

By the Committee on Commerce; and Senator Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to rural enterprise zones; requiring
3 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
4 to designate certain rural catalyst sites as rural
5 enterprise zones upon request of a host county;
6 specifying request requirements; specifying effect of
7 designation; specifying reporting requirements for
8 rural catalyst sites designated as a rural enterprise
9 zone; specifying a reporting entity; providing an
10 effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 290.0065(1), Florida
15 Statutes, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
16 Development, upon request of the host county, shall designate as
17 a rural enterprise zone any catalyst site as defined in s.
18 288.0656(2)(b), Florida Statutes, which was approved prior to
19 January 1, 2010, and which is not located in an existing rural
20 enterprise zone. The request from the host county must include
21 the legal description of the catalyst site and the name and
22 contact information for the county development authority
23 responsible for managing the catalyst site. The designation
24 shall provide businesses locating within the catalyst site the
25 same eligibility for economic incentives and other benefits of a
26 rural enterprise zone designated under s. 290.0065, Florida
27 Statutes, and the reporting criteria for a catalyst site
28 designated as a rural enterprise zone under this section are the
29 same as for other rural enterprise zones. Host county

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30 development authorities may enter into memoranda of agreement,
31 as necessary, to coordinate their efforts to implement this
32 section.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.