GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 20, 2015

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The Honorable Carlos Cascos
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as governor and chief executive officer of the State of Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has reviewed the following legislation from the 84th Texas Legislature and taken the following action. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, the governor has signed the following legislation while disapproving certain sections which have been marked and struck in the original:

House Bill No. 1 by Otto which is effective immediately; and
House Bill No. 2 by Otto which is effective immediately.

The official enrolled copies of the legislation referenced above is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachments

H.B. No. 1

I certify that H.B. No. 1 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on April 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1 on May 29, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Secretary of the Senate

I certify that the amounts appropriated in the herein H.B. No. 1, Regular Session of the 84th Legislature, are within amounts estimated to be available in the affected fund.

Certified June 9, 2015

Comptroller of Public Accounts

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PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

House Bill No. 1, the General Appropriations Act, having been duly certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts pursuant to Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution, has been presented to me for action.

I am proud to sign a budget that cuts taxes, provides a record amount of funding to secure the border, improves our schools, and builds more roads. The 84th Legislature addressed the most pressing challenges in this state.

The 2016-17 Budget proves that Texas can adopt a budget where state-controlled spending is below the growth in the state's estimated population plus inflation. We must ensure that future spending continues to be restrained and prioritized by passing a constitutional amendment setting a population-plus-inflation-based growth limit. This was a priority of mine for the 84th Legislative Session, and it will continue to be one of my top priorities throughout my tenure as Governor.

In order to further reduce our state's debt burden and restrain the growth in government, this veto proclamation includes over $233 million in discretionary reductions and almost $295 million in overall reductions. I hereby object to and veto the following items from House Bill No. 1, and include a statement of my objections to each of those items.

Article I - General Government

Commission on the Arts

	2016	2017
A.1.3. Strategy: CULTURAL TOURISM GRANTS	$ 5,670,000	$ ~~5,670,000~~

5. Contingency for Cultural Districts. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Cultural Tourism Grants, is $5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 ~~and $5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017~~ for cultural and fine arts districts, as defined by Government Code, §444.031. The $5,000,000 in General Revenue ~~in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium appropriated above~~ is contingent upon sufficient revenue certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The Comptroller must certify that sufficient revenue is generated from cultural and fine arts districts, as defined by Government Code, §444.031, to offset the cost of the appropriation made herein.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2016, are appropriated to the Commission on the Arts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016, for the same purpose.

A fiscally conservative approach to governing requires limiting the rate of growth in state spending. Funding for cultural tourism grants would be substantially increased from $1.3 million in FY 2014-15 to $11.3 million in FY 2016-17. I therefore object to and disapprove of one year of this appropriation.

Commission on State Emergency Communications

8. Contingency for Legislation Related to Regional Poison Control Centers Consolidation. ~~The amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Poison Call Center Operations, are intended to cover costs for fulfilling the requirements of Health and~~

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~~Safety Code, Chapter 777, for six Regional Poison Control Centers. Contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the number of Regional Poison Control Centers from six to four, the appropriated amounts above in Strategy B.1.1, Poison Call Center Operations, shall be reduced by $460,420 in fiscal year 2016 and $471,113 in fiscal year 2017 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Commission on State Emergency Communications Account No. 5007.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Facilities Commission

3. Capital Budget. None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code §1232.103.

		2016	2017
a.	Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
	(1) Emergency Repairs	$ 20,000,000	$ UB
	(2) Deferred Maintenance for Texas School for the Deaf	3,006,320	UB
	(3) Deferred Maintenance for Facilities	219,680,852	275,496 & UB
	(4) Hobby Building Complex - Renovation and Retrofit to Accommodate Additional FTEs	2,000,000	UB
	Total, Repair or Rehabilitation of	$ 244,687,172	$ 275,496
b.	Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
	(1) Accounting System Maintenance	55,000	55,000
	(2) Computer Lifecycle Replacement	96,795	96,795
	Total, Acquisition of Information Resource	$ 151,795	$ 151,795
c.	Other Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program (MLPP)		
	(1) Recycling Collection Vehicles	37,617	37,617

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d. Data Center Consolidation		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	254,432	259,966
e. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Capitol Complex - Utility Infrastructure Phase One	71,335,306	UB
(2) Capitol Complex - Office Building and Parking Garage, Phase One	174,446,464	UB
(3) Capitol Complex - MLK Blvd	335,441,766	UB
(4) North Austin Complex - New Building and Parking Garage, Phase One	186,446,464	UB
~~(5) G. J. Sutton Building Replacement (San Antonio State Office Building)~~	~~132,000,000~~	~~UB~~
~~(6) Elias Ramirez State Office Building - New Parking Garage~~	~~26,000,000~~	~~UB~~
~~(7) Acquisition and Relocation of Department of Motor Vehicles Headquarters~~	~~57,995,000~~	~~UB~~
Total, Construction of Buildings and Facilities	$983,665,000	$ UB
f. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Secure Workplace Environment	1,013,498	UB
Total, Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items	$ 1,013,498	$ UB
Total, Capital Budget	$1,229,809,514	$ 724,874

Method of Financing (Capital Budget):

General Revenue Fund	$ 269,246,586	$ 625,540

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GR Dedicated - Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund Account No. 570	5,075	5,337
Other Funds		
Appropriated Receipts	46,869	47,234
Interagency Contracts	45,984	46,763
Bond Proceeds - General Obligation Bonds	2,800,000	UB
Bond Proceeds - Revenue Bonds	957,665,000	UB
Subtotal, Other Funds	$ 960,557,853	$ 93,997
Total, Method of Financing	$ 1,229,809,514	$ 724,874

20. Department of Motor Vehicles Headquarters Acquisition and Relocation. ~~In accordance with Government Code Chapters 1232 and 2166, the Texas Public Finance Authority shall issue revenue bonds on behalf of the Texas Facilities Commission in an amount not to exceed $57,995,000 for the purpose of acquisition, the construction of facilities and relocation to new headquarters space for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Included in the amounts appropriated to the Texas Facilities Commission, in Strategy A.2.1, Facilities Design and Construction, is $57,995,000 in Revenue Bond Proceeds in fiscal year 2016 for acquisition and relocation to new headquarters space for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to Government Code, §2166.453.~~

~~Any unexpended balances in the appropriation made herein and remaining as of August 31, 2016, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.~~

22. G.J. Sutton Building Replacement. ~~In accordance with Government Code Chapters 1232 and 2166, the Texas Public Finance Authority shall issue revenue bonds on behalf of the Texas Facilities Commission in an amount not to exceed $132,000,000 for the purpose of managing and constructing a new state office building and associated parking facilities for state use to be located on state-owned property in Bexar County at the site of the existing G.J. Sutton State Office Complex. Included in the amounts appropriated to the Texas Facilities Commission, in Strategy A.2.1, Facilities Design and Construction, is $132,000,000 in Revenue Bond Proceeds in fiscal year 2016 for the construction of facilities at the site of the existing G.J. Sutton State Complex, pursuant to Government Code, §2166.453.~~

~~Any unexpended balances in the appropriations made herein and remaining as of August 31, 2016, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.~~

To keep Texas fiscally strong, we must limit unnecessary state debt and spending. Debt service can burden the state's budget and limit the economic freedom of future generations. All debt and spending to construct new facilities should be approved only after a project has been carefully scrutinized to determine that tax dollars are spent in the most cost-effective manner. Some of the appropriations for debt and capital projects included in the 2016-17 Budget have merit because they will strategically save taxpayer

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dollars by lowering lease costs. Other projects warrant more careful review. I am committed to working with state and local leaders during the interim to review these projects to ensure they are well suited for state facility and local community needs. I therefore object to and disapprove of the appropriations stricken above.

Article II – Health and Human Services

Department of State Health Services

70. Jail-Based Competency Restoration Pilot Program. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.3, Community Mental Health Crisis Services, the Department of State Health Services shall allocate $1,743,000 in ~~each fiscal year of~~ the 2016-17 biennium in General Revenue to be used only for the purpose of conducting a jail-based restoration of competency pilot program established under Article 46B.090 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as a continuation of the pilot program started by the 83rd Legislature.

The Department of State Health Services shall submit interim quarterly progress reports to the Legislative Budget Board, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor no later than 15 business days after the end of each fiscal quarter.

This item was provided an appropriation for the first time during the 2013 Legislative session, but the pilot program was never implemented. Due to legislative action, there are now more beds available across the state for competency restoration than existed at the time the pilot program was authorized. In order to minimize the spending of limited taxpayer dollars, funding is reduced for this item. I therefore object to and disapprove of one year of this appropriation.

Article III – Education

Texas Education Agency

61. Southern Regional Education Board. ~~Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Education Agency shall allocate funds for the purpose of paying membership fees to the Southern Regional Education Board, estimated to be $193,000 per fiscal year.~~

The Southern Regional Education Board supports the national Common Core curriculum effort. The federal government should not determine what is taught in Texas classrooms, and Texas taxpayer dollars should not be used to finance the promotion of Common Core. I therefore object to and disapprove of this appropriation.

The University of Texas at Austin

	2016	2017
C.2.8. Strategy: ~~IDENTITY THEFT AND SECURITY~~	~~$ 2,500,000~~	~~$ 2,500,000~~

9. Appropriation for Identity Theft and Security. ~~Amounts appropriated above include $5,000,000 in General Revenue for the 2016-17 biennium to provide research and education in the areas of identity management, protection, security, and privacy, and to develop solutions to identity problems for businesses, adults, and children at The Center for Identity at The University of Texas at Austin. The Comptroller estimates additional General Revenue of $5,000,000 for the biennium will be available as a result of increased identity security and privacy.~~

I object to and disapprove of this appropriation, which is in addition to other appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin. If The Center for Identity is a priority, the University may use its appropriation for institutional enhancement, leverage public-private partnerships, or allocate other resources for this purpose.

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Texas A&M University

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C.1.1. Strategy: ~~INTERNATIONAL LAW SUMMER COURSE~~	~~$ 137,577~~	~~$ 137,577~~

4. International Law Summer Course. ~~Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University in Strategy C.1.1, International Law Summer Course, $137,577 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and $137,577 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 will be used for the International Summer Course.~~

Texas A&M University did not request funding for this item in its 2016-17 Legislative Appropriations Request. If the International Law Summer Course is a priority, the University may use its appropriation for institutional enhancement, leverage public-private partnerships, or allocate other resources for this purpose. I therefore object to and disapprove of this appropriation.

Tarleton State University

	2016	2017
C.3.2. Strategy: ~~CENTER FOR ANTI-FRAUD~~	~~$ 1,000,000~~	~~$ 1,000,000~~

6. Center for Anti-Fraud, Waste and Abuse. ~~Out of funds appropriated to Tarleton State University in Strategy C.3.2, Center for Anti-Fraud, Waste and Abuse, $1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and $1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 will be used for the Center for Anti-Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.~~

Efforts to prevent fraud, waste and abuse are being funded at numerous state agencies. As a result, this appropriation is duplicative. If the Center for Anti-Fraud, Waste and Abuse is a priority, the University may use its appropriation for institutional enhancement, leverage public-private partnerships, or allocate other resources for this purpose. I therefore object to and disapprove of this appropriation.

Stephen F. Austin State University

	2016	2017
C.3.4. Strategy: ~~WET CENTER~~	~~$ 500,000~~	~~$ 500,000~~

~~Waters of East Texas Center.~~

4. Waters of East Texas Center. ~~Out of funds appropriated to Stephen F. Austin State University in Strategy C.3.4, Waters of East Texas Center, $500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and $500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 will be used for the Waters of East Texas Center.~~

If the WET Center is a priority, the University may use its appropriation for institutional enhancement, leverage public-private partnerships, or allocate other resources for this purpose. I therefore object to and disapprove of this appropriation.

Del Mar College

	2016	2017
O.2.1. Strategy: ~~MARITIME MUSEUM~~	~~$ 100,000~~	~~$ 100,000~~

26. Del Mar College - Maritime Museum. ~~Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy O.2.1, Maritime Museum, $100,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2016 and $100,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2017 shall be used for a maritime museum.~~

Del Mar College did not request funding for this item in its 2016-17 Legislative Appropriations Request. I therefore object to and disapprove of this appropriation.

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Article VI – Natural Resources

Water Development Board

20. Water Conservation Education Grants. ~~Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Water Conservation and Assistance, is $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing grants to water conservation education groups. The Water Development Board shall award the grants through a competitive process, which may require grant applicants to provide private matching funds. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016 in funds appropriated for this purpose are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.~~

A fiscally conservative budget requires eliminating appropriations that, even if well intended, are duplicative or unnecessary. While water conservation is a laudable goal and remains a key component to the state's long-term water plan, this appropriation is duplicative of existing water conservation initiatives. The Texas Water Development Board currently funds programs aimed at teaching the importance of conservation to our youth and providing educational materials to the public. In addition to numerous locally-funded conservation efforts, existing water conservation programs include TWDB Kids, Major Rivers, Raising Your Water IQ, and Water Exploration. I therefore object to and disapprove of this appropriation.

Article VIII - Regulatory

Securities Board

3. Contingency for HB 2493. ~~Amounts appropriated above include $557,352 in fiscal year 2016 and $636,688 in fiscal year 2017 in General Revenue for the purpose of employee merit salary increases contingent upon House Bill 2493, or similar legislation relating to the classification of the agency as a Self-Directed and Semi-Independent agency, not being enacted.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Article IX - General Provisions

Federal Funds

Sec. 13.11. Definition, Appropriation, Reporting and Audit of Earned Federal Funds.

(l) Contingency for HB 8. ~~Contingent on the passage of House Bill 8 or similar legislation by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, which authorizes establishment of a special fund in the treasury to hold money received from the federal government and any earnings on federal money, beginning September 1, 2015, Earned Federal Funds as defined in Subsection (a) and estimated by agency in Subsection (b), Collected Revenue, would be deposited into a special fund in the treasury for federal funds and any earnings on federal money. The amounts appropriated to an agency under Articles I-VIII of this Act as General Revenue that consist of revenues collected from federal receipts, classified as Comptroller revenue object codes 3602, 3702, 3726, 3745, 3750, 3773, 3851, 3965, 3971 and 3972, and listed in Subsection (b), Collected Revenue, are eliminated and replaced by appropriations in the equivalent amount from the special fund in the treasury for federal funds and earned federal funds. The total reduction in the General Revenue Fund is estimated to be $55,793,926 in fiscal year 2016 and $55,694,259 in fiscal year 2017, with an offsetting appropriation increase from the special fund for federal and earned federal funds of an estimated $55,793,926 in fiscal year 2016 and $55,694,259 in fiscal year 2017. The amounts of the appropriation~~

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~~reduction in General Revenue and the corresponding appropriation increase from the special fund for federal and earned funds for each affected agency under Articles I-VIII of this Act are listed in Subsection (b), Collected Revenue. All remaining subsections in Section 13.11 would apply to the EFF amounts previously deposited to the General Revenue Fund, but as of September 1, 2015, deposited to a special fund in the treasury for federal funds and any earnings on federal money.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Contingency and Other Provisions

Sec. 18.15. Contingency for HB 2466. ~~Contingent on enactment of House Bill 2466, or similar legislation relating to the creation of a safety reimbursement program for employers participating in the workers' compensation system, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Department of Insurance is appropriated $100,000 for fiscal year 2016 and $100,000 for fiscal year 2017 from General Revenue-Dedicated Fund 36 to implement the provisions of the legislation.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that I disapproved.

Sec. 18.26. Contingency for SB 424. ~~Contingent on enactment of SB 424, or similar legislation relating to the licensing and regulation of hospitals in this state that increases the amount of administrative penalties assessed or imposed against certain hospitals and authorizes the imposition of a fee, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, the Department of State Health Services is appropriated $622,379 for fiscal year 2016 and $698,896 for fiscal year 2017 from General Revenue- Dedicated Hospital Licensing Account No. 129 to implement the provisions of the legislation. The "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" indicated in the agency's bill pattern is increased by 5.1 for each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium. In addition, the Department of State Health Services is authorized to expend funds from the General Revenue-Dedicated Hospital Perpetual Care Account in order to implement provisions of the legislation pertaining to the storage of medical records and any court-ordered appointment of a trustee to operate a hospital.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Sec. 18.34. Contingency for HB 14. ~~Contingent on enactment of House Bill 14, relating to the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) and expanding the use of New Technology Implementation Grants (NTIG),or similar legislation by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, the allocation of TERP funding indicated herein for the Emissions Reduction Incentive Grant (ERIG) program is reduced by $5,906,242 in fiscal year 2016 and by $5,906,906 in fiscal year 2017, and the allocation for the Light- Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase and Lease Incentive (LDMVPLI) program is increased by $5,906,242 in fiscal year 2016 and by $5,906,906 in fiscal year 2017.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Sec. 18.42. Contingency for HB 1799. ~~Contingent on enactment of HB 1799, or similar legislation relating to the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, the Secretary of State is appropriated in Strategy D.1.1, Indirect Administration, $152,000 for fiscal year 2016 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Sec. 18.47. Contingency for HB 2703. ~~Contingent on enactment of HB2703, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of the Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners and the requirement to obtain a license to practice as a behavior analyst or~~

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~~assistant behavior analyst, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Medical Board is appropriated $98,980 for fiscal year 2016 and $46,360 in fiscal year 2017 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation. In addition, the "Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)" indicated in the agency's bill pattern shall be increased by 1.0 FTE in each fiscal year during the 2016-2017 biennium. This appropriation is also contingent on the Texas Medical Board assessing or increasing fees sufficient to generate, in addition to revenue requirements elsewhere in this Act, during the 2016-2017 biennium, $168,592 in excess of $47,916,000 (Object Code 3560), contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. The Texas Medical Board, upon completion of necessary actions to assess or increase such additional fees, shall furnish copies of the Board's minutes and other information supporting the estimated revenues to be generated for the 2016-2017 biennium under the revised fee structure to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues, a finding of fact to that effect will be issued and the contingent appropriation shall be made available for the intended purposes. For information purposes, the amount of increased revenue identified above reflects amounts sufficient to cover direct appropriations of $145,340 and other direct and indirect costs (estimated to be $23,252 for the 2016- 2017 biennium).~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Sec. 18.51. Contingency for HB 3481. ~~Contingent upon the enactment of HB 3481 or similar legislation waiving fishing license fees for Texas residents age 65 and over, the Parks and Wildlife Department is appropriated $108,311 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and $109,822 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 in Strategy C.3.1, License Issuance, for increased license and stamp transactions.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Sec. 18.52. Contingency for SB 12. ~~Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 12, House Bill 3518, or similar legislation by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, establishing a Government Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant program, and in addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, the Commission on Environmental Quality is appropriated $28,770,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016- 17 biennium out of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Account No. 5071 in the Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, to be used for fleet conversion grants, alternative fueling station grants, and related administrative costs to the agency to the extent authorized by the bill. In addition, the "Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)" positions in the bill pattern of the Commission on Environmental Quality is increased by 3.0 FTEs each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Sec. 18.61. Contingency for SB 309. ~~Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 309, or similar legislation relating to public access to boundary, financial, and tax rate information of certain political subdivisions, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Accounting/Reporting, $448,000 for fiscal year 2016 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

Sec. 18.68. Contingency for HB 1552. ~~Contingent on the enactment of House Bill 1552, or similar legislation relating to oil and gas wells that traverse multiple tracts, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, the Railroad Commission is hereby appropriated $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 to~~

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~~Strategy A.1.1, Energy Resource Development out of the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation, including adoption of rules regarding production allocation. Any unexpended balances remaining in this appropriation on August 31, 2016, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2016. The Commission is authorized to exceed its cap on the "Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)" positions and expend appropriated funds for capital budget purposes to implement the provisions of this legislation, contingent upon prior written approval by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.~~

This veto deletes a contingent rider for a bill that did not pass.

SIGNING MESSAGE

Article VII – Business and Economic Development

Department of Transportation

48. Port Capital Improvements. Out of amounts appropriated to the Department of Transportation by this Act, an amount not to exceed $20,000,000 for the 2016-17 biennium from any available source of revenue or proceeds in Texas Mobility Fund No. 365 shall be allocated to provide funding for port capital improvement projects selected by the Port Authority Advisory Committee and approved by the Texas Transportation Commission.

Signing Message: *While capital improvement projects for Texas ports and the resulting trade opportunities are vital to the state's economic future, using the Texas Mobility Fund for this purpose raises considerable concerns as it may violate the Texas Constitution. The Legislature should make a meaningful commitment to port capital improvement projects, but it should do so in a manner that is consistent with the Constitution.*

I have signed House Bill No. 1 together with this proclamation stating my objections in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution.

Since this Legislature by its adjournment of the Regular Session has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing this bill and these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2015.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

CARLOS CASCOS
Secretary of State

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I certify that the amounts appropriated in the herein H.B. No. 2, Regular Session of the 84th Legislature, are within amounts estimated to be available in the affected fund.

Certified June 2, 2015

Comptroller of Public Accounts

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

House Bill No. 2, from the Eighty-Fourth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, having been duly certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts pursuant to Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution, has been presented to me for review and action. I hereby object to and disapprove the following item from House Bill No. 2, and include a statement of my objections to this item.

SECTION 10. FACILITIES COMMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES. ~~In addition to amounts previously appropriated for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2015, the amount of $500,000 is appropriated out of the general revenue fund to the Facilities Commission for Strategy B.2.1., Facilities Operation, as listed in Chapter 1411 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013 (the General Appropriations Act), for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for engineering and architectural services, the scope of which may include land surveying, building design, closure of property, and environmental analysis.~~

This veto deletes an appropriation for planning costs related to the construction of a facility for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. The appropriation for the construction of the Department of Motor Vehicles facility was vetoed in House Bill No. l, the General Appropriations Act. To keep Texas fiscally strong, we must limit unnecessary state debt and spending. Facility construction should be funded only after a project has been carefully scrutinized to ensure the new construction makes the most fiscally responsible use of taxpayer dollars. I am committed to working with state leaders during the interim to ensure that facility needs are met in the most cost-efficient manner.

I have signed House Bill No. 2 together with this proclamation stating my objections in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution. Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

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