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## **Lt. Gov. Patrick Announces Senate Work Groups to Discuss Pandemic Impact on Texas**

HOUSTON - Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick announced today that he has established six Senate working groups to discuss challenges the state will face in the next legislative session as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

“COVID-19 has changed our lives in Texas and in America in ways that will continue to impact us going forward as we re-open our state. I have asked every senator to work together in small discussion groups – using a think tank model – to discuss the challenges Texas will face in the next legislative session as a result of the pandemic. The Texas Senate is committed to making sure our state continues to lead, not only in combating this awful disease but also in making sure our economy can move forward.

“As with all Senate work groups, the purpose of these committees is to discuss challenges and options, not to craft legislation. Every senator is participating, and I am in regular contact with them on these discussions and I will continue to discuss these issues with them as we move forward.”

### **Economic Impact & Budgeting**

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound  
Sen. Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, D-McAllen  
Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville  
Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston  
Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston  
Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury  
Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston  
Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown

### **Senate Pandemic Preparedness**

Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola  
Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston  
Sen. Pat Fallon, R-Prosper  
Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston  
Sen. Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills  
Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston  
Sen. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston

### **Public Schools & Higher Ed**

Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood  
Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas  
Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr., D-Brownsville  
Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe  
Sen. Angela Paxton, R-McKinney  
Sen. Beverly Powell, D-Burleson

### **Health, Hospitals & COVID-19 Issues**

Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham  
Sen. Dawn Buckingham, R-Lakeway  
Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels  
Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown  
Sen. Borris Miles, D-Houston

### **Jobs & Re-Opening the Economy**

Sen. Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills  
Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville  
Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas  
Sen. Pat Fallon, R-Prosper  
Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe  
Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo  
Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock

### **Food Supply Chain, Food Banks & Agriculture**

Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock  
Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo  
Sen. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio  
Sen. Bob Hall, R-Edgewood  
Sen. Peter Flores, R-Pleasanton  
Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr., D-Brownsville

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