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Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
District Discretionary Funds

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Overview

Amend rider 11, District Discretionary Funds, in the Department of Transportation bill pattern to include provisions regarding the allocation of discretionary funds to border districts to fund improvements designed to facilitate traffic and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at land ports of entry along the Texas-Mexico border.

Required Action

On page VI-21 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, amend the following rider:

 District Discretionary Funds.

- a. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal B, Transportation Improvements, the Department of Transportation shall allocate a minimum of \$2.5 million for each district to the State District Discretionary Category each fiscal year. In addition, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor an annual report no later than November 1st each fiscal year detailing the amount of District Discretionary category funds used by each district for project cost overruns.
- b. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal B, Transportation Improvements, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to the allocations made under subsection a. of this rider, funds to fund improvements designed to facilitate traffic related to motor vehicles, cargo, and rail, and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at land ports of entry located within 50 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. In making allocations under this subsection, the department shall consider factors related to the movement of people and goods through the land border ports of entry within the boundaries of the state, including but not limited to the number of incoming commercial trucks and railcars, the number of incoming personal motor vehicles and buses, the weight of incoming cargo by commercial trucks, and the number of land border ports of entry.