

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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Date

April 29, 2021

Committee on Local Government.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB21-229 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 5, strike "Bill 21-\_\_\_\_" and substitute  
2 "Bill 21-229".

3 Page 3, strike lines 13 through 17 and substitute:

4           "(12) "TIER ONE TRANSITION COMMUNITY" MEANS A COAL  
5 TRANSITION COMMUNITY THAT IS LOCATED IN A RURAL JUMP-START ZONE  
6 AND THAT THE OFFICE, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE  
7 DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, DETERMINES HAS ALREADY  
9 EXPERIENCED OR IS AT RISK OF EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC  
10 DISRUPTION, THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF WHICH IS EITHER THE CLOSURE OR  
11 CONVERSION OF A COAL-FUELED ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATING PLANT  
12 IN COLORADO OR IN A CONTIGUOUS STATE OR A SUSTAINED AND LIKELY  
13 PERMANENT DECLINE IN BROADER COAL MARKETS DUE TO SIMILAR  
14 CLOSURES OR CONVERSIONS NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY."

15 Page 3, line 19, after "(7)(c)" insert "and (7)(d)".

16 Page 3, line 26, strike "SUBSECTION (7)(c)" and substitute "SUBSECTIONS  
17 (7)(c) AND (7)(d)".

18 Page 5, after line 12 insert:

19           "(d) (I) THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE GRANTS, AT THE

1 COMMISSION'S DISCRETION, SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7)(d), AND  
2 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY  
3 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER APPLICANT, TO A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
4 EDUCATION OR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION THAT  
5 COLLABORATES WITH A NEW BUSINESS THAT RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR THE  
6 RURAL JUMP-START ZONE PROGRAM BENEFITS UNDER SUBSECTION (7)(a)  
7 OF THIS SECTION, IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE NEW BUSINESS IN MEETING  
8 THE PURPOSES OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (7)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (II) WHEN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO ISSUE A GRANT TO A STATE  
10 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
11 ORGANIZATION, AND WHEN CONSIDERING THE SIZE OF THE GRANT, THE  
12 COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW:

13 (A) AN APPLICANT'S REAL AND DEMONSTRATED COSTS RESULTING  
14 FROM THE COLLABORATION WITH A NEW BUSINESS;

15 (B) OTHER NONMONETARY BENEFITS AFFORDED TO THE  
16 APPLICANT IN COLLABORATING WITH A NEW BUSINESS;

17 (C) THE NUMBER OF NEW BUSINESSES THE APPLICANT IS  
18 CURRENTLY COLLABORATING WITH AND LIKELY TO COLLABORATE WITH  
19 IN THE FUTURE;

20 (D) WHETHER THE GRANT WILL SUPPORT WORKFORCE  
21 DEVELOPMENT AND APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT BY  
22 THE STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR THE ECONOMIC  
23 DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION IN CONCERT WITH NEW BUSINESSES; AND

24 (E) ANY OTHER FACTS THE COMMISSION DEEMS NECESSARY WHEN  
25 CONSIDERING THE OVERALL MISSION OF THE RURAL JUMP-START ZONE  
26 PROGRAM AND THE ROLE OF THE APPLICANT IN FURTHERING THAT  
27 MISSION.

28 (III) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL TERMS AND  
29 CONDITIONS THAT IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE IN AWARDING GRANTS UNDER  
30 THIS SUBSECTION (7)(d), INCLUDING THE SIZE OF THE GRANT.

31 (IV) GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (7)(d) MAY ONLY  
32 BE AWARDED TO A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR AN  
33 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION IF THE GRANT RECIPIENT MEETS  
34 THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE 30.5."

35 Page 5, strike line 20 and substitute "30.5, AND TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO  
36 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR TO ECONOMIC  
37 DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS."

38 Page 5, line 23, strike "(7)(c)." and substitute "(7)(c) AND (7)(d)."

1 Page 7, line 16, after "(7)(c)" insert "AND (7)(d)".

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