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I strongly oppose HB 2146.

This bill authorizes public hospital districts to behave like private investment entities while retaining public powers, public assets, and public protection from failure. That is an unacceptable imbalance of risk and accountability.

Allowing hospital boards to invest up to 50% of hospital funds in market-based instruments exposes essential health-care resources to volatility, loss, and mismanagement — without voter approval, without enhanced audit requirements, and without guardrails proportionate to the risk being assumed. Hospitals exist to deliver care, not to speculate with funds derived from public authority.

The bill further expands geographic reach and reinforces quasi-governmental police powers under unelected boards, consolidating authority while reducing transparency. Expansion, enforcement, and financial risk are all increased, yet public oversight is not.

If an entity wants private investment freedom, it should accept private accountability. HB 2146 allows public entities to take private risks while shielding decision-makers from public consequence. That structure invites abuse and undermines public trust.

This bill should not advance without strict limits, voter approval requirements, and independent financial oversight — none of which are present here.