

Chair Bynum, Vice-Chair Morgan, Vice-Chair Nguyen, D., and Members of the Committee:

I wholeheartedly support HB 3089, which aims to combat hunger on college and university campuses. I strongly believe that everyone should have access to basic needs, such as food, and this bill takes important steps in addressing this issue.

The "Hunger Free Campus" designation provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission will be a valuable tool in recognizing and encouraging institutions to prioritize the needs of their students. Additionally, the grant program provided by the commission will help provide crucial funding for student hunger programs and innovations, ensuring that those in need receive the support they deserve.

Furthermore, the prioritization of grant recipients by the commission is a necessary measure, ensuring that resources are effectively and efficiently distributed to those who need them the most. I appreciate the fact that this bill also allocates funds from the General Fund to the commission, demonstrating a commitment to finding a solution to this pressing issue.

In conclusion, I believe that HB 3089 is a step in the right direction toward creating a more equitable and just society. I fully support this bill and urge this Committee to move this bill into law as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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