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TO: Honorable Chris Turner, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

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IN RE: **HB2000** by Turner, Chris (relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at certain public institutions of higher education.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2000, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$660,100,240) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2020	(\$329,283,999)
2021	(\$330,816,241)
2022	(\$330,733,816)
2023	(\$330,639,041)
2024	(\$330,541,591)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND
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2020	(\$329,283,999)
2021	(\$330,816,241)
2022	(\$330,733,816)
2023	(\$330,639,041)
2024	(\$330,541,591)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would authorize the issuance of \$3.8 billion in tuition revenue bonds for institutions of

higher education to finance construction and improvement of infrastructure and related facilities. The bill includes authorization of \$767.5 million for the Texas A&M System, \$1,344.8 million for the University of Texas System, \$351.0 million for the University of Houston System, \$369.6 million for the Texas State University System, \$321.5 million for the University of North Texas System, \$322.6 million for the Texas Tech University System, \$100.0 million for Texas Woman's University, \$10.0 million for Midwestern State University, \$48.0 million for Stephen F. Austin University, \$50.0 million for Texas Southern University and \$134.6 million for the Texas State Technical System.

The bonds would not be general obligations of the State. However, the issued bonds would have fiscal implications for the State. Historically the Legislature has appropriated General Revenue to reimburse institutions for the tuition used to pay the debt service. For purposes of this fiscal note it is assumed that the bonds would be issued on September 1, 2019.

Methodology

Bonds for components of the Texas A&M University System are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019, at a 6 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by the Texas A&M University System, the amount of debt service payments would be \$66.9 million beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Bonds for components of the University of Texas System are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019, at a 6 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by The University of Texas System, the amount of debt service payments would be \$117.2 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Bonds for components of the University of Houston System are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019 at a 6 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by the University of Houston System, the amount of debt service payments would be \$30.6 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Bonds for components of the Texas State University System are assumed to be issued September 1, 2019, at a 6 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by the Texas State University System, the amount of debt service payments would be \$32.2 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Bonds for components of the University of North Texas System are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019, at a 6 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by the University of North Texas System, the amount of debt service payments would be \$27.7 million beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Bonds for Texas Woman's University are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019, at a 6 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by Texas Woman's University, the amount of debt service payments would be \$8.7 million beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Bonds for Midwestern State University are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019, at a 6 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by the Texas Public Finance Authority, the amount of debt service payments would be \$0.5 million for fiscal year 2020 in the form of an interest only payment, and \$0.9 million beginning in fiscal year 2021 for principal and interest.

The bonds for Stephen F. Austin State University are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019, at a 6 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by Stephen F. Austin, the amount of debt service payments would be \$4.2 million beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Bonds for Texas Southern University are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019, at a 7 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by the Texas Public Finance Authority, the amount of debt service payments would be \$2.3 million for fiscal year 2020 in the form of an interest only payment, and \$3.4 million beginning in fiscal year 2021 for principal and interest.

The bonds for the Texas Tech University System are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019, at a 6 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by the Texas Tech University System, the amount of debt service payments would be \$28.1 million beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Bonds for Texas State Technical College System are assumed to be issued on September 1, 2019, at a 5 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by the Texas State Technical College System, the amount of debt service payments would be \$10.8 million beginning in fiscal year 2020.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 347 Public Finance Authority, 352 Bond Review Board, 731 Texas Woman's University, 735 Midwestern State University, 755 Stephen F. Austin State University, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 717 Texas Southern University, 719 Texas State Technical College System Administration, 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, 783 University of Houston System Administration, 739 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

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