



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

April 12, 2019

To: Timothy Sekerak, Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building Office H-271

RE: HB 3280 Vote Explanation

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission has, for years, been a high-functioning body with broad experience. As stated in testimony, and in many letters provided for the record, the group of voting and non-voting members have a history of consensus-building and a record of extremely high-quality, collaborative work.

According to the Association of Governing Board of Universities and Colleges State Policy Brief, adding key internal stakeholders, namely faculty, staff and alumni is not recommended. It states that by doing so, it can fail to fully meet the test of true-citizen-based governance.

As I reflect on my time as a school board member in the Hillsboro School District, I know we were prohibited from having employees, classified and certified, from serving as school board members due to state policy. Staff does have the ability to serve on councils at the school level and are part of many committees to provide perspective, knowledge and voice as vested stakeholders.

I appreciate the intent of this bill, have had multiple conversations with the advocates and have been clear with my position on this bill. I continue to share the value that the interested parties mentioned in this bill have a seat at the table. Their voice and perspective must continue to be heard as part of the larger body of work being done by HECC.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janeen Sollman".

Janeen Sollman

