



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

**TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
EIGHTY-FOURTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:**

Top research universities not only drive innovation, but also foster economic development, thereby creating job opportunities for hardworking Texans. I support legislation to provide funding for Texas' higher education institutions for the strategic purpose of enhancing research programs and attracting nationally-recognized researchers and Nobel Laureates to Texas universities.

THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, pursuant to Article III, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and by this special message, do hereby submit the following emergency matter for immediate consideration to the Senate and House of Representatives of the 84th Legislature, now convened:

Legislation relating to funding higher education.

Respectfully submitted,


GREG ABBOTT
Governor

Austin, Texas
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