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### **Senator Larry Taylor Appointed to Budget Bill Conference Committee**

April 18, 2019- (Austin, TX) On Wednesday, Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood) was appointed to the conference committee on House Bill 1, the appropriations bill that will determine the state's financial priorities for the next two years. Conferees from the House and Senate will meet to find common ground between the chambers' respective versions of the budget before it is returned to the full House and Senate for an up or down vote.

Upon his appointment, Senator Taylor released the following statement:

I am honored to be appointed to the conference committee for the state's budget, House Bill 1. The Senate Finance Committee, with the leadership of Senator Jane Nelson, has carefully prioritized the resources of the state of Texas for the benefit of all Texans. The Legislature was presented with numerous challenges this session including much needed property tax relief, school finance reform and recovery from Hurricane Harvey. I am confident that the final budget, a work of true collaboration between both chambers of the Legislature, will respond to those challenges.

As the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, I am particularly looking forward to advocating for Texas students and schools. This budget cycle will see a significant injection of new funds for public education and will transform the futures of students and their families for generations to come.

The other members of the Senate conference committee are Senator Jane Nelson (R-Flower Mound), Senator Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham), Senator Joan Huffman (R-Houston) and Senator Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville).

*Senator Larry Taylor is a lifelong Texan and Baylor University graduate raised in Friendswood. Before his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, he served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Senator Taylor was appointed Chairman of the Senate Education Committee in 2015.*

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