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Looping in Josh.

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Proposed response?

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Chaney,

Any comment on this?

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House Democratic Leader Todd Rutherford Prefiles Immediate Flood Recovery Relief Bill

Flood Recovery Relief Bill would provide the Governor with over \$320 million for Immediate Flood Relief

Columbia, SC - Today, House Democratic Leader Rep. Todd Rutherford pre-filed a flood recovery relief bill, in the form of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2015-2016 budget, allocating over \$320 million in surplus revenue from FY 2014-2015 that is currently in the Contingency Reserve Fund and 2015-16 unobligated projected surplus revenue that has been certified by the Board of Economic Advisors to Governor Nikki Haley to spend on immediate flood relief for South Carolina families. Governor Haley's proposal for flood relief would not begin until the beginning of FY 2016-2017 (July 1, 2016). Rutherford's bill would allow funds to be allocated to families immediately upon the signature of the Governor.

\$86,750,797 will come from the Contingency Reserve Fund.

\$239,798,000 will come from FY 2015-2016 unobligated general fund revenue (surplus funds) as certified by the Board of Economic Advisors.

In accordance with Section 25-1-440 of the 1976 Code, the Governor has the authority to make financial grants to meet disaster-related needs of individuals and families affected by a major disaster when that disaster has been declared by the President. On October 5, 2015, President Obama signed a disaster declaration for the state of South Carolina, ordering federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts.

House Democratic Leader Todd Rutherford says disaster relief for individuals and families has fallen short and current plans will not adequately address the needs of families who have been affected or displaced by the recent floods.

"We simply cannot wait until the new fiscal year begins in July to start helping people - they need help now," said Rutherford. "We have surplus funds that are available at this very moment that can help families who are still struggling from the floods. We should not make them suffer any longer just because some elected leaders are in no hurry," said Rep. Rutherford. "The Governor's plan does not address private homeowners who were catastrophically affected by this storm, and currently have no path to stability. Our bill can help provide that stability in an immediate fashion. The Governor already has the authority to do what's right, this bill gives her the necessary tools. I hope she takes advantage of her authority to provide immediate relief to South Carolina families."

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