

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee, Commerce and Tourism Committee, and Senator Montford and others

SUBJECT: Regional Rural Development Grants

DATE: March 9, 2018

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 946689 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 provides that a regional economic development organization that provides taxpayer funded incentives to existing or prospective businesses is not eligible to participate in the matching grant program. The amendment also removes provisions requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to review best practices and methods and make recommendations to establish a site readiness program for rural communities.