



Texas Coalition *for*
Excellence *in* Higher Education

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Coalition Applauds Governor Perry and Higher Education Chairs Zaffirini and Branch for Adding to the Diversity of Higher Education Opportunities in Texas

AUSTIN—The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education today issued a statement in response to the [announcement](#) of the newly-formed Texas branch of the [Western Governors University](#), a nonprofit, online university that offers bachelor's and master's degrees in key workforce areas.

"We applaud Governor Perry, Senator Zaffirini and Representative Branch for adding to the diversity of higher education opportunities in Texas with the announcement of the Western Governors University Texas. This low cost alternative will expand access to more Texans, engaging our diverse student population and upholding our statewide commitment to help more students reach their academic and lifelong goals. This educational alternative will give more Texas students the opportunity to pursue higher education and become leaders in our state and global economy."

About the Coalition

The [Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education](#) was launched in the summer of 2011 by a group of concerned citizens who believe strongly in the power of higher education to transform lives, build our economy and shape Texas' future. Formed in response to a growing concern over recommendations being floated that could have long-term damaging effects on our institutions of higher learning, the Coalition hopes to advance a thoughtful, constructive and transparent dialogue around higher education in Texas, seeking to improve the quality educational opportunities for all Texans.

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