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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) Increase the Article III appropriations from the
3 general revenue fund to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
4 for Strategy D.1.1, Wildlife Management (page III-223), by the
5 amount of \$250,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2022,
6 and by the amount of \$250,000 for the state fiscal year ending
7 August 31, 2023. Adjust totals and methods of financing
8 accordingly.

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

12 _____. Experimental Use Program for Feral Hog Abatement. (a)
13 Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in
14 Strategy D.1.1, Wildlife Management, include \$250,000 in each
15 fiscal year of the biennium to be used by the Texas A&M AgriLife
16 Extension Service to implement an experimental use program for the
17 purpose of advising the Department of Agriculture under Section
18 76.007, Agriculture Code, regarding pesticide products containing
19 warfarin that are registered by the United States Environmental
20 Protection Agency for use to control feral hogs. The Texas A&M
21 AgriLife Extension Service shall cooperate with the Department of
22 Agriculture in implementing the experimental use program.

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

1 to mitigate the economic harm and damage caused by feral hogs.

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

6 (3) Reduce the Article VI appropriations from the general
7 revenue fund to the Department of Agriculture for Strategy B.2.1,
8 Regulate Pesticide Use (page VI-2), by the amount of \$250,000 for
9 the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2022, and by the amount of
10 \$250,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2023. Adjust
11 totals and methods of financing accordingly.

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

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

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

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

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

30 (c) If the department determines, based on available data
31 including the preliminary or final results of the experimental use

1 program described by Subsection (b)(1) of this rider, that the use
2 of a pesticide product containing warfarin is safe and effective in
3 assisting landholders in this state in their efforts to mitigate
4 the economic harm and damage caused by feral hogs, then the
5 limitations under Subsections (a) and (b) of this rider do not apply
6 after the earlier of:

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

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

14 (5) In Article VI of the bill, in Rider 25 following the
15 appropriations to the Department of Agriculture (page VI-10),
16 reduce the amount to be transferred to the Boll Weevil Eradication
17 Foundation by \$250,000 each fiscal year.