

Amend CSSB 1, as introduced, as follows:

(1) In ARTICLE 12 of the bill, insert a new RIDER, appropriately numbered, to read as follows:

RIDER \_\_\_\_\_. Out of the funds appropriated to the Office of Rural Community Affairs in this Article and to the extent allowed by federal law and regulations, the office shall:

(a) give priority to projects and expenditures that maximize the impact of recovery funds on the following performance measures:

(i) the office's Performance Measure Targets as listed in Article VII; and

(ii) the following ARRA-related goals:

(1) creating new jobs in the state of Texas;

(2) creating new jobs in small- and medium-sized businesses;

(3) creating economic benefit for small- and medium-sized businesses;

(4) creating new jobs in women- and minority-owned businesses;

(5) creating economic benefit for women- and minority-owned businesses;

(6) creating new jobs in distressed areas;

(7) creating economic benefit in distressed areas;

(8) creating new jobs at or above the median hourly wage in Texas;

(9) increasing the number of jobs providing access to employer-sponsored health insurance; and

(iii) the following energy-related goals:

(1) creating increased access to renewable energy for Texas electric utility customers;

(2) reducing Texas's carbon emissions;

(3) decreasing per capita electric usage in Texas; and

(b) submit quarterly reports, in a form determined by the Legislative Budget Board, on the office's progress toward meeting

these performance measures. Reports shall be submitted no later than the following dates each year: December 31, March 31, June 30, and September 30. The reports shall be submitted to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, State Auditor's Office, and Comptroller of Public Accounts.

(2) Renumber subsequent RIDERS of ARTICLE 12 of the bill appropriately.