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Texas House Democratic Caucus Calls for \$15,000 Teacher Pay Raise

Uses budget surplus for biggest teacher pay raise in Texas history

AUSTIN, TX — Today, members of the Texas House Democratic Caucus joined Rep. James Talarico (D-Austin) as he filed [House Bill 1548](#), a historic piece of legislation that, if passed, would be the largest pay raise in Texas history. HB 1548 provides a \$15,000 pay raise for teachers and school support staff that would make Texas the 7th highest state in teacher pay and help lower property taxes—all while leaving billions in unused state funds.

Rep. James Talarico (D-Austin) issued the following statement:

"This moment demands bold action and that's what our state is known for. House Bill 1548 would be the biggest teacher pay raise in Texas history. In Texas, we go big or we go home. Let's go big on teacher pay."

Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer (D-San Antonio) issued the following statement:

"A state as great as Texas deserves nothing short of the best schools with the best teachers in the nation. Public education is a Democratic value and a Democratic priority for every member of this caucus. And with an unprecedented \$33 billion budget surplus, we have at least 33 billion opportunities to improve our schools.

"Just like school, if you don't do your homework, you will not succeed. Texas Democrats in the House are doing their homework on the state budget—we are in the front row, we are attending class, and we're ready to deliver for Texas teachers, Texas students, and Texas families."

Texas House Democratic Caucus
Chairman Trey Martinez Fischer