

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Senate 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 does not grow government in an amount greater than the increase in population and inflation while also making targeted investments in areas such as public education, foster care, law enforcement, border security, pension solvency, and broadband access.

However, I hereby object to and veto the following items from Senate Bill No. 1, and include a statement of my objections to each of those items.

Article X – The Legislature

Senate

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: SENATE	\$34,422,614	\$37,291,165

~~3. Unexpended Balances. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Senate are appropriated to the Senate for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

~~Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Senate are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.~~

House of Representatives

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	\$43,098,410	\$48,600,335

~~3. Unexpended Balances. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the House of Representatives are appropriated to the House of Representatives for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

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Legislative Budget Board

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD	\$13,178,999	\$13,178,998

~~2. Unexpended Balance. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Legislative Budget Board are appropriated to the Legislative Budget Board for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.~~

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Legislative Council

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	\$40,205,883	\$43,556,374

2. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Legislative Council are appropriated to the Legislative Council for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Legislative Council are appropriated to the Legislative Council for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.

Commission on Uniform State Laws

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS	\$143,958	\$143,958

2. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Commission on Uniform State Laws are appropriated to the Commission on Uniform State Laws for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Commission on Uniform State Laws are appropriated to the Commission on Uniform State Laws for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.

Sunset Advisory Commission

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION	\$2,268,722	\$2,268,722

1. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Sunset Advisory Commission are appropriated to the Sunset Advisory Commission for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the Sunset Advisory Commission are appropriated to the Sunset Advisory Commission for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.

2. **Appropriation to Sunset Advisory Commission Account.** The money that an entity is required by law to pay to the Sunset Advisory Commission to cover the costs the commission incurs in performing a review of the entity is appropriated to the commission for maintaining the operations of the commission.

State Auditor's Office

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: STATE AUDITOR	\$21,802,403	\$21,802,402

2. **Appropriation of Appropriated Receipts.** All funds reimbursed to the State Auditor's Office (SAO) by governmental entities for the provision of services are appropriated to the SAO during the fiscal year in which they are received and shall be used as provided by Government Code, Chapter 321.

3. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the State Auditor's Office (SAO) from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the SAO for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.

Any unobligated and unexpended balance remaining as of August 31, 2022, from appropriations made to the SAO from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the SAO for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.

Legislative Reference Library

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
A.1.1. Strategy: LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY	\$1,735,750	\$1,735,750

2. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2021, from appropriations made to the Legislative Reference Library from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2021.

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Texans don't run from a legislative fight, and they don't walk away from unfinished business. Funding should not be provided for those who quit their job early, leaving their state with unfinished business and exposing taxpayers to higher costs for an additional legislative session. I therefore object to and disapprove of these appropriations.

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

Since the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment 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 18th day of June, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jose A. Esparza".

JOSE A. ESPARZA
Deputy Secretary of State