

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

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TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1113 by Zaffirini (relating to matching private grants given to enhance an additional research activity at institutions of higher education.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would clarify that private gifts for undergraduate research received by an emerging research institution is eligible to receive a state match under the Texas Research Incentive Program. The bill would also clarify that private gifts for financial aid received by an emerging research institution are not eligible to receive a state match under the Texas Research Incentive Program. Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, undergraduate research gifts are currently allowed to be matched under the program and gifts for financial aid are not allowed to be matched, therefore the bill would not have a fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 783 University of Houston System Administration, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 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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