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AB 477/SB 685- Supplemental Aid for School Districts  
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Chairman Olsen and committee members –

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of AB 477 and SB 685. This bill is before you today as a result of the Assembly Education committee's review of Chapter PI 10, relating to Supplemental Aid for School Districts with a Large Area.

Simply put, the bill repeals the current administrative rule that governs the criteria and procedures for awarding supplemental aid grants and instead incorporates the rule into statute.

Additionally, the bill clarifies the statutory language for calculating aid eligibility by changing the term "enrollment" to "membership". This is important for consistency in determining aid eligibility (like that of other aid-related programs) because the term "enrollment" isn't defined in current statute, but "membership" is. This change could potentially capture other categories of pupils, resulting in greater eligibility.

All members of the Assembly Education Committee are cosponsors of the bill and it passed both the committee and full Assembly unanimously. I would appreciate the senate committee's support for the bill.

Thank you for your time today. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.