

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee printing) in Article XI of the bill by adding the following appropriately numbered rider under the appropriations to Texas A&M University - Kingsville (page XI-6) and renumbering subsequent riders accordingly:

_____. Rural Access to Higher Education. The amount of \$2.5 million is appropriated from the general revenue fund to Texas A&M University--Kingsville for each year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2019, for the purpose of expanding access to public higher education in rural communities in South Texas, including in Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, and Willacy Counties. The university shall collaborate with school districts and rural communities in South Texas to support dual credit programs and to meet the educational needs of those communities, including by developing new educational programs, hiring faculty or staff, or providing classroom or office space, necessary computer or other technological infrastructure and support, or library resources.