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By House Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Chapman, Maycumber,
Tharinger, Harris, and Dent)

1 AN ACT Relating to defining frontier counties; and amending RCW
2 43.160.020, 43.330.010, and 82.02.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.160.020 and 2012 c 225 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Board" means the community economic revitalization board.

9 (2) "Department" means the department of commerce.

10 (3) "Frontier county" means a county with a population density of
11 less than 50 persons per square mile as determined by the office of
12 financial management and published each year by the department. A
13 county with a population density of 20 or less persons per square
14 mile is a "frontier one" county. A county with a population density
15 between 21 and 50 persons per square mile is a "frontier two" county.
16 Every frontier county is also a rural county under this chapter and
17 eligible for all benefits, services, and programs of a rural county
18 unless a frontier county is specifically excluded in the authorizing
19 statute.

20 (4) "Local government" or "political subdivision" means any port
21 district, county, city, town, special purpose district, and any other

1 municipal corporations or quasi-municipal corporations in the state
2 providing for public facilities under this chapter.

3 ~~((4))~~ (5) "Public facilities" means a project of a local
4 government or a federally recognized Indian tribe for the planning,
5 acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction, replacement,
6 rehabilitation, or improvement of: Bridges; roads; research, testing,
7 training, and incubation facilities in areas designated as innovation
8 partnership zones under RCW 43.330.270; buildings or structures;
9 domestic and industrial water, earth stabilization, sanitary sewer,
10 storm sewer, railroad, electricity, telecommunications,
11 transportation, natural gas, and port facilities; all for the purpose
12 of job creation, job retention, or job expansion.

13 ~~((5))~~ (6) "Rural county" means a county with a population
14 density of fewer than ~~((one hundred))~~ 100 persons per square mile or
15 a county smaller than ~~((two hundred twenty-five))~~ 225 square miles,
16 as determined by the office of financial management and published
17 each year by the department for the period July 1st to June 30th.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.330.010 and 2021 c 39 s 3 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
21 this section apply throughout this chapter.

22 (1) "Associate development organization" means a local economic
23 development nonprofit corporation that is broadly representative of
24 community interests.

25 (2) "Department" means the department of commerce.

26 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of commerce.

27 (4) "Family resource center" means a unified single point of
28 entry where families, individuals, children, and youth in communities
29 can obtain information, an assessment of needs, referral to, or
30 direct delivery of family services in a manner that is welcoming and
31 strength-based.

32 (a) A family resource center is designed to meet the needs,
33 cultures, and interests of the communities that the family resource
34 center serves.

35 (b) Family services may be delivered directly to a family at the
36 family resource center by family resource center staff or by
37 providers who contract with or have provider agreements with the
38 family resource center. Any family resource center that provides
39 family services shall comply with applicable state and federal laws

1 and regulations regarding the delivery of such family services,
2 unless required waivers or exemptions have been granted by the
3 appropriate governing body.

4 (c) Each family resource center shall have one or more family
5 advocates who screen and assess a family's needs and strengths. If
6 requested by the family, the family advocate shall assist the family
7 with setting its own goals and, together with the family, develop a
8 written plan to pursue the family's goals in working towards a
9 greater level of self-reliance or in attaining self-sufficiency.

10 (5) "Financial institution" means a bank, trust company, mutual
11 savings bank, savings and loan association, or credit union
12 authorized to do business in this state under state or federal law.

13 (6) "Frontier county" means a county with a population density of
14 less than 50 persons per square mile as determined by the office of
15 financial management and published each year by the department. A
16 county with a population density of 20 or less persons per square
17 mile is a "frontier one" county. A county with a population density
18 between 21 and 50 persons per square mile is a "frontier two" county.
19 Every frontier county is also a rural county under this chapter and
20 eligible for all benefits, services, and programs of a rural county
21 unless a frontier county is specifically excluded in the authorizing
22 statute.

23 (7) "Small business" has the same meaning as provided in RCW
24 39.26.010.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.02.010 and 2022 c 16 s 137 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 For the purpose of this title, unless the context clearly
28 requires otherwise:

29 (1) "Cannabis," "cannabis-infused products," and "useable
30 cannabis" have the meanings provided in RCW 69.50.101;

31 (2) "Department" means the department of revenue of the state of
32 Washington;

33 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of revenue of
34 the state of Washington;

35 (4) "Frontier county" means a county with a population density of
36 less than 50 persons per square mile as determined by the office of
37 financial management and published each year by the department. A
38 county with a population density of 20 or less persons per square
39 mile is a "frontier one" county. A county with a population density

1 between 21 and 50 persons per square mile is a "frontier two" county.
2 Every frontier county is also a rural county as defined in RCW
3 82.14.370 and eligible for all benefits, services, and programs
4 unless a frontier county is specifically excluded in the authorizing
5 statute;

6 (5) "Taxpayer" includes any individual, group of individuals,
7 corporation, or association liable for any tax or the collection of
8 any tax hereunder, or who engages in any business or performs any act
9 for which a tax is imposed by this title. "Taxpayer" also includes
10 any person liable for any fee or other charge collected by the
11 department under any provision of law, including registration
12 assessments and delinquency fees imposed under RCW 59.30.050; and

13 ~~((5))~~ (6) Words in the singular number include the plural and
14 the plural include the singular. Words in one gender include all
15 other genders.

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