

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Investing in Community Colleges



HCC Legislative Recommendation

Maintain the 2020-2021 biennium state formula funding that includes:

- ▶ Core Operations: \$100 million - \$2 million per district - an increase of \$640 thousand per district
- ▶ Student Success Funding: \$282.8 million – an increase to \$215 per point from \$203.52
- ▶ Contact Hour Formula: \$1,447.2 billion
- ▶ The overall formula funding request is \$1,833.2 billion for the 2022-2023 biennium

Objective

To promote student success and program completion in alignment with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (i.e., by 2030, at least 60 percent of Texans ages 25-34 will have a certificate or degree).



Transfer & Credit Applicability

HCC Legislative Recommendation

Advance legislation to improve the transferability and applicability of course credit from community colleges to universities and secure policy recommendations in collaboration with universities and other higher education partners.

- ▶ Empower the development of regional councils to oversee efforts to provide seamless transfer agreements with four-year institutions
- ▶ Encourage more innovative partnerships between community colleges and four-year institutions to improve transferability

Objective

To increase the completion pipeline and positively contribute to the Texas workforce.





Workforce & Economic Development



HCC Legislative Recommendation

Sustain talent pipelines and short-term credentials that fill critical workforce needs; enable displaced and under-employed workers to lead fulfilling and economically self-sufficient lives by getting them work-ready to provide support to Texas businesses.

- ▶ Design new funding models that will provide statewide support for high demand and short-term credentialing
- ▶ Expand employer-informed micro and short-term credentials
- ▶ Build regionally-led talent pipelines to support thriving industries throughout the State
- ▶ Protect and enhance funding for Small Business Development Centers through the Texas Workforce Commission
- ▶ Improve statewide access to technology through strategic partnerships with the telecommunications industry

Objective

To make higher education more affordable, accessible, and help meet existing and future workforce demands.



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