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	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 Representative(s) Livingston offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (243299) (with title amendment)

On page 104, between lines 11 and 12,

insert:

Section 57. Subsection (5) of section 14.2015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14.2015 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development; creation; powers and duties.--

(5)(a) The director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall designate a position within the office to advocate and coordinate the interests of rural communities in the state. The person in this position shall report to the director and shall be the primary point of contact for the office on issues and projects important to the economic capacity of Florida's rural communities.

(b) In order to improve access by rural communities to programs of financial and technical assistance, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall use standard definitions of the term "rural" for new programs and, if

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1 warranted, shall apply the definitions for existing programs
2 in ss. 288.018, 288.063, 288.065, 288.095, 288.106, and
3 288.095. Programs specifically identified by law as being
4 designed for rural communities shall be accessible by rural
5 counties, rural cities, rural cities in nonrural counties, and
6 rural areas of critical concern which may be represented by
7 regional rural consortia, and by organizations based in and
8 serving such jurisdictions. Unincorporated areas of nonrural
9 counties are not qualified for inclusion unless such areas
10 have an enterprise zone or are champion communities. The
11 office shall report to the Legislature on the impact of such
12 definitions by January 1, 2000.

13 (c) As used in this subsection, "rural county" means a
14 county with a population of less than 75,000, or less than
15 100,000 if the county is contiguous to a county with a
16 population of less than 75,000. "Rural city in a rural county"
17 means an incorporated city in a rural county. "Rural city in
18 nonrural county" means an incorporated city with a population
19 of less than 25,000 and an employment base focused on
20 traditional agricultural or resource-based industries. In
21 addition, three or more of the following factors indicating
22 economic distress must be present: low per capita income, low
23 per capita taxable values, high unemployment, low weekly
24 earned wages compared to the state average, low housing values
25 compared to the state average, high percentages of the
26 population receiving public assistance, and a lack of
27 year-round stable employment opportunities. Such factors and
28 the substantial support of both the city and county government
29 shall be verified by the office. "Rural area of critical
30 concern" means a rural county or city, or a region composed of
31 rural counties, that has been designated by the Governor due

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1 to effects of extraordinarily adverse circumstances or has
2 been targeted by the WAGES program as lacking employment
3 opportunities for WAGES participants.

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7 And the title is amended as follows:

8 On page 112, line 23,

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10 insert after the semicolon:

11 amending s. 14.2015, F.S.; specifying
12 accessibility to programs of financial and
13 technical assistance by certain rural areas or
14 communities for programs administered by the
15 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
16 Development; providing definitions;

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