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Statement from Senator Miles Regarding
Governor's Veto of SB 790 and HB 2182

"According to the World Health Organization statistics, Texas has the highest number of pregnancy-related deaths in a developed world. For Black women, the numbers are even worse. I am dumbfounded that the governor would announce a special session and add maternal mortality to the list, then veto SB 790, which would extend the Women's Health Advisory Committee for another two years and benefit countless women across our state.

"This committee was created in 2015 to advise and provide recommendations to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding two new women's health programs. These programs are less than a year old and the committee needed more time to advise HHSC and discuss ways to improve these new programs dedicated to improving women's health in Texas.

"This legislation costs state taxpayers absolutely nothing, but the benefits are limitless. This bill passed both chambers with bipartisan support because legislators knew this committee's work was important for our state and for improving women's health.

"Dismantling this committee is incredibly shortsighted, especially since the maternal mortality rates are skyrocketing across our state. Texas women deserve better.

"Governor Abbott also vetoed HB 2182, a bill that would be beneficial to the taxpayers of Fort Bend County. After speaking with the governor's office, the veto was on a technicality and the governor pledged to offer language for us to work on this bill for next session"

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