

## HB0296S01 compared with HB0296

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Representative Carl R. Albrecht proposes the following substitute bill:

### RURAL ONLINE WORKING HUBS AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht**

Senate Sponsor: ~~{ }~~ Ralph Okerlund

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#### LONG TITLE

##### General Description:

This bill creates a grant program in the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED).

##### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms, including "coworking and innovation center";
- ▶ creates the Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program in GOED;
- ▶ describes the requirements and purposes of the grant program; and
- ▶ creates the Rural Online Working Hubs Grant Advisory Committee to advise GOED regarding the grant program.

##### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2020:

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- ▶ to the Governor's Office of Economic Development -- Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the General Fund, \$2,000,000.

### Other Special Clauses:

None

### Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

**63N-4-501**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63N-4-502**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63N-4-503**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63N-4-504**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63N-4-501** is enacted to read:

#### **Part 5. Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program**

##### **63N-4-501. Title.**

This part is known as the "Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program."

Section 2. Section **63N-4-502** is enacted to read:

##### **63N-4-502. Definitions.**

As used in this part:

(1) "Advisory committee" means the Rural Online Working Hubs Grant Advisory Committee created in Section 63N-4-505.

(2) "Coworking and Innovation Center" means a facility designed to provide individuals with the infrastructure and equipment to participate in the online workforce.

(3) "Entity" means a county, city, institution of higher education, or ~~nonprofit~~ private company.

(4) "Grant" means a grant awarded as part of the Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program created in Section 63N-4-503.

(5) "Grant program" means the Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program created in Section 63N-4-503.

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(6) "Rural area" means any area in any county in the state except Salt Lake, Utah, Davis, Weber, Washington, Cache, Tooele, and Summit counties.

Section 3. Section **63N-4-503** is enacted to read:

### **63N-4-503. Creation and purpose of the Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program.**

(1) There is created the Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program administered by the office.

(2) The office may seek to accomplish the following objectives in administering the grant program:

(a) constructing or renovating a facility in one or more rural areas to create one or more coworking and innovation centers;

(b) ~~building~~ extending and improving utilities and broadband ~~infrastructure in one or more rural areas~~ service connections to ~~support~~ one or more coworking and innovation centers ~~in one or more rural areas~~; and

(c) purchasing equipment, furniture, and security systems as part of one or more coworking and innovation centers in one or more rural areas.

Section 4. Section **63N-4-504** is enacted to read:

### **63N-4-504. Requirements for awarding a working hubs grant.**

(1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the office shall make rules establishing the eligibility and reporting criteria for an entity to receive a grant under this part, including:

(a) the form and process of submitting an application to the office for a grant;

(b) which entities are eligible to apply for a grant;

(c) the method and formula for determining grant amounts; and

(d) the reporting requirements of grant recipients.

(2) In determining the award of a grant, the office may prioritize projects:

(a) that will serve underprivileged or underserved communities, including communities with high unemployment or low median incomes; ~~and~~

(b) where an applicant demonstrates comprehensive planning of the project but has limited access to financial resources, including financial resources from local or county government ~~;~~; and

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(c) that maximize economic development opportunities in collaboration with the economic development needs or plans of an educational institution, a county, and a municipality.

(3) Subject to legislative appropriation, a grant may only be awarded by the executive director after consultation with the advisory committee.

(4) A grant may only be awarded under this part:

(a) if the grant recipient agrees to provide any combination of funds, land, buildings, or in-kind work in an amount equal to at least 25% of the grant;

(b) if the grant recipient agrees not to use grant money for the ongoing operation or maintenance of a coworking and innovation center; and

(c) in an amount no more than \$500,000 to a grant applicant.

Section 5. Section **63N-4-505** is enacted to read:

### **63N-4-505. Rural Online Working Hubs Grant Advisory Committee --**

#### **Membership -- Duties -- Expenses.**

(1) There is created in the office the Rural Online Working Hubs Grant Advisory Committee, composed of the following ~~five~~ seven members:

(a) the executive director, or the executive director's designee;

(b) a member of the Senate, or a member of the House of Representatives, who represents rural constituents, chosen by the president of the Senate;

(c) one member representing municipal government in a rural county, recommended by the Utah League of Cities and Towns and appointed by the executive director;

(d) one member representing rural county government, recommended by the Utah Association of Counties and appointed by the executive director; ~~and~~

(e) one member representing higher education, appointed by the executive director ~~and~~;

(f) one member representing the information technology sector, recommended by the Utah Technology Council and appointed by the executive director; and

(g) one member representing the commercial real estate development community, recommended by the Utah chapter of the Commercial Real Estate Development Association and appointed by the executive director.

(2) The advisory committee shall advise and make recommendations to the office regarding awarding grants under this part.

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(3) (a) Except as required by Subsection (3)(b), as terms of advisory committee members appointed by the executive director expire, the executive director shall appoint each new member or reappointed member to a four-year term.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (3)(a), the executive director shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of advisory committee members appointed by the executive director are staggered so that approximately half of the appointed advisory committee members are appointed every two years.

(4) The executive director, or the director's designee, shall serve as chair of the advisory committee.

(5) The advisory committee shall elect annually a vice chair from the advisory committee's members.

(6) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the executive director shall appoint the replacement for the unexpired term.

(7) A majority of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting advisory committee business and the action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the advisory committee.

(8) The office shall provide administrative staff support for the advisory committee.

(9) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but a member, who is not a legislator, may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

(a) Section 63A-3-106;

(b) Section 63A-3-107; and

(c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

### Section 6. **Appropriation.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2020. 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.

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ITEM 1

To the Governor's Office of Economic Development -- Rural Coworking and  
Innovation Center Grant Program

From General Fund \$2,000,000

Schedule of Programs:

Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program \$2,000,000