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TO: Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB746 by Brown, Fred (Relating to making underused classrooms of public institutions of higher education available for use by other public colleges and universities.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under provisions of the bill, an institution would be required to make classrooms not scheduled for use by the institution, student organizations or faculty, available to other institutions from 6pm to 10pm during the week to teach courses in the core curriculum. The institutions could not charge the other institution for the use of their classroom. It is assumed that any savings associated with the bill would be offset by operational costs (such things as utilities) and formula increases generated by the increase in weighted semester credit hours.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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