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SENATOR CREIGHTON'S FILES

TEXAS PORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 28: Texas Ports

Austin – Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) filed legislation Friday to enable funding opportunities for Texas ports.

During the 84th Interim, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick appointed Senator Creighton to chair the Senate Select Committee on Texas Ports tasked to study Texas' port assets, both coastal and inland hubs. The Committee paid special attention to the economic impact of the Panama Canal expansion and made several trips to Texas ports.

"The select committee effectively substantiated the claim that Texas ports are among the best in the world with potential to become even more competitive," said Senator Creighton. "This is a session to lay the groundwork for port infrastructure."

Senator Creighton's SB 28 is the first step for improving Texas Ports. The bill also continues the conversation for how Texas can give our ports a competitive edge in the future.

"Texas ports and manufacturing face an unprecedented competitive threat as ports in neighboring states are beating Texas in the race to improve their depth and infrastructure to meet the opportunities created by the new, deeper Panama Canal," concluded Creighton. "Goods reviewed through our ports represent 30% of our states gross domestic product and Texas cannot afford to fall behind."

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