

Education and Workforce Development

K-12

A good education provides young Texans with the skills and knowledge to be successful in the workforce. Support for the Texas education system is needed to meet our regions and the state's current and future workforce needs, and to help attract new workers to the area.

Recommendation:

- Support funding for public education to meet Texas' growing business needs, student achievement, and teacher retention.

Community College

Local community colleges are an important driving force for growing the region's workforce by collaborating and supporting area businesses and communities. Our community colleges provide the education and training students need and work to retain skilled workers in our region.

Recommendation:

- Community colleges request \$40 million in supplemental appropriations to support the successful outcomes-based funding model.
- Support transfer outcome data to include private institutions.
- Support fully funding the outcomes-based performance model for the next biennium.

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University

Texas A&M University at Galveston, The University of Texas Medical Branch, and the University of Houston-Clear Lake continue to be pillars of the State's institutions of higher education in the region by providing diverse and unique sets of capabilities ranging from hosting the only professional maritime academy on the Gulf Coast, to world class medical research and support for the multiple regional business sectors.

Recommendation:

- Support the unique needs of each university.
- Texas A&M University seeks \$8 million for each of the next two years to support its mission of preparing additional professional mariners to serve the U.S. in commercial and military vessels.
- University of Houston – Clear Lake seeks the reinstatement of the Institutional Enhancement Funding to meet the growing needs for engineers and related professions.
- The University of Texas Medical Branch requests support for formula funding for the Health-Related Institutions (HRIs).

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