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Response

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB610

I OPPOSE SB 610-1 because it doesn't solve anything.

Formula makes no sense, except funding for the biennium must be \$213.5 million. No fiscal statement, but participants say funding has dropped by \$51.6 million, with total funds falling from an initial level of \$302 million to \$240 million, and current available funding sitting at \$213.5 million.

The process is admitted to not be the best, and will need changes for future grant cycles. It would be wrong to change things and create uncertainty while improvements are being worked out. Uncertainty only wastes staff time and resources and doesn't gain on the goals intended.