



## **\*Assembly FLOOR ALERT\*\***

### **AB 650 (Muratsuchi): Employer-provided benefits: health care workers: COVID-19: hazard premium pay – OPPOSE**

**AB 650 will decrease access to care.** AB 650 will cost district hospitals an estimated \$230 million. For the state's smallest rural and critical access hospitals, the cost is insurmountable, impacting services provided and in some cases closure.

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**AB 650 inequitably favors some employees over others.** Many district hospitals provided bonuses, incentives, and other support to all their employees throughout the pandemic based on their resources available. AB 650 does not account for all support provided to employees in a meaningful way.

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Statewide AB 650 will cost district hospitals 84% of their entire pre-pandemic level profits. As public entities, district profits provide community care and benefits, capital improvements and infrastructure projects, such compliance with the state seismic mandate.

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California's district hospitals, especially those in rural and underserved areas, were facing significant financial burdens prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and have little room for additional costs, let alone to the level that would be required by AB 650.

## **VOTE "NO" ON AB 650**