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Submitted to the Committee on S/C on County & Regional Government
For HB 1646

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Hearing Date: March 24, 2025 10:00 AM

Brian Havran
Self
Houston, TX

I am a Commissioner with Harris County Emergency Services District 47. I am opposed to this Bill in its current form. Current statute limits disbursement of District Funds to \$2000. I admit that this may be a little low in today's world as economic conditions have changed since the original adoption in 1989. In my opinion, \$50,000 is far too much of a discretionary amount to be held by an employee of the District. As an elected ESD commissioner, I embrace the oversight responsibility bestowed upon me by the office that I hold. Admittedly, some level of approval is needed to expedite the business of the District. I suggest that an expenditure equal to or exceeding \$10,000 require Board consideration and approval before it can be disbursed. This is much more in line with my thinking and experience. I strongly urge the committee to consider my proposal. Thank you.

Mark Jack
Parker County Emergency Services District 1/ Self
Aledo, TX

HB 1646 allows an Emergency Services District the ability to set an expenditure amount up to \$50K. This maintains continuity within the budget and administrative function of the district. Please favorably consider HB 1646.