hill Country that is known for its scenic beauty. Allowing billboards in this area would result in a reduction in property value of surrounding homes and neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>

<p>Craddick P. 297 860058</p>	<p>This amendment appropriates \$1,105,878 in each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Strategy for Institutional Enhancement. Funds are appropriated from the Texas Workforce Commission’s general revenue for Skill Development in matching amounts and fiscal years.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Craddick P. 298 860060</p>	<p>This amendment appropriates \$2,298,861 in each fiscal year of the biennium to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, College of Engineering with the rider specifying for the use of laboratory equipment. The funds would be appropriated from the Texas Workforce Commission’s general revenue for Skill Development in matching amounts and fiscal years.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Craddick P. 299 860066</p>	<p>This amendment increases appropriations for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin by \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year under the Instruction Enhancement Strategy. Funds would be appropriated by reducing general revenue for Skill Development in matching amounts and fiscal years.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Neave P. 300 860236</p>	<p>This amendment is adding a rider to use appropriated funds in the Texas Workforce Commission to conduct a study on seeking federal funds and matching grant money for providing childcare services at eligible public junior and community college. Study must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated number of students and children that would utilize this service • Facility and staff requirements • Cost related to implementing services <p>Finalized study must be submitted to legislative leadership, Legislative Budget Board, and Committees with jurisdiction over workforce development no later than November 1, 2020. The implementation of this study will provide accessibility to childcare for parents obtaining higher education.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Coleman P. 301 860170</p>	<p>This amendment will add a rider allocating \$500,000 throughout the biennium to fund Workforce Development and Training Program out of funds appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission. The rider creates collaborative partnerships with organizations that will assist in the formation of another avenue for Texas Workforce Commission to grow and diversify the Texas workforce by training and providing the skilled workers needed by our economy.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Bernal P. 302 860199</p>	<p>This amendment will create a contingent rider on the passage of HB 441 or similar legislation relating to Texas Workforce Commission to pay for the first administration of one of the high school equivalency exams authorized by the State Board of Education for individuals 21 and older. This rider will reduce funds appropriated to the Create Jobs and Promote Texas by \$3,000,000 for the biennium and increase the Adult Education and Family Literacy appropriation by \$3,000,000 for the biennium.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
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<p>Y. Davis P. 304 860097</p>	<p>Currently, the Texas Department of Insurance submits an annual report to the legislature and to the public with the market share, profits and losses, average rate, and average loss ratio for insurers that write property/casualty insurance in Texas. This amendment requires that the report also include: changes in rate over the prior 12, 24, and 36 months, number of claims filed, number of claims denied, reason for each denial, organized by zip code for each insurer. This amendment also removes the proposed appropriated funds in Article XI for the “Consumer Information Report- Rider Revision”. The purpose for this change is to provide transparency for insurance consumers.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Y. Davis P. 305 860082</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Department of Insurance to fund the operation of a consumer complaint review panel to complete independent reviews regarding merit of complaint and direct the complaint to the department for resolution. The State Office of Administrative Hearings will review all complaints filed by policyholders that were denied, determined to be without merit, or for which the department did not receive confirmation of receipt of the complaint. This independent review will provide justice to consumers whose voice often goes unheard when they are being unlawfully denied services.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Y. Davis P. 306 860092</p>	<p>Currently, the Department of Licensing and Regulation provides a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) of department employees, the commissioner of a department, and guests who attend combative sporting events in Texas using complimentary or reduced rate tickets provided by a promotor OR if they attend an event in the technical zone. This amendment requires the department to also provide the LBB formatted report to the Texas Ethics Commission with the date of the event and the face value of the ticket.</p>	<p>Favorable</p>
<p>Paddie P. 307 860153</p>	<p>This amendment is contingent on the passage of HB 1530, SB 616, or similar legislation relating to the transfer of motorcycle and off-highway vehicle training programs from DPS to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. All appropriations, authority, 9 FTEs, and riders related to motorcycle and off-highway vehicle training programs are transferred to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. DPS already has the structures and processes in place to accommodate these training programs. Transferring these programs to a general licensing body provides serious safety concerns.</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>
<p>Paddie P. 308 860154</p>	<p>This amendment is contingent with the passage of HB 1670, SB 612, and any bills associated with the transfer of regulation of plumbing to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. This amendment will eliminate the State Board of Plumbing Examiners by transferring the appropriations, real property, vehicles, FTEs, authorities given and riders. This amendment and associated bills are related to the expiration of the sunset bill regarding the State Board of Plumbing Examiners due to the inability to handle the backlog of plumbers awaiting to obtain their license. However, there is worry that the elimination of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners will also eliminate the supervision, training, and enforcement of policies that hold approximately 58,000 licensed plumbers accountable and ensure the job is completed safely and appropriately.</p>	<p>Unfavorable</p>
<p>Phelan P. 309 860104</p>	<p>This amendment will increase the appropriations for the Public Utility Commission to increase the pay for the executive director by \$25,952 for each fiscal year of the biennium equaling a total of \$200,000 each fiscal year.</p>	<p>Will of House</p>