

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1559, in the Title, Lines 2 and 3, by
2 deleting the phrase: "the Missouri startup cloud program" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase:
3 "economic incentive programs"; and
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5 Further amend said bill, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said Section and Line the
6 following:
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8 "620.750. 1. The department of economic development, subject to an appropriation not to
9 exceed five million dollars each fiscal year, shall develop and implement rural regional development
10 grants as provided in this section.

11 2. Rural regional development grants may be provided to qualified rural regional
12 development groups. After the award of a grant, the group shall:

13 (1) Track and monitor job creation and investment in the region using quantitative measures
14 that measure progress toward preestablished goals;

15 (2) Establish a process for enrolling commercial and industrial development sites in the
16 region in the state-certified sites program or maintain a list of state-certified commercial and
17 industrial development sites in the region;

18 (3) Measure the skills of the region's workforce;

19 (4) Provide an organizational chart demonstrating that private businesses and local
20 governmental and educational officials are involved in the group; and

21 (5) Provide documentation of the group's financial activities for the current year.

22 3. A rural regional development group shall not qualify for a rural regional development
23 grant if:

24 (1) The group's region includes a county or portion of another state outside the state of
25 Missouri; or

26 (2) The group maintains an operating budget greater than two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

27 4. Applications for rural regional development grants shall only be submitted for a rural
28 regional development group by a regional planning commission created under chapter 251 or other
29 legally created regional planning commission. A regional planning commission may submit
30 applications on behalf of more than one rural regional development group, except that a regional
31 planning commission shall not submit an application on behalf of a group that the regional planning

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1 commission does not recognize as the economic development authority for the county that the
 2 authority represents.

3 5. The regional planning commission may charge an application fee for the grants developed
 4 under this section. The regional planning commission shall be allowed to claim reimbursement from
 5 the grant recipient for actual costs of administering the grants.

6 6. A single grant shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars. Each of the nineteen
 7 regions of the state represented by a regional planning commission created under chapter 251 or
 8 other legally created regional planning commission shall not receive more than two grants per region
 9 annually.

10 7. Grants provided under this section shall be distributed based on a rural regional
 11 development group's years in operation. The eligible amount shall be:

12 (1) For a group in operation two years or more on a matching basis of three dollars of state
 13 funds for every one dollar of funds provided or raised by the rural regional development group,
 14 including the value of in-kind services, supplies, or equipment.

15 (2) For groups in operation less than two years on a matching basis of one dollar of state
 16 funds for every one dollar of funds provided or raised by the rural regional development group,
 17 including the value of in-kind services, supplies, or equipment.

18 8. Uses for the grants may include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

19 (1) Workforce development activities, such as evaluation and education;

20 (2) Entrepreneurship training for pre-venture and existing businesses;

21 (3) Development of regional marketing techniques and activities;

22 (4) International trade training for new-to-export businesses in the region;

23 (5) In-depth market research and financial analysis for businesses in the region;

24 (6) Demographic and market opportunity research to assist regional planning commissions
 25 in developing their comprehensive economic development strategy.

26 9. The grant recipient shall annually report to the governor; the director of the department of
 27 economic development; the senate committee on commerce, consumer protection and the
 28 environment; the house committee on economic development and any successor committees thereto,
 29 the allocation of the grants and the purposes for which the funding was used.

30 10. The department of economic development may promulgate rules governing the award of
 31 grants under this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that
 32 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with
 33 and is subject to all the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section
 34 and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant
 35 to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
 36 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
 37 adopted after August 28, 2014, shall be invalid and void."; and

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 39 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
 40 accordingly.