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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

School districts receive the vast majority of their funding on a per pupil basis. If a school district's pupil count declines, its overall level of revenue declines. During the spring and summer of 1997, floods affected several school districts in the Red River Valley area. The floods not only damaged school buildings, but the floods also caused disruption in enrollment patterns. Legislation enacted in 1997 and 1998 provided declining pupil unit aid to help plug the leaks in the affected school districts' budgets.

This bill would extend the declining pupil unit aid over the next four years, gradually phasing the aid out by fiscal year 2003.

- 1 Declining pupil unit aid; fiscal years 2000 to 2003.** Creates a declining pupil unit aid for the school districts that were negatively affected by the Red River Valley Floods during the spring of 1997. Sets the declining pupil unit aid amount equal to the general education formula allowance times the difference in pupil units between fiscal year 1997 and the current fiscal year times 80% in fiscal year 2000, 60% in fiscal year 2001, 40% in fiscal year 2002 and 20% in fiscal year 2003. Qualifies the following districts for aid: Nos. 2854, Ada-Borup; 846, Breckenridge; 595, East Grand Forks; and 2176, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo.