

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) Increase the Article III appropriations from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Strategy D.1.1, Wildlife Management (page III-223), by the amount of \$250,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2022, and by the amount of \$250,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2023. Adjust totals and methods of financing accordingly.

(2) In Article III of the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (page III-225), strike Rider 7 and substitute the following appropriately numbered rider:

_____. Experimental Use Program for Feral Hog Abatement. (a) Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.1.1, Wildlife Management, include \$250,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to be used by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to implement an experimental use program for the purpose of advising the Department of Agriculture under Section 76.007, Agriculture Code, regarding pesticide products containing warfarin that are registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for use to control feral hogs. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall cooperate with the Department of Agriculture in implementing the experimental use program.

(b) The experimental use program must obtain from pesticide applicators licensed by the Department of Agriculture information necessary to validate the efficacy of any pesticide product containing warfarin registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for use to control feral hogs. The program must determine the product's efficacy in multiple regions of this state and its ability to assist landholders in this state in their efforts to mitigate the economic harm and damage caused by feral hogs.

(c) Not later than August 31, 2023, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall submit a report to the legislature and the Department of Agriculture regarding the results of the experimental use for each pesticide product evaluated under the program.

(3) Reduce the Article VI appropriations from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Agriculture for Strategy B.2.1, Regulate Pesticide Use (page VI-2), by the amount of \$250,000 for

the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2022, and by the amount of \$250,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2023. Adjust totals and methods of financing accordingly.

(4) In Article VI of the bill, following the appropriations to the Department of Agriculture (page VI-10), strike Rider 21 and substitute the following appropriately numbered rider:

_____. Appropriation Restriction on Feral Hog Abatement Using Certain Pesticides. (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (c) of this rider, no funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture in this Act may be used for the implementation of warfarin on feral hogs.

(b) The Department of Agriculture may use amounts appropriated by this Act to register a pesticide product containing warfarin for use in this state to control feral hogs only if:

(1) that registration is limited to use by pesticide applicators licensed by the department who are participating in an experimental use program conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to evaluate the product's efficacy in this state; and

(2) the product is registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for use to control feral hogs.

(c) If the department determines, based on available data including the preliminary or final results of the experimental use program described by Subsection (b)(1) of this rider, that the use of a pesticide product containing warfarin is safe and effective in assisting landholders in this state in their efforts to mitigate the economic harm and damage caused by feral hogs, then the limitations under Subsections (a) and (b) of this rider do not apply after the earlier of:

(1) the second anniversary of the date a pesticide product is registered by the department for the limited use described by Subsection (b)(1) of this rider; or

(2) the date the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service delivers a report advising the department regarding the registration of a pesticide product evaluated under the experimental use program.

(5) In Article VI of the bill, in Rider 25 following the

appropriations to the Department of Agriculture (page VI-10), reduce the amount to be transferred to the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation by \$250,000 each fiscal year.