

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article 8 – Regulatory

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

Decisions as of May 23, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

LBB Manager: George Dziuk

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
Article VIII, Regulatory SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	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	\$ 708,061	\$ 708,061	\$ 591,438	\$ 591,438	\$ 596,962	\$ 596,962
Behavioral Health Executive Council (510)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 543,180	\$ 543,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 743,180	\$ 743,180
Board of Chiropractic Examiners (508)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 124,522	\$ 124,522	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,812	\$ 101,812
Board of Dental Examiners (504)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 761,482	\$ 761,482	\$ 664,324	\$ 664,324	\$ 438,034	\$ 438,034
Funeral Service Commission (513)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 713,802	\$ 713,802	\$ 1,354,600	\$ 1,354,600	\$ 468,290	\$ 468,290
Board of Professional Geoscientists (481)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,800	\$ 47,800	\$ 47,800	\$ 47,800
Health Professionals Council (364)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Office of Injured Employee Counsel (448)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 731,598	\$ 731,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Department of Insurance (454)						

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Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Behavioral Health Executive Council		\$ 9,805,241	\$ 12,157,241	\$ 9,262,061	\$ 11,614,061			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Texas Psychology Licensing Exam, Initial Design Senate provides 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	SENATE
2.	Additional Staff Senate provides General Revenue funding to fill existing vacant staff positions for which the agency does not have sufficient resources.	\$ 418,180	\$ 418,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 418,180	\$ 418,180	SENATE

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3.	Budget Structure Senate allocates \$357,980 in General Revenue appropriations for the salaries and benefits of 3.0 FTEs split evenly between Strategies A.1.1 and B.1.1 House allocates \$357,980 in General Revenue appropriations for the salaries and benefits of 3.0 FTEs in Strategy C.1.1	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-			HOUSE
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Add \$200,000 in General Revenue and a rider directing that the funds be used to contract for the development of a Spanish-language social work licensing exam for Licensed Master's Social Workers.					\$200,000	\$200,000	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$543,180	\$543,180	\$-	\$-	\$743,180	\$743,180	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						64.0	64.0	

By: _____

Article VIII, Behavioral Health Executive Council
Proposed Rider Amendment
Spanish Language Social Work Licensing Exam

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/2/2025

Overview

Add a rider directing \$200,000 in General Revenue Funds be used to contract for development of a Spanish-language Licensed Master’s Social Worker licensing exam.

Required Action

On page VIII-6 in the Behavioral Health Executive Council appropriations bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

- ____. **Spanish Language Social Work Licensing Exam.** Out of Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Licensure, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026-27 biennium shall be used for the purpose of the Behavioral Health Executive Council contracting for the development of a Spanish language social work licensing exam for Licensed Master’s Social Worker. The council shall release the exam to applicants by November 1, 2027.