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Representative Michael E. Noel proposes the following substitute bill:

RURAL ONLINE INITIATIVE

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes a pilot program to help individuals living in rural areas take advantage of freelance, job, and business opportunities available online.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires Utah State University to:
 - administer a pilot program, through a county extension office, to help individuals living in rural areas take advantage of freelance, job, and business opportunities available online;
 - include certain components in the pilot program;
 - initially administer the pilot program in a geographic area based on certain

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criteria and expand the pilot program to other geographic areas if resources allow; and

- report to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee; and
- ▶ provides a sunset date.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2019:

- ▶ to Utah State University – Cooperative Extension – Rural Workforce Online Development, as a one-time appropriation:
 - from the Education Fund, one-time, ~~(\$1,740)~~ \$2,152,000.
 - from the General Fund, one-time, \$120,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapters 166 and 181

ENACTS:

53B-18-1501, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-18-1501** is enacted to read:

Part 15. Rural Online Initiative

53B-18-1501. Remote online opportunities -- Pilot program -- Report to Legislature.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Association of governments" means an association of political subdivisions established pursuant to an interlocal agreement under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.

(b) "Pilot program" means the pilot program administered by Utah State University in accordance with this section.

(c) "Remote online opportunity" means employment, including freelance employment,

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or the operation of an online business for which an individual:

- (i) can complete duties primarily online; and
- (ii) is not required to work from a specific geographic location.

(2) (a) Subject to legislative appropriations, Utah State University, through a county extension office, shall administer a pilot program that helps individuals who live in rural areas access remote online opportunities.

(b) In administering the pilot program, Utah State University shall consider input from a county located in a geographic area selected for the pilot program under Subsection (4).

(3) Utah State University shall, as part of the pilot program:

- (a) provide training modules to adults and high school students;
- (b) coordinate with rural high schools and postsecondary institutions;
- (c) develop marketing materials;
- (d) develop relationships with information technology companies that offer remote

online opportunities;

(e) partner with websites that list freelance remote online opportunities;

(f) provide scholarships for individuals who live in rural areas to access online skill-based training for remote online opportunities;

(g) provide one on one coaching for an individual who pursues a remote online opportunity; and

(h) conduct other activities related to remote online opportunities as determined by Utah State University.

(4) (a) Utah State University shall administer the pilot program:

- (i) in at least one geographic area in the state initially; and
- (ii) in additional geographic areas if resources allow.

(b) In determining where to initially administer the pilot program, Utah State University shall consider whether counties in a geographic area:

- (i) are primarily rural or have remote rural areas;
- (ii) face high unemployment rates;
- (iii) have access to high speed Internet;

(iv) have a large percentage of high school graduates leave the geographic area after graduating from high school; and

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(v) are members of an association of governments that supports helping individuals who live in rural areas access remote online opportunities.

(5) On or before November 1, 2020, Utah State University shall report to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee on:

(a) the number of individuals who receive training through the pilot program;

(b) the number and percentage of individuals who participate in the pilot program and access a remote online opportunity; and

(c) whether there is a reduction in the unemployment rate in a geographic area included in the pilot program.

Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

63I-1-253. Repeal dates, Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.

The following provisions are repealed on the following dates:

(1) Subsection 53-10-202(18) is repealed July 1, 2018.

(2) Section 53-10-202.1 is repealed July 1, 2018.

~~[(3) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 6, Public Education Job Enhancement Program, is repealed July 1, 2020.]~~

~~[(4) Section 53A-13-106.5 is repealed July 1, 2019.]~~

~~[(5) Section 53A-15-106 is repealed July 1, 2019.]~~

~~[(6) Sections 53A-15-206 and 53A-15-207 are repealed January 1, 2023.]~~

~~[(7) Title 53A, Chapter 31, Part 4, American Indian and Alaskan Native Education State Plan Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2022.]~~

(3) Section 53B-18-1501 is repealed July 1, 2021.

~~[(8)]~~ (4) Section 53B-24-402, Rural residency training program, is repealed July 1, 2020.

~~[(9)]~~ (5) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), which provides for the distribution of money from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells, other hydrologic studies, and air quality monitoring in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2020.

(6) Section 53E-3-515 is repealed January 1, 2023.

(7) Section 53F-2-514 is repealed July 1, 2020.

(8) Section 53F-5-203 is repealed July 1, 2019.

(9) Title 53F, Chapter 5, Part 6, American Indian and Alaskan Native Education State

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Plan Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2022.

(10) Section 53F-6-201 is repealed July 1, 2019.

(11) Section 53F-9-501 is repealed January 1, 2023.

Section 3. **Appropriation.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2019. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

ITEM 1

To Utah State University -- Cooperative Extension

<u>From Education Fund, One-time</u>	(\$1,740) <u>\$2,152,000</u>
<u>From General Fund, One-time</u>	<u>\$120,000</u>
<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
<u>Rural Online Initiative</u>	(\$1) <u>\$2,1860</u> <u>272,000</u>

The Legislature intends that:

(1) Utah State University expend:

(a) the appropriation from the General Fund provided under this item for scholarships described in Subsection 53B-18-1501(3)(f); and

(b) the appropriation from the Education Fund provided under this item for the pilot program described in Section 53B-18-1501, except for the purposes described in Subsection (1)(a);

(2) Utah State University expend the appropriations provided in this item in fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021 ~~†, in an amount not to exceed \$680,000 in 2019, \$590,000 in 2020, and the remainder in fiscal year 2021~~; and

(3) under Section 63J-1-603, appropriations provided under this item not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2019 or 2020.

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