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Senator Joan Huffman

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Senator Joan Huffman Files Senate Bill 30, the Senate's Supplemental Budget

AUSTIN — Today, Senator Joan Huffman filed Senate Bill 30, the Senate's supplemental budget for the 2022-2023 biennium. In total, the bill appropriates \$11.8 billion in All Funds and \$5 billion in General Revenue in the current biennium to true-up projections for entitlement programs, address unanticipated costs, and fund important legislative priorities.

“As promised, SB 30 supports proposals and initiatives that will help keep Texas as the premier state for families and businesses alike,” Huffman said. “The supplemental budget provides one-time funding to bolster key legislative priorities, including school safety, access to mental health care, public safety, reducing debt, and our state historic sites and parks. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues to pass this historic supplemental budget that complements Senate Bill 1.”

Highlights of SB 30 include:

- 1) \$2.3 billion to continue the Legislature's commitment in expanding inpatient mental health care capacity;
- 2) \$600 million to provide additional assistance grants to school districts for safety and security upgrades;
- 3) \$1 billion to provide supplemental benefit enhancements to retired educators;
- 4) \$296 million to support Department of Criminal Justice operations including additional resources to support staffing, operational needs, and enhanced security through a new correctional officer training facility, transport surveillance systems, security maintenance projects and improved fencing;
- 5) \$1 billion toward the Employees Retirement System unfunded liability, reducing future interest payments and length of amortization for outstanding pension obligations;
- 6) \$3.86 billion to pay aggregate customer rate relief charges associated with Winter Storm Uri, contingent on passage of legislation;

Additionally, SB 30 provides:

- \$2.9 billion to address the Medicaid shortfall;
- \$400 million set aside to invest in deferred maintenance at state managed facilities;

- \$300 million to endow the Historic Infrastructure Sustainability Trust Fund to ensure proper preservation of our state's rich historic buildings, sites, and artifacts, contingent on the passage of legislation;
- \$200 million to fund the Texas State Buildings Preservation Endowment to assist in future maintenance, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic state buildings including the Texas State Capitol, Texas State Cemetery, Governor's Mansion, and Bullock State History Museum, contingent on the passage of legislation;
- \$217.1 million to support the preservation, restoration, and improvements to historic sites including the San Jacinto Battleground, USS Battleship, National Museum of the Pacific War, Levi Jordan Plantation, Fort Velasco, and county courthouses;
- \$141.8 million to address correctional managed healthcare costs;
- \$100 million for the acquisition of park lands; and
- \$400 million for flood mitigation.

(Senator Joan Huffman represents District 17, which is comprised of Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda, and Wharton County and portions of Brazoria, Ft. Bend, Harris, and Waller County. Huffman currently serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting, as a senior member of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and the Legislative Budget Board.)

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