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Kolkhorst Passes Key Legislation for University of Houston - Victoria

AUSTIN - Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst passed House Bill 2568 on the Senate floor, which was authored by State Representative Geanie Morrison. The bill will now head to the Governor's desk.

The bill authorizes the University of Houston-Victoria Board of Regents to impose a student fee for the purpose of financing, constructing and operating a student center on the campus of UHV. In February, UHV students voted 83% in favor of the self-imposed fee.

"I am pleased to work with Rep. Morrison and the students of UHV to pass this bill and to facilitate the building of a student center that is so vital to the growth of our university," said Kolkhorst.

Kolkhorst was also named yesterday to serve as one of five Senators on the important conference committee for House Bill 100, which authorizes the issuance of bonds to build capital projects at universities across Texas. The legislation is expected to include \$60 million for academic expansion and land acquisition on the UHV campus. The conference committee also includes Chairman Seliger and Senators Eltife, West and Whitmire.

"HB 100 is extremely important to the future of UHV and its growth. I'm honored to serve on the conference committee to hammer out the final details and make sure the investment made by our taxpayers will pay the dividends needed in improving the Texas economy," said Kolkhorst.

The legislative session ends on Monday, June 1. There are still many bills that are working through the process.