

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 741 (2026)

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)

OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Housing, Agriculture &
2 Tourism Subcommittee

3 Representative Owen offered the following:

5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 94-191 and insert:

7 4. An unincorporated area that has federal enterprise
8 community or an incorporated rural city with a population of
9 25,000 or fewer and that meets an employment base focused on
10 traditional agricultural or resource based industries, located
11 in a county not defined as rural, which has at least three or
12 more of the economic distress factors identified in paragraph
13 (e) and verified by the department.

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15 For purposes of this paragraph, population shall be determined
16 in accordance with the most recent official estimate pursuant to

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17 s. 186.901.

18 **Section 3.** Sections 290.0401, 290.0411, 290.042, 290.0455,
19 290.046, 290.047, 290.0475, and 290.048, Florida Statutes, are
20 repealed.

21 **Section 4. Section 290.043, Florida Statutes, is amended**
22 **to read:**

23 290.043 ~~Florida Small Cities~~ Community Development Block
24 Grant Program; administration.—There is created the ~~Florida~~
25 ~~Small Cities~~ Community Development Block Grant Program. The
26 department shall administer the program as authorized and
27 described in Title I of the Housing and Community Development
28 Act of 1974, as amended; Pub. L. No. 93-383, as amended by Pub.
29 L. No. 96-399 and Pub. L. No. 97-35; 42 U.S.C. ss. 5301 et seq.

30 **Section 5. Section 290.044, Florida Statutes, is amended**
31 **to read:**

32 (Substantial rewording of section. See
33 s. 290.044, F.S., for present text.)

34 290.044 Community Development Block Grant Program Fund;
35 administration; distribution.—

36 (1) The Community Development Block Grant Program Fund is
37 created.

38 (2) For the purpose of this section, the term:
39 (a) "Act" means the Housing and Community Development Act
40 of 1974, as amended, and applicable federal regulations.

41 (b) "Program" means the Community Development Block Grant

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42 Program.

43 (3) The department is designated as the state agency to
44 receive federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban
45 Development and to administer the program. The department may
46 award grants under the program consistent with the purposes and
47 requirements of the act. The department may expend funds
48 received from Department of Housing and Urban Development
49 consistent with the act.

50 (4) If, in any year, the department receives additional
51 federal funding through the Department of Housing and Urban
52 Development for necessary expenses related to disaster recovery,
53 long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in
54 impacted and distressed areas arising from the consequences of a
55 federally declared disaster, the department shall administer
56 such funding in accordance with the federal law authorizing such
57 funding, including any implementing guidance or regulations
58 adopted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

59 (5) If, in any year, the department receives additional
60 federal funding through the Department of Housing and Urban
61 Development for any purpose not specifically provided in this
62 section, the department shall administer such funding in
63 accordance with the law authorizing such funding, including any
64 implementing guidance or regulations adopted by the Department
65 of Housing and Urban Development.

66 (6) The department may adopt rules to administer this

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67 section.

70 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

71 Remove lines 38-39 and insert:

72 Department of Commerce to adopt rules; amending