The annual Texas state budget is a little over $216 billion!

How a budget is passed

In between legislative sessions, the governor and the Legislative Budget Board manage the state budget, including collecting and consolidating the proposed budget for review by the legislature. This turns into HB1.

Presiding officers of the House and Senate each appoint five members from their respective chambers to serve on a joint committee to address the differences in spending.

The budget passed by the House and Senate is sent to the Comptroller and Governor for review and approval. The budget goes into effect with the Comptroller’s certification.

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① Total In-State Tax Collections
The largest of these sources is the state sales tax, followed by other specific sources like the corporate tax known as the franchise tax. In 2019, oil and natural gas accounted for 9.3% of in-state tax collections.

② Federal Income
To administer federal programs such as Medicaid or food stamps.

③ State Health Service Fees

④ Licenses, Fines, Fees

⑤ Other
Includes interest, land income, escheated estates, claim settlements.

TOTAL: $216,450,355,863

* The Judiciary, Natural Resources, Regulatory, General Provisions, The Legislature

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