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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Shofner

1 Amend C.S.S.B. 1 (house committee report) as follows:

2 (1) In Article II of the bill, in the appropriations to the
3 Health and Human Services Commission (page II-33), reduce
4 proportionally from the general revenue appropriation for each
5 strategy by a total of \$8,500,000 for the state fiscal year ending
6 August 31, 2026.

7 (2) In Article VII of the bill, in the appropriations to the
8 Department of Transportation, increase the general revenue
9 appropriations to Strategy D.1.3, Rail Construction (page VII-19),
10 by \$8,500,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2026.

11 (3) In Article VII of the bill, following the appropriations
12 to the Department of Transportation (page VII-20), add the
13 following appropriately numbered rider:

14 _____. Contingency Appropriation: Henderson Overton Branch
15 Rail Line Rehabilitation and Train Improvement. (a) Contingent on
16 the enactment and becoming law of H.B. 4662 or similar legislation
17 of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to
18 financial assistance for rail facilities, out of funds appropriated
19 above to Strategy D.1.3, Rail Construction, the Department of
20 Transportation shall allocate \$8,500,000 for the state fiscal year
21 ending August 31, 2026, for the purpose of funding rail
22 rehabilitation and train improvement projects by the Rusk County
23 Rural Rail District for the Henderson Overton Branch Rail Line.

24 (b) The legislature finds that shortline railroads
25 operating in this state develop and expand transportation and
26 commerce within the state in accordance with Section 52-a, Article
27 III, Texas Constitution.

28 (4) In Article XI of the bill, under the Article VII items
29 for Department of Transportation (page XI-23) strike "Henderson

1 Overton Branch Rail Line Rehabilitation and Train Improvement" and
2 the associated amount for the biennium.
3 (5) Adjust totals and methods of financing accordingly.