

The House Committee on Higher Education

87th Legislature

August 10, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on July 25, 2022, the House Committee on Higher Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Murphy, at 10:04 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Murphy; Frullo; Lujan; Ortega; Turner, Chris; and Turner, John.

A quorum was present.

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The committee considered Charge #3.

Examine factors that have contributed to the rising costs of higher education, including the effect of statutory tuition and fee waivers and exemptions, the cost of compliance with state and federal mandates, and the increase in the number of non-faculty staff. Make recommendations for controlling these costs and ensuring a sound fiscal approach to managing college affordability for the future.

(Representative Raney now present.)

(Representative Parker now present.)

(Representative Cortez now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee considered Charge #1.

Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- SB 1102, relating to the establishment of the Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Program to support workforce education; and
- SB 1295, relating to financial support and incentives for comprehensive regional universities

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee considered Charge #5.

Review the impact of investments of endowment and other trust funds, including the Permanent University Fund, by university systems and institutions of higher education in businesses and funds owned or controlled by the Russian government or Russian nationals, and determine the need for investment restrictions. Consider the impact of any proposed investment restrictions on fund performance.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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At 3:13 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Murphy, Chair

Brittney Baldovinos, Clerk