

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Kilmer offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (402103) (with title amendment)

On page 37, between lines 6 and 7, of the amendment

insert:

Section 6. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.--

(2)(a) Funds appropriated by the Legislature shall be distributed by the office through ~~a grant programs~~ program that maximize ~~maximizes~~ the use of federal, local, and private resources, including, but not limited to, those available under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

(b) To facilitate access of rural communities and rural areas of critical economic concern as defined by the Rural Economic Development Initiative to infrastructure funding programs of the Federal Government, such as those offered by the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Commerce, and state programs,

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1 including those offered by Rural Economic Development
2 Initiative agencies, and to facilitate local government or
3 private infrastructure funding efforts,the office may award
4 grants ~~to applicants for such federal programs~~ for up to 30
5 percent of the total infrastructure project cost. Eligible
6 projects must be related to specific job creation or job
7 retention ~~creating~~ opportunities. Eligible projects may also
8 include improving any inadequate infrastructure that has
9 resulted in regulatory action that prohibits economic or
10 community growth or reducing the costs to community users of
11 proposed infrastructure improvements that exceed such costs in
12 comparable communities. Eligible uses of funds shall include
13 improvements to public infrastructure for industrial or
14 commercial sites and upgrades to or development of public
15 tourism infrastructure. Authorized infrastructure may include
16 the following public or public-private partnership facilities:
17 storm water systems; telecommunications facilities; roads or
18 other remedies to transportation impediments; nature-based
19 tourism facilities; or other physical requirements necessary
20 to facilitate tourism, trade, and economic development
21 activities in the community. Authorized infrastructure may
22 also include publicly owned self-powered nature-based tourism
23 facilities and additions to the distribution facilities of the
24 existing natural gas utility as defined in s. 366.04(3)(c),
25 the existing electric utility as defined in s. 366.02, or the
26 existing water or wastewater utility as defined in s.
27 367.021(12), or any other existing water or wastewater
28 facility, which owns a gas or electric distribution system or
29 a water or wastewater system in this state where:
30 1. A contribution-in-aid of construction is required
31 to serve public or public-private partnership facilities under

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1 the tariffs of any natural gas, electric, water, or wastewater
2 utility as defined herein; and

3 2. Such utilities as defined herein are willing and
4 able to provide such service.

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8 And the title is amended as follows:

9 On page 39, line 20, of the amendment

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11 after the semicolon insert:

12 amending s. 288.0655, F.S.; providing for
13 additional uses of moneys in the Rural
14 Infrastructure Fund;

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