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## Senator Creighton Appointed Chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher Education for the 86th Legislative Session

Senator Creighton receives the first chairmanship of a standing Senate committee of his Senate career

**AUSTIN, TX** -- Today, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick released Senate committee appointments for the 86th Legislative session. Senator Creighton (R-Conroe) was one of the selected Senators to serve in a leadership position. Senator Creighton will serve on the following committees:

- Senate Committee on Higher Education, Chair
- Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs, Vice Chair
- Senate Committee on Business & Commerce
- Senate Committee on State Affairs
- Senate Committee on Property Tax

"I look forward to serving in a big role this session. I appreciate Lt. Governor Patrick for entrusting me with the duty of leading the Senate Committee on Higher Education as well as appointing me to these other powerful committees," said Senator Creighton. "Issues regarding higher education are important in today's booming Texas economy. It is imperative that our institutions of higher education are producing the best and greatest minds in the world to match the growing job market demand."

Although Senator Creighton has served as a chairman of Senate committees and other leadership positions in the past, this is the first time he will chair a permanent, standing committee that exists during a legislative session. The Senate Committee on Higher Education handles all issues related to post-secondary education. Senator Creighton will also serve as the vice-chairman of the Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs.

"I am also looking forward to vice-chairing the Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs," said Senator Creighton. "In the wake of Hurricane Harvey and other major flooding events, this is a great opportunity to bring meaningful reforms to flood control and mitigation for the hardest hit communities in my district and across the state."

In the 85th Legislative Session, Senator Creighton served on the Senate Committees on: Business and Commerce (vice chair); State Affairs, Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; Transportation; and Criminal Justice.

"Today's appointments are a victory for the citizens of southeast Texas," said Senator Creighton. "I am excited now to get to work and continue being a strong advocate for Senate District 4."

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SENATOR BRANDON CREIGHTON represents District 4, which encompasses parts of Montgomery, Harris, Chambers, Jefferson and Galveston Counties.