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Agency: DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY DPS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Re: Texas Department of Public Safety Agency (TxDPS) administering the general revenue dedicated 0501 fund account. The DPS combined the (GR) DPS Motorcycle Unit Strategy with the (dedicated) Motorcycle Safety Fund into a single strategy: F.1.2. Strategy. Gov. Abbott vetoed the FY'19 funding for the dedicated 0501 Fund Account, stating: "This appropriation exceeds the amount originally requested by the DPS to fund this new strategy...". When asked about these vetoed funds the DPS denied requesting funds in this manner, however, the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) confirmed (by FOIA) that it was the DPS who had requested funds from both accounts to fund one strategy, and for an amount greater than previously discussed. This lack of transparency for administering the 0501 fund account warrants moving the responsibility of the 0501 fund to another state agency.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The responsibility of administering the dedicated 0501 fund account (for motorcycle safety and education) should be transferred to another state agency. The dedicated 0501 fund account (with a balance of \$16,273,322.47 as of August 31, 2016) is to be used ONLY for 1) administering the motorcycle operator training and safety program; and, 2) conducting the motorcycle safety and "Share the Road" program (Sec. 662.011 Trans. Code). The Governor should not veto funding requests from this account! My recommendation would be to move the 0501 fund account responsibility away from the DPS to another agency-- such as the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), or another agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree