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Short Title: RPO Area Definition.

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Sponsors: Senators Rabon, and Harrington.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION ON AN AREA THAT CAN BE REPRESENTED
3 BY A RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT
4 LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-211 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 136-211. Department authorized to establish Rural Transportation Planning**
8 **Organizations.**

9 (a) Authorization. – The Department of Transportation is authorized to form Rural
10 Transportation Planning Organizations.

11 (b) Area Represented. – Rural Transportation Planning Organizations shall include
12 representatives from contiguous areas in three to fifteen counties, ~~with or~~ a total population of
13 the entire area represented of at least 50,000 persons according to the latest population estimate
14 of the ~~Office of State Planning~~ Office of State Budget and Management. Noncontiguous
15 counties adjacent to the same Metropolitan Planning Organization may form a Rural
16 Transportation Planning Organization. Areas already included in a Metropolitan Planning
17 Organization shall not be included in the area represented by a Rural Transportation Planning
18 Organization.

19 (c) Membership. – The Rural Transportation Planning Organization shall consist of
20 local elected officials or their designees and representatives of local transportation systems in
21 the area as agreed to by all parties in a memorandum of understanding.

22 (d) Formation; Memorandum of Understanding. – The Department shall notify local
23 elected officials and representatives of local transportation systems around the State of the
24 opportunity to form Rural Transportation Planning Organizations. The Department shall work
25 cooperatively with interested local elected officials, their designees, and representatives of local
26 transportation systems to develop a proposed area, membership, functions, and responsibilities
27 of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization. The agreement of all parties shall be included
28 in a memorandum of understanding approved by the membership of a proposed Rural
29 Transportation Planning Organization and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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