

Amend **CSHB 1** (house committee report) in Article III-____ of the bill, following the appropriations to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor (page I-64), by adding the following appropriately numbered rider:

____. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.4, McDonald Observatory, \$15,000,000 in general revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$15,000,000 in general revenue in fiscal year 2025 is to be used to enhance visitor experiences and engagements with the McDonald Observatory at The University of Texas at Austin. Using appropriated funds, the observatory shall install new exhibits and renovate existing exhibits, modernize self-guided tours with the integration of technology, renovate and upgrade the theater, leverage technology to create first-class virtual experiences, design in-person and virtual engagements for all ages with special consideration given to students and educators, and update the visitor facility to improve and enhance visitor experience. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.