



House Committee Substitute Senate Bill 1

The Conservative Texas Budget (CTB) limits the Legislature’s appropriations for the 2018-19 biennium to keep the growth of government to less than population growth plus inflation:



An initial look at the House CSSB 1, up for debate in the House on Thursday, indicates that it would come under the CTB limits:

Type of Funds	2018-19 CTB Limits	2018-19 CSSB 1	Amt. Below CTB
State Funds	\$147.5 B	\$145.9 B	\$1.6 B
All Funds	\$218.5 B	\$218.1 B	\$350 M

However, CSSB 1 uses an accounting measure to delay the appropriation of \$1.9 billion in general revenue for public schools until the 2020-21 biennium. If this is accounted for, CSSB 1 would exceed the CTB limits:

Type of Funds	2018-19 CTB Limits	2018-19 CSSB 1	Amt. Above CTB
State Funds	\$147.5 B	\$147.8 B	\$300 M
All Funds	\$218.5 B	\$220.1 B	\$1.6 B

Both the Senate and the House have employed various measures to work around various limits on spending. When the SB 1 conference committee report is finally adopted by the Legislature in May, the Foundation will include any alternative accounting measures like the one above into its scoring of the 2018-19 budget against the Conservative Texas Budget.