

Overview

The rider would direct the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to use funds appropriated to implement the recommendations contained in the State Auditor's *An Audit Report on Financial Processes at the Parks and Wildlife Department* Report No. 07-021.

Required Action

On page VI-42 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's bill pattern, add the following rider:

. Implementation of State Auditor's Recommendations.

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Parks and Wildlife department (department) use funds appropriated above to implement the recommendations contained in the State Auditor's *An Audit Report on Financial Processes at the Parks and Wildlife Department* Report No. 07-021.

(b) Additionally, the department shall use funds appropriated above:

1. To prepare a comprehensive plan and timeline to implement the recommendations set out in Report No. 07-021, and submit the plan and timeline to the Legislature and the Governor no later than August 31, 2007;

2. To submit quarterly and biennial reports to the Legislature and the Governor that indicate the extent to which each recommendation contained in the aforementioned plan and timeline has been implemented, information about significant costs, and any factors that may impede full implementation. Quarterly reports must be submitted 30 days after each quarter ends; the biennial report must be submitted by November 30, 2008;

3. To annually report to the State Auditor's Office on the status of the implementation of the recommendations, pursuant to Section 321.014(f) of the Texas Government Code;

4. To submit monthly reports to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor that identify all facility repair and constructions projects for which actual costs have varied from original cost estimates by 10 percent or more at any point during a project's lifespan; and any related changes in cost estimate; and

5. To notify the Governor's Office and Legislative

Budget Board at least six months before closing or transferring any state park.