

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM IV-B

Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to approval of the Enrollment Forecast

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

Every two years since 1978, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) updates its enrollment forecast for Texas public colleges and universities. The forecast applies past enrollments by geographic location (county), age, and ethnicity to population projections from the Texas Demographic Center. The results show the enrollments that institutions would attract if their attendance patterns remain the same.

The THECB's Enrollment Forecast process uses multiple enrollment projection calculations. For each institution, the calculation that produces the projection closest to the 2018 actual/preliminary enrollment is selected. For some institutions, the THECB makes adjustments to the forecast. For example, if an institution indicates that a new campus is opening, enrollments may be increased for that institution.

The institutions were sent preliminary forecasts in early December with comments due on December 21, 2018. Institutional comments were evaluated and adjustments made before the forecast was finalized.

Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, will provide a presentation during the Major Policy Discussion at this meeting and be available to answer questions prior to the Board's consideration of adopting the Enrollment Forecast.