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I support this bill for its intention to assist schools suffering financial hardships due to natural disasters. I applaud the author for intending to assist schools suffering in these conditions.

My concern with the bill involves the exclusion of financial support for Chapter 42 school districts. Clearly, Chapter 42 districts impacted by natural disasters have financial needs, substantial financial needs, just as our Chapter 41 districts do.

I respectfully request the author and the committee consider adding provisions to the bill that will offer relief to Chapter 42 districts, similar to those provisions in SB 644.

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