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## 86th Texas Legislative Funding (2020-2021) Priorities

1. **Enhanced Health Related Institutions' (HRI) Formula Funding:**  
Based on full-time student equivalents, support for physical plant and utilities per square feet, weighted (academic) programs, medical and clinical research, and Graduate Medical Education (GME) per medical resident in accredited programs.
2. **Enhanced Non-Formula Funding:**  
Direct appropriations to institutions for programs or projects specifically identified by the Legislature for support.
  - a. **Barshop Institute (BI) for Aging Studies: (UT Health SA Healthy Brain Consortium), \$21.5M:** Recover, sustain, and enhance state funding for the internationally recognized Barshop Institute program in the area of basic biomedical research on aging and brain health. Consistently ranked near the top of aging research by the National Institute of Aging, the BI is the catalyst in providing compassionate and comprehensive network of clinical care for patients and their families. In conjunction with institutional partners, the Healthy Brain Consortium, which includes the Glenn Biggs Institute for Alzheimer's and Neurodegenerative Diseases, STRONG STAR, and the Department of Psychiatry, seeks to continue leading the nation in innovative brain research and comprehensive medical training in military health related topics such as post-traumatic stress disorder. The Military Health Institute (MHI) helps facilitate educational opportunities for students, residents and interns to train in a military health environment that are unsurpassed.
  - b. **Institutional Enhancement, \$10.7M:**  
Sustain the current level of state funding as it supports leading edge and innovative programs in education not otherwise supported by formula funding. Support renaming "Institutional Enhancement" to "Academic Student Support" which more accurately reflects the intended purpose of this funding.
  - c. **Regional Campus Laredo, \$8.4M:**  
Recover and sustain state funding in Laredo/Webb County and other South Texas/Middle Rio Grande counties along the border to support historically successful student academic programs, research and clinical training opportunities provided by the UTHSA schools of dentistry and health professions. This region represents a young population with disproportionate number of residents living below the poverty level with limited health care access and a low level of education. This region is repeatedly designated a medically under-served area with a shortage of well-trained health professionals and an abundance of health challenges.
  - d. **San Antonio Life Sciences Institute (SALSI), \$4M:**  
Recover and sustain state funding to support the institute's mission in collaborating joint academic studies significantly contributing to solutions for challenges facing research and healthcare. Prior legislative funding allowed both institutions (UTHSA & UTSA) to create new initiatives (and further expand existing ones) in three distinct areas: education, research, and workforce/infrastructure development. Educational activities included the SALSI Academy Innovation Forum, a lecture series in Brain Health, symposia and workshops on workforce development in biomedicine, data analytic/bioinformatics and regenerative medicine.
  - e. **Outreach Support – South Texas Programs, \$2.7M:**  
Recover and sustain state funding to support educational and clinical training programs in the South Texas Border Region and San Antonio.
3. **Capital Construction Project/TRB, \$82M:**  
Institute for Alzheimer's & Neurodegenerative Diseases Building