

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Higher Education
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, August 22, 2018
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Kel Seliger

The Senate Higher Education Committee will meet to take up the following charges:

- **Mandate Reduction:** Examine all current state and federal regulations on public higher education institutions and consider whether reductions of regulations could reduce fees, produce efficiencies and greater student academic performance. Make recommendations to reduce certain regulations for increased flexibility to provide better student outcomes.
- **Monitoring:** Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Higher Education Committee and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance and/or complete implementation. Specifically, receive updates on construction of facilities as a result of tuition revenue bonds authorized during the 84th Legislative Session, as well as the development and implementation of the Texas OnCourse program, authorized during the 84th Legislative Session and monitor the following:
 - (1) SB 2118 (85th) relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
 - (2) HB 2205 (84th) relating to the State Board for Educator Certification, educator preparation programs, educator certification, issuance of certain teaching permits, and certain procedures for investigating educator misconduct.
 - (3) SB 887 (85th) relating to a requirement that certain participating institutions under the student loan program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board provide loan debt information to certain students.
 - (4) SB 802 (85th) relating to a study and report regarding best practices in the transfer of course credit between public institutions of higher education.

(5) SB 810 (85th) relating to open educational resources.

(6) HB 2223 (85th) relating to developmental coursework offered by public institutions of higher education under the Texas Success Initiative.

Public testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide twenty (20) copies with your name on each to the committee clerk.
