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TSTA: Make no mistake. House Bill 1 is a voucher bill, and we will fight it on the House floor

Texas State Teachers Association President Ovidia Molina released the following statement:

We are disappointed that the House select committee approved House Bill 1 today. Make no mistake. It is a voucher bill, a voucher bill disguised as a school finance bill to make it seem less offensive to some legislators.

TSTA opposes this bill and urges House members of both parties who have fought against taxpayer-funded vouchers all year to keep up their fight, despite the pressure we know is coming from Gov. Abbott and his well-funded allies. This bill, if enacted, will cost Texas taxpayers and our under-funded public schools billions of dollars within a few years.

If the governor had wanted to enact a school finance bill to increase public school funding and raise educator pay, why didn't he urge legislators to do that during the regular session earlier this year when he and the Legislature had a record \$33 billion budget surplus with which to work? He didn't because his priority, then and now, is pleasing wealthy campaign donors who want to privatize public education.