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Charge #6: Evaluate the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Panel 4. Eliminating duplicate reporting requirements and streamlining reporting

I. **Current System**
 a. The State of Texas currently mandates institutions report a series of standard reports to the Coordinating Board on a continual basis.
 b. Reports that must be submitted include enrollment data, course inventories, and faculty and facility reports that contribute to Texas' Accountability System and other key higher education initiatives and decisions.

II. **Review of All Data Requests**
 a. Accountability System - Institutional accountability groups meet two to three times annually and Coordinating Board staff work with the groups to determine the best method of calculating measures based on information already provided. There are a few measures, mostly related to endowments and faculty awards that the institutions input directly into the accountability system
 b. These reports were designed in a manner to allow flexibility and for that reason they allow the Coordinating Board to calculate the vast majority of the measures without additional reporting by the institutions.
 c. Coordinating Board staff meet with the *Data Collection Committee* periodically to review all new data collection in an effort to reduce redundancy and to ensure information is collected in a format that allows analysis.
 d. Coordinating Board staff is in the process of identifying reports the agency is required to develop in an effort to streamline reporting and eliminate redundancy.

III. **Recommendation**
 a. Legislatively designate the Coordinating Board as the *initial* source of public higher education data