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Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst Appointed to Senate Committee on Texas Ports

AUSTIN - Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst has been appointed to the newly established Senate Committee on Texas Ports by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. The committee has been established to specifically study the economic benefit of the Panama Canal expansion to Texas ports.

"The impact of Texas ports doesn't stop at the water's edge. In fact, Texas ports provide a major impact to our local and statewide economies; reportedly generating around \$82 billion in personal income and 1.4 million jobs," said Kolkhorst. "This committee will focus on what our ports must do to remain competitive. As someone who represents nearly a third of the Texas coastline, I thank Lt. Governor Patrick for the appointment."

Senator Kolkhorst's district represents the ports of Bay City, Calhoun, Palacios, Victoria and West Calhoun; the most of any Texas lawmaker. In addition to this appointment, Senator Kolkhorst also serves on the Committees of Agriculture & Water, Education, Finance, Health & Humans Services and Transportation as well a Joint Committee to study a coastal barrier system.

"I look forward to the recommendations this committee will provide to the full Senate Transportation Committee," commented Lt. Governor Dan Patrick.

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