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SENATOR CREIGHTON ON PASSAGE OF STATE BUDGET

Senate Bill 1

Austin – Today, Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) made the following statement after the passage of the state budget, Senate Bill 1:

"Today, I voted in support of a conservative budget that will serve the state well and is an example to other states on how to spend well within means," said Senator Creighton. "The Conservative Budget Coalition, including Texas Public Policy Foundation, Liberty Action Texas, Americans for Prosperity-Texas, Americans for Tax Reform, NFIB-Texas and Citizens Against Government Waste, supported the final version of the budget. I appreciate all of the hard work that went into this bill to ensure Texas will remain the most successful state in the country."

Senate Bill 1 establishes a \$107.8 billion dollar fiscal year budget.

SB 1 passed with a vote of 30-1. Highlights of the proposed state budget include:

- In all funds, the budget appropriates an increase of .16% from the previous fiscal year
- Adds \$2.65 billion for new enrollment in education;
- Maintains the \$800 million for border security approved last session;
- Adds \$500 million for Child Protective Services;
- Dedicates \$5 billion for transportation;
- Includes \$40 million to support infrastructure projects at Texas ports;
- Includes \$350 million to address the Teachers Retirement System shortfall;
- Provides \$47 million for Veterans education;

This budget allocates \$990 million from the Rainy Day Fund for one-time expenses, which the Senate negotiated down from the \$2.5 billion the House proposed. The bill will be sent to the Governor for consideration.

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Senator Brandon Creighton represents Senate District 4, which encompasses Chambers, Jefferson and parts of Montgomery, Harris and Galveston Counties.