

## Hearing Summary – June 21, 2016

The Higher Education Committee of the Texas House of Representatives met on June 21, 2016 to consider its interim charge 6, concerning educational opportunities for non-traditional students with a particular focus on increasing workforce-ready graduates. The Committee heard testimony from representatives of the Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Veteran's Commission, Texas Association of Community Colleges, Texas A&M University System, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas State Technical College, and others. Committee members received information about workforce trends such as two-third of today's high-demand occupations will not exist in 20 years, according to Texas Higher Education Commissioner, Dr. Raymund Paredes. The committee also heard testimony related to competency- based education models and student needs. The committee asked questions, regarding policies, funding, program quality, student needs, and other related areas.