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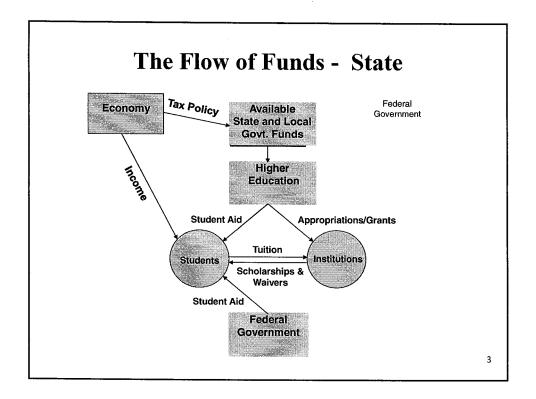
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# Finance Policy is the Strongest Lever for Change

Must Use Both Appropriations to Institutions and State Student Financial Aid



# **Recommendations for Short Term Actions**

## **Institutional Funding**

- Continue to Reward Four-year Institutions for Improved Performance (i.e. Producing More Graduates)
- For Example, Institutionalize and Increase Current Incentive Funding Program

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## **Institutional Funding (Continued)**

- For Community Colleges, Allocate a Portion of Formula Funding on Basis of Results Achieved:
  - Increase in Program Completion
  - Completion of Intermediate Milestones, Known As Momentum Points, Proven to Lead To Ultimate Completion (e.g., Successful Completion of Developmental Education, a College-level Math Course, 15 And 30 Hours, Degree or Certificate, and Transfer to a Four-year Institution)

#### Student Financial Aid

- Continue to Focus TEXAS Grant Program on Rewarding Needy Students Who Complete a Rigorous High School Curriculum
- Add a Results-Oriented Feature to Texas Grant Program, such as the THECB's Priority Model, which Increases Likelihood of Degree Completion

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### **Developmental Education**

- Reform Developmental Education to Improve the Chances for Student Success and Reduce Costs for Students and the State
- Continue to Support Expansion of Course Redesign and Delivery Models

## **College Going Culture**

- Increase Participation and Success
- Commend the Efforts of the Coordinating Board and the Generation Texas Campaign

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## **Recommended Longer-Term Actions**

Prior to 2013 Legislative Session

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#### **Prior to 2013 Session**

- Direct the THECB to Complete An In-depth Review of the State's Higher Education Finance Mechanisms and Recommend Comprehensive Changes to the State's Financing Model to:
  - -Align Finance Policy with State Goals
  - -Providing Incentives for Improved Productivity And Efficiency

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#### **Prior to 2013 Session**

- Direct the THECB to Develop a Strategic Investment Plan for Meeting Student Demand:
  - Increasing Productivity of Existing Institutions
  - Making Greater Use of Community Colleges as Producers of Degrees and Certificates
  - Reducing Costs and Increasing Success in Lower Division Course Completion
  - Adding Capacity to Existing Institutions
  - Creating New Types Of Institutions Such As Online Institutions Designed To Deliver Only Online Programs or No-Frills Institution

## **Final Thoughts**

- The GBC Fully Recognizes the Challenges Facing the Legislature in Difficult Fiscal Conditions
- Support the Continuation of Reforms already Underway that Incentivize the System