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Strengthening Community College Funding and Workforce Readiness

AUSTIN – Today the House Committee on Higher Education heard testimony on the committee substitute to House Bill 2110 (HB 2110), relating to higher education. The bill refines provisions set forth in the historic House Bill 8 from the 88th Legislative Session which overhauled the state’s financing of community colleges. Texas Business Leadership Council Vice President of Policy Kelle Kieschnick issued the following statement in support of the legislation:

“We applaud the steps that HB 2110 and its companion bill, Senate Bill 1786, take to strengthen community college outcomes funding by including transfers to private 4-year institutions in Texas and refining the credential of value methodology to ensure colleges are focused on programs leading to good-paying jobs. Enhanced workforce data collection and regional workforce assessments will help colleges to better align with local labor market demands and empower parents and students to make better informed decisions about future education and career opportunities.”

Kieschnick went on to say, “We commend Representative VanDeaver and Senator Creighton for their leadership on increasing postsecondary attainment and the 89th Legislature’s focus on expanding access to career training opportunities in alignment with Governor Abbott’s emergency item. It is critical that we continue the momentum of HB 8 (88R) with the steps that HB 2110 and SB 1786 take to address workforce needs by strengthening community college outcomes for a more globally competitive Texas.”

Authored by Representative Gary VanDeaver (R-New Boston) and Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) respectively, HB 2110 and SB 1786 are critical to expanding transfer outcomes for Texas students and families, strengthening workforce data collection and regional labor market insights, and refining the credentials of value framework. Kieschnick [testified](#) in favor of HB 2110 and will provide similar support for SB 1786 when it is considered in the Senate Education K-16 Committee.

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