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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE REGARDING HB 3828

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The Texas Federation of Teachers, representing more than 57,000 active and retired public and higher education employees, opposes HB 3828.

HB 3828 would create a program delivering incentive funding to institutions of higher education that bears far too much resemblance to the public school accountability system that is widely recognized to have gone off track – enough so that legislation filed this session to force a sunset of that system has drawn widespread support.

Given the problems this approach has created in K-12, any move toward standardized accountability in higher education must be part of a thorough, thoughtful, and scientific process that includes and considers the views of all stakeholders. Resulting proposals should be vetted in extensive legislative and other public hearings throughout the state. It is only through such a deliberate process that we can hope to accomplish the goals of accountability and avoid serious negative consequences.