

SUBJECT: Allowing the SHSU-COM to be eligible for formula funding

COMMITTEE: Appropriations — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 25 ayes — Bonnen, M. González, Allison, C. Bell, Bryant, DeAyala, Gates, Gervin-Hawkins, Howard, Isaac, Jetton, Martinez, Martinez Fischer, Morrison, Orr, Ortega, Rose, Spiller, Stucky, Tepper, E. Thompson, Toth, VanDeaver, Walle, Wu

0 nays

2 absent — Jarvis Johnson, Thimesch

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, (April 5, 2023) — 31-0

WITNESSES: None (heard in formal meeting on April 20, 2023)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that making the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine eligible for formula funding could help to address disparities in attendance costs between the university and other Texas medical schools.

DIGEST: HB 1563 would repeal a provision specifying that the Sam Houston State University is not entitled to receive any formula funding for its College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.

NOTES: According to the Legislative Budget Board, SB 1563 would have a negative impact of about \$28.4 million on general revenue related funds for fiscal 2024-25.