



Winning Support for Market-Based Policies

The Foundation has made a significant impact on the lives of Texans by championing market-based solutions to our state's most pressing problems. During 2003, we aggressively marketed our research by engaging policy leaders, working with the news media, and communicating with community groups throughout the state. We articulated the issues, provided the information to support market-based policy and popularized ideas to strengthen public support for market-based reforms.

News Media: In 2003, the Foundation was featured in more than 600 newspaper articles and radio interviews around the state. The media publicized our activities and reports as breaking news, and sought us to provide insights on key policy issues. We were asked to provide background information when reporters delved deeply into issues. During the year we issued two press releases each month, on the average, and published commentaries at least once a month in newspapers throughout the state.

The Internet: To better serve legislators, donors and the public, the Foundation completely redesigned its website in 2003, and moved to a new domain, www.TexasPolicy.com. The new site is easy to navigate and is used by more than 10,000 visitors a month.

Presentations: Almost 100 community, political, and academic organizations across Texas invited us to share information about state policy problems and market-based solutions throughout the year.

Resource Center: The Foundation served as a primary resource for state policy in 2003. Legislative offices, both Republican and Democratic, contacted the Foundation to request in-depth information on a broad range of issues. We were invited to address graduate public policy programs in universities throughout the state, and our extensive body of research was frequently cited in academic publications. Our groundbreaking research was disseminated to free market public policy

groups throughout the nation and frequently distributed to legislative bodies in other states.

Recognizing Leadership: At the end of the 78th Legislative Session, the Texas Public Policy Foundation recognized elected officials who held the line on taxes and promoted free market ideas on important issues.

For commitment to the principles of liberty, good government and sound policy through their leadership during the 78th Legislature, the Foundation presented the Lone Star Leadership Award to Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick, state senators Ken Armbrister, Jane Nelson, and Florence Shapiro, and state representatives Dennis Bonnen, Dianne White Delisi, Kent Grusendorf, Talmadge Heflin, Mike Krusee, Kenny Marchant, Joe Nixon, and Arlene Wohlgemuth.

For actively promoting sound public policy during the 78th Legislature, the Foundation presented the Texas Hero Award to state representatives Carl Isett, Bill Keffer, Glenn Lewis, Larry Taylor, and Ron Wilson.

Policy Experts: We were pleased to provide Texas policy leaders with the free market expertise of leading national authorities on a wide range of issues.

William J. Bennett

(Distinguished Fellow, Heritage Foundation and Chairman, K12) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature.

Wendell Cox

(Wendell Cox Consultancy and Visiting Professor, Conservatoire National des arts et Metiers) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature and author of our report *The Business of Government?*

John Gardner

(Elected Member, Milwaukee School Board) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature.

Eric Hanushek

(Professor of Economics, Hoover Institution, Stanford University) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature and author of our report *Thinking about School Finance in Texas in Putting the Sides Together*. Dr. Hanushek was invited to provide testimony to the House Select Subcommittee on Public School Finance and testified in August 2003.

Caroline Minter Hoxby

(Professor of Economics, Harvard University) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature and author of our report *A New School Finance Plan for Texas* in *Putting the Sides Together*.

Maurice P. McTigue, Q.S.O.

(Distinguished Visiting Scholar and Director of the Government Accountability Program, Mercatus Center, George Mason University) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature and author of our report *Converting Challenges to Opportunities*.

Haavi Morreim

(Professor of Health Services & Policy Research, University of Tennessee and Heritage Foundation Fellow) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature and author of our report *Defined Contribution Health Care Plans: Benefits for Consumers, Employers, Physicians and Insurance Companies*. Dr. Morreim was invited to provide testimony to the Select Committee on State Health Care Expenditures and testified in April 2003.

Dwight McNeill

(Visiting Scholar at Brandeis University) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature and author of our report *Public School Health Insurance: Bane or Boon to Balancing the State Budget*. Dr. McNeill was invited to provide testimony to the House Health Care Task Force of the Texas Legislature and testified in February 2003.

Nina Owcharenko

(Policy Analyst, Heritage Foundation) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature.

Alan Pisarski

(Chair, Committee on Transportation Statistics, National Academy of Science) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature.

Nathaniel Shapo

(Former Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature and author of our report *Shopping for a Solution: Effective Consumer Protection through Competitive Regulation of Insurance Rates*. Dr. Shapo was invited to provide testimony to the House Committee on Insurance and testified in March 2003.

Fred Smith

(President, Competitive Enterprise Institute) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature.

Richard Vedder

(Professor of Economics, Ohio University) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature and author of our report *School Finance for Texans* in *Putting the Sides Together*. Dr. Vedder was invited to provide testimony to the House Committee on State Affairs, and the House Select Committee on Public School Finance and testified in April and August 2003.

Patrick Wolf

(Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Georgetown University) - expert panelist for the Policy Orientation for the 78th Texas Legislature. Dr. Wolf was invited to provide testimony to the House Select Subcommittee on Public School Finance and testified in August 2003.

Session was a victory for will of Texas majority
By MICHAEL QUINN SULLIVAN
STATE legislators should be welcomed home as heroes; they did the will of the people and ignored the naysayers. While not perfect, the budget priorities established this legislative session clearly reflect the will of Texans as expressed at the ballot box: tightly controlled and strict responsibility over funds and an abandonment of the spend-and-tax mentality of the political left. After all, two-thirds of Texans voted for gubernatorial and legislative candidates pledging to hold the line on taxes. We categorically reject such discredited ideas as higher taxes. Whenever possible, let those who use the solution, the Texas to our budget malaise without raising old taxes or imposing new ones. As the budget battle, Texans remained resolute in their legislative commitment. The House found 72 percent of the Legislature. The burden fell to Crutcher, R-Midland, and the House. For more than a decade, the state's newspapers have been reporting on higher tax rates, higher taxes, and higher taxes. But, recessed again, the Texas Public Policy Foundation is first and foremost a research institution. We ask to be judged by the quality of our research and the soundness of the policy ideas we put forward. But the impact of the research generated by the Foundation extends beyond the state's borders. As Texas impacts the rest of the nation, and the nation the world, the need for innovative, free-market-based solutions to the day's pressing problems is readily apparent. You will find at least many of our research papers and policy briefings, covering a wide range of issues important to Texas. For more issue perspectives and commentaries, visit our [Research](#) page.

STATE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Perry places foundation at center of support of school vouchers, limited government and other notions once marked it as somewhat fringe
The Texas Public Policy Foundation, and other notions once marked it as somewhat fringe, is now mainstream, according to Gov. Rick Perry. "I think the mainstream of the Legislature is reflective of the people that go out and vote," Perry said after addressing the legislative conference on Tuesday.

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TPPF NEWS
November 5, 2003
The latest research, views and information from the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Highlighted Report
Education: Let Principles Guide Solution
Treatment of Revenue Before House Select Committee on Public School Finance

"Reforming the state's school finance system provides legislators with the perfect opportunity to establish and cement fiscal standards, as well as incentives, to school performance while addressing the problem of revenue. We must use education dollars to improve Texas public schools, and refine the accountability system, including assessments, school ratings/acceleration standards and..."

A Message From...
Michael Quinn Sullivan
Vice President

Principles, not politics, are what motivate us at the Foundation. Limited government. Free market economics. Individual liberty. Personal responsibility. These are the pillars of our efforts. If we are to see the principles we share interwoven in the solutions, we must be willing to demonstrate their practical value. It is to that end the Foundation labors.

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Other Publications

Texas Public Policy News

The latest research, views, and information are published by the Foundation bi-weekly in the electronic newsletter, *Texas Public Policy News*.

Veritas

Perspectives from leading experts around the state and nation on policy and culture are collected and published two to three times a year. *Veritas* is published as a booklet and distributed to supporters and state leaders; it is also available at www.TexasPolicy.com. In 2003, two issues of *Veritas* were produced.

The first issue of *Veritas* described views on the 78th Texas Legislature by the Governor and leaders of the Texas House and Senate: House Speaker Tom Craddick, Senate Education Chair Florence Shapiro, House Education Chair Kent Grusendorf, Civil Practices Chair Joe Nixon, Select House Health Care Expenditures Chair Dianne White Delisi, and freshman legislative leader Linda Harper-Brown.

The second issue of *Veritas* identified key issues for the upcoming 79th Texas Legislature by state and national policy experts: reforming Medicaid to control costs and improve quality, crafting a new state system of school finance, results-based budgeting to avoid tax increases, deregulating the telecommunications industry to improve consumer services, introducing vouchers to help children and public schools, and eliminating government activities that the private sector does better and cheaper.

Newspaper Commentaries

The Foundation regularly distributes commentaries on the issues of the day to Texas newspapers for their use on opinion/editorial pages.

Taxing Issue Is a Spending Problem, Texans cannot expect lower taxes and continue spending binge. (2/26/03).

Doing What It TAK[e]S for Educational Success?, Foundation had warned of problems and proposed solutions. (3/7/03).

Keep Texas Safely Truckin', Truck-only lanes will reduce congestion, save lives. (3/24/03).

Don't Let Senators Guard the Henhouse, Market, not more government, will protect insurance customers. (3/31/03).

Free-Spending Ways Must Be Restricted, Texas' budget woes result from poor choices, not poor economy. (4/25/03).

Texas' Critical Condition, Patients, doctors face risk without strong liability reform. (5/7/03).

Give Government a Cookie, Infringement of rail on private property should cause public concern. (5/10/03).

A Deal Is a Deal - This Tax Should Die, Purpose of TIF will soon be fulfilled, let Texans keep their money. (5/20/03).

Media Out of Fiscal Step, Legislators ignore media's advocacy of state income tax. (6/3/03).

Let the Texas Majority Rejoice! State leadership held the line against new taxes. (6/9/03).

Texans Want to Give Choice a Chance, School choice is supported across economic, political, race and gender lines. (7/1/03).

School Finance: Proceed with Caution, In zeal to end Robin Hood, legislators should be cautious not to create worse. (8/27/03).

Check with Your Doctor First!, Setting a cap on non-economic damages can cure Texas' medical crisis. (9/3/03).

The Business of Government?, When Texas governments compete with the private sector, the result is increased cost and diminished quality. (9/24/03).

Asbestos Litigation Making Us Sick, State policies are needed to protect people against lawsuit abuse. (9/29/03).

Murder and Rape: the Legacy of Our Schools?, Parents and children need choice to be safe instead of more promises of increased safety. (10/3/03).

Who Are the Uninsured?, Problems result when legislation is driven by headlines. (10/16/03).

Prop 12 Paying Off, The cost of medical care is going down with Proposition 12. (10/16/03).

Quality Must Drive Teaching Standards, Teacher certification must promote academic achievement. (11/5/03).

Doing More with Less, Reorganization of health and human services operations will benefit all Texans. (11/18/03).

Standard Is Set: No New Taxes, Legislature must restructure education system without increasing tax burden. (12/23/03).



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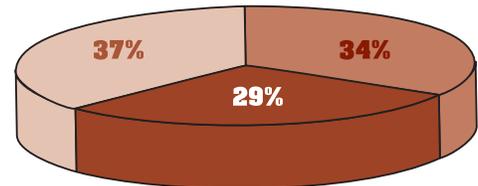
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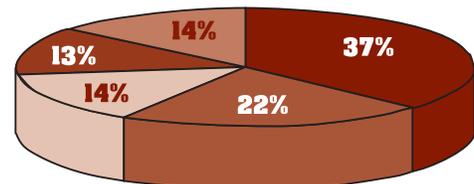
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The Honorable Tom Craddick
Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives



Looking Forward to 2004

There is so much for the Foundation to accomplish in 2004. In truth, we have an unprecedented opportunity to help solve the state's biggest problems because, for the first time since Reconstruction, Texas is governed by a conservative majority. Many of the market-based ideas we have championed for the last 15 years can be implemented to solve fundamental problems that have plagued Texas for decades.

For 2004, we have a comprehensive, ambitious agenda to remove critical barriers to the health, prosperity and opportunity of all Texans, enlisting state and national experts to identify solutions and provide technical know-how to policymakers.

- In late January 2004, we will conduct our second annual Policy Orientation to help state leaders prepare for the special session on school finance and opening of the 79th Texas Legislature.
- Before the special legislative session, we will have unveiled four major school finance research projects: (1) examining the economic impact of different rates of state taxation on the industries conducting business in Texas; (2) identifying the adverse economic impact of tax reforms proposed to generate additional revenue for public schools; (3) examining whether public schools

need additional revenues or instead need more efficient, effective resource allocation; and (4) providing a computer program (econometric model) that policymakers can use in their offices and legislative chambers to calculate the short and long term economic impact of specific tax reforms.

- In December 2004, we will distribute *Legislators' Guide to the Issues 2004-2005*, a policy primer that will help policymakers identify key state issues and market-based solutions.
- Throughout 2004, we will produce and distribute 12 major research reports that will help policymakers rein in government regulation, reduce state spending, improve student outcomes in K-12 education, improve health insurance coverage for all Texans, deregulate the telecommunications industry to improve price and quality, head off the impending water crisis, and enhance the state's economic vitality by rejecting calls for new and higher taxes.

We ask for your support and look forward to working with you in 2004.

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*The Honorable Dianne White Delisi
State Representative*



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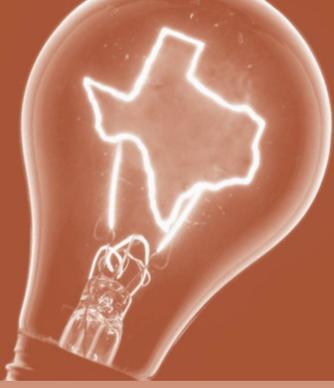
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How Lawsuit Abuse Is Hurting Health Care & What Texans Can Do About It

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*The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas*

Perspectives
ON TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY
October 22, 2003

Thinking about School Finance in Texas
Testimony to the Subcommittee on Cost Adjustment of the Select House Committee on Public School Finance

By Eric A. Hanushek
Stanford University and Uta

School finance in the United States has been contributing if not causing this turmoil. First, it participates in the design of school finance policy, a particularly well-equipped to do. Second, court tendency to centralize school decision making at its largely divorced from considerations of the perform outcomes have been disappointing both in terms of measures of equity across schools. The Se problems, and I believe it is a very good sign that it to address the issues.

The topic of how best to finance the schools facets. I cannot hope to discuss all of them here too larger issues, and I am prepared to address in more with.

By way of background, I have been involve for over three decades. I am trained as an economi economics of education at the U.S. Air Force A Rochester, and most recently Stanford University, on K-12 Education of the Hoover Institution, a gre about how to improve our schools. Over this time I finance of education and on student performance in over the past six years I have worked at the Univer student performance in Texas.

Perspectives on Finance

A variety of perspectives are relevant for th must essentially consider them all. First, the vie finance discussions is that of educational policy, an performance. Second, school finance can be view efficiency, and politics of how funds are raise. Terms of pure spending opportunity and equity, I will spend most of my time on the first is tendency, particularly when the debate involve the for the efficiency and learning outcomes of school finance including the overall levels of funding can ultimately how much students learn. Let me start, I

Perspectives
ON TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY
September 2003

Guiding Principles for Reforming Texas School Finance

- The state should clearly define what constitutes a “diffusion of knowledge” or an adequate education – specifying standards for educational completion and post-secondary readiness with an explicit and required foundation curriculum.
- The state should hold all public schools accountable for meeting state educational standards and accredit only schools that meet these standards (it is unconscionable that the Legislature should accredit schools where 50% of students who take state assessments fail to pass).
- The state should substantially, but not wholly, underwrite the cost of funding the foundation curriculum – state mandated instruction – but not fund optional, supplemental local programs.
- Local communities should fund a part of the foundation curriculum to engage communities in educational success.
- Assessments should measure how well students are progressing toward the state’s goal of post-secondary readiness at every grade and accurately identify achievement gaps.
- Schools should be held accountable and accredited for meeting state education standards, not just improving student achievement.
- Local communities should be afforded the fiscal and legal opportunity to provide unrestricted supplemental, optional enrichment of instruction.
- Funding should be linked to students, not schools, districts or fractions.
- Categorical restrictions should be removed from school funding and full authority for resource allocation should be given to individual schools, provided state money is spent on state-required instruction.
- Incentives should be incorporated into the school accountability system to encourage and reward fiscal efficiencies and effective resource allocation.
- Students who fail state assessments or are enrolled in schools that fall below the state’s acceptable rating should be given state funds for unrestricted use in another public or private school.
- Public school choice should be enacted to introduce academic and fiscal competition.
- School finance reform should be revenue neutral because there is no evidence that money is linked to student achievement nor that more money is necessary for higher levels of performance; no additional funds should be provided for education other than increases to offset inflation and student enrollment.
- Tax reform should not generate more revenue than required to offset property tax reduction.
- Fiscal efficiencies and redefining resource allocation should underwrite part of the increased state revenues to public education.
- Consumption, not income, taxes should be enacted to furnish the additional revenues required to offset a decrease in local property tax contribution toward education.
- Tax reform to find alternative revenue sources for education should be fair, address inconsistencies in current tax law and promote economic vitality.

Research Report
SEPTEMBER 2003

The Business of Government?
Competition Between Texas Governments & the Private Sector

By Wendell Cox
Senior Fellow, Texas Public Policy Foundation

A study of the policy implications, and associated financial consequences, of Texas’ governments competing with the private sector in commercial endeavors.

Research Report
DECEMBER 2003

Putting the Sides Together
Twelve Perspectives on Texas Public School Finance

Edited and Introduced by
Chris Patterson
Director of Research, Texas Public Policy Foundation

Research Report
OCTOBER 2003

Follow the Money
A 50-State Survey of Public Education Dollars

By Chris Patterson
Director of Research, Texas Public Policy Foundation
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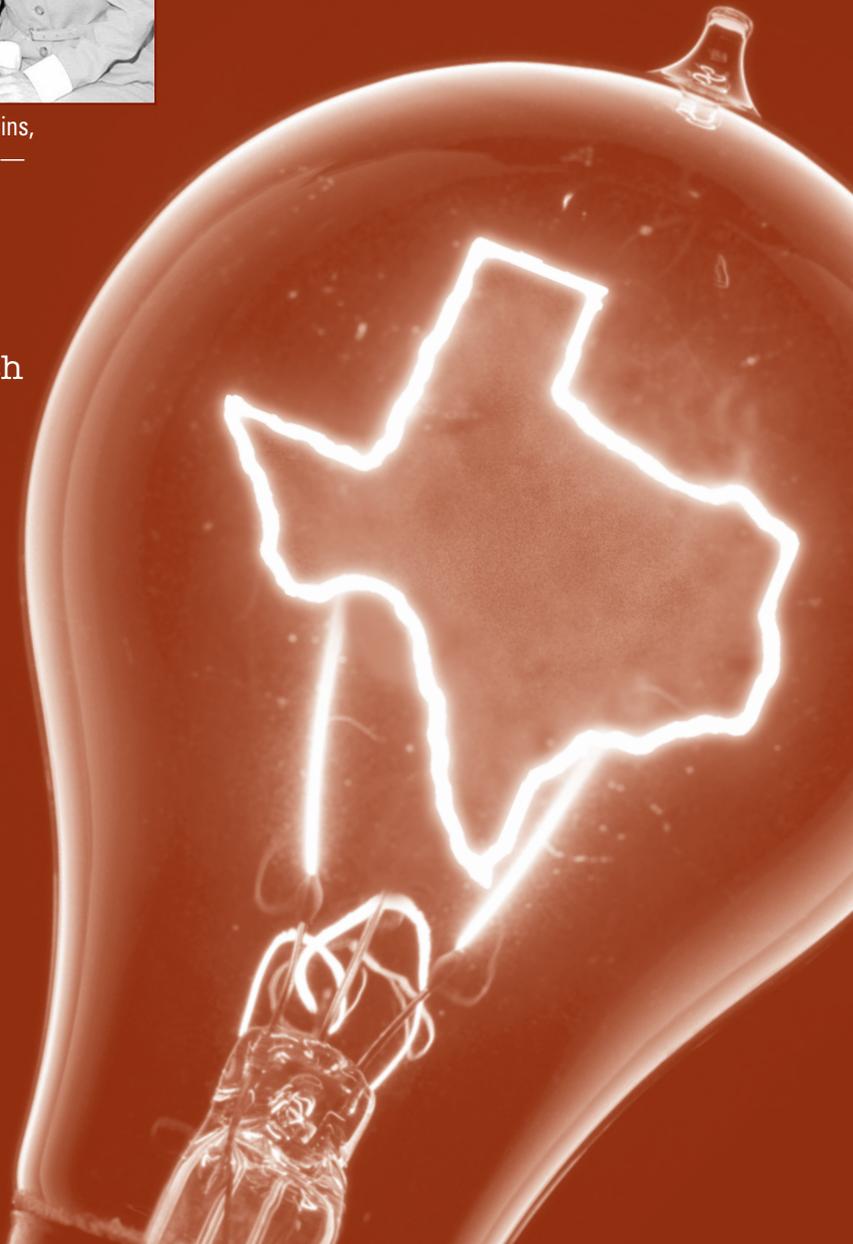
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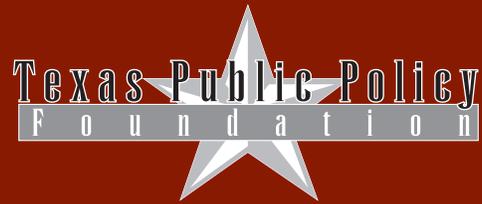
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