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FACILITIES FALLOUT

RURAL SCHOOLS FACE FACILITIES FALLOUT BECAUSE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE COMPETES FOR GENERAL FUND DOLLARS THAT SHOULD BE SUPPORTING STUDENT AND STAFF NEEDS. ADDITIONALLY, REVENUE STREAMS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY AND PERSONAL SPACE HAVE BEEN FLAT FOR YEARS, FORCING RURAL COMMUNITIES TO STRUGGLE TO KEEP UP WITH MODERN FACILITY EXPECTATIONS.

MREA SUPPORTS HF 3558 REP. BIANCA VIRNIG & SF 4305 SEN. ROB KUPEC

- Legislation aimed at embedding the critical infrastructure of roof repair and replacement as a qualifying project for LTFM projects over \$100,000, freeing up the capped portion of LTFM for other deferred maintenance needs.

WHY SUPPORT HF 3558?

- Help school boards be better stewards of public school facilities and accomplish roof repair and replacement in a more cost effective and timely manner.
- Improve revenues to rural schools so general fund dollars can go to students and staff.
- Address inflationary pressure & close facility funding gaps
 - The chart below has estimated costs for fiscal years 2023 and beyond

ADDITIONALLY, THE STATE SHOULD IMPROVE OTHER FACILITY REVENUE PROGRAMS INCLUDING: CAPITAL LEVIES, OPERATING CAPITAL SAFE SCHOOLS & DEBT SERVICE EQUALIZATION TO BETTER ADDRESS EMERGING DEMANDS ON SPACE

- Personalized space, i.e. Telehealth and Single use bathrooms
- Energy Efficiency and Safety Enhancements
- Remodeling and Improvements beyond regular deferred maintenance

Facilities Revenues Per ADM, FY2013-2027

