The Texas Emissions Reduction Plan, Account No. 5071: Some Budget Numbers & A Reasonable Ask

TERP is an account in the General Revenue Fund that consists of money deposited to the credit of the fund under § 386.056, Health and Safety Code, §§ 151.0515 and 152.0215, Tax Code and §§ 501.138, 502.1675 and 548.5055, Transportation Code. *Without action by the Legislature, these fees will not continue to fund TERP after 2019.*

TERP may be used only to implement and administer emission reduction programs as provided in § 386.252 Health and Safety Code including:

- clean school bus and clean fleet programs
- diesel emissions reduction programs
- light-duty motor vehicle and on-road diesel incentive programs
- seaport and rail yard programs
- new technology implementation grant program
- regional air monitoring program
- certain natural gas and alternative fuel programs
- governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet program
- administrative and research costs
- other programs that lead to reduced emissions

The collective ask of many local governments, business organizations and environmental organizations: Allocate between $400 and $500 million over the biennium through a combination of:

- extending fees at some level;
- allocating revenue from extended fees; and
- appropriate funds from the TERP Account to be used for the promised purpose – clean the air for Texans and benefit Texas businesses!
### How Much Money is Available for TERP?

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**Source:** Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, REPORT ON USE OF GENERAL REVENUE DEDICATED ACCOUNTS — 85th LEGISLATURE, 2017. All numbers for fee extension are estimates.

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