

# TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS

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The Texas Association of Rural Schools is against the Substitute for SB 22 for the following reasons:

1. It reduces all districts across the board , even those that have been at the bottom for 5 years.
2. It reduces TRHH for 2 years only and then stops. (If we don't eliminate TRHH now, while we have the chance, we probably never will.
3. It changes proration from a wealth related approach to a percentage approach. (The wealth related approach was adopted in HB 72 in 1984 and was and has been called the " Foster Clause" in honor of late Craig Foster, Executive Director, of The Equity Center at that time.)
4. It continues the problem for those below a \$ 1.50 tax rate in 2005 to be stuck with a compression rate that does not allow them to receive 100% of their Tier 1 Allotment. When they add pennies to arrive at their \$ 1.00 Local Fund Assignment (LFA) they only receive \$ 31.95 per penny instead of the Basic Allotment (BA) amount of \$47.65 in current law or the promised \$49.00 in years 2016-17.