

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Financial Institutions and Rural Development** recommends **HB 2623** be amended on page 1, in line 9, by striking "5" and inserting "8"; in line 11, by striking "act" and inserting "pilot program"; in line 12, by striking "this act" and inserting "sections 1 through 8, and amendments thereto"; in line 13, by striking all after "(a)"; in line 14, by striking "(b)"; in line 18, after the second "the" by inserting "expanding or new"; also in line 18, by striking "intends to establish remote jobs" and inserting "is or will be located in Kansas"; following line 28, by inserting:

"(e) "Program" means the rural remote worker incentive pilot program.";

Also on page 1, in line 29, after "a" by inserting "newly created"; in line 34, by striking the colon; by striking all in lines 35 and 36;

On page 2, in line 1, by striking "(2)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 2, in line 4, by striking "net new"; also in line 4, by striking the second "the" and inserting "one-time"; in line 5, by striking "this act" and inserting "the program. An expanding or new business shall not apply to the secretary for the one-time incentives under the program until the end of the calendar year in which each remote worker completed 12 consecutive months of full-time permanent remote or mobile work in a rural area for such expanding or new business"; in line 7, by striking "this act" and inserting "the program"; in line 8, by striking all after the second "the"; in line 9, by striking "located" and inserting "expanding or new business is or will be located in Kansas"; in line 16, by striking "net new"; in line 22, by

striking "this act" and inserting "the program. All rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall not expand the administrative powers or duties of the secretary beyond those powers or duties specifically granted under the program. Such rules and regulations shall not substantially alter the legislative intent regarding the program. The department of commerce shall implement and administer the provisions of the program within existing staff and resources of the department"; following line 31, by inserting:

"(c) On June 30, 2025, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer all moneys in the rural remote worker incentive fund to the state general fund. On June 30, 2025, all liabilities of the rural remote worker incentive fund are hereby transferred to and imposed on the state general fund and the rural remote worker incentive fund is hereby abolished.";

Also on page 2, in line 32, by striking "this act" and inserting "the program"; following line 40, by inserting:

"Sec. 6. Utilizing existing staff and resources, the department of commerce shall promote the rural remote worker incentive program to expanding or new Kansas businesses and to any out-of-state businesses relocating to Kansas, including businesses that have not applied for any other economic development incentive program administered wholly or in part by the secretary.

Sec. 7. During the 2024 regular session of the legislature, the department of commerce shall present a report on the progress of the program to the house of representatives committee on financial institutions and rural development and the senate committee on commerce or the successors of such committees.

Sec. 8. The provisions of sections 1 through 8, and amendments thereto, shall expire on July 1, 2025.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "enacting" and inserting "establishing"; also in line 2, by striking "act" and inserting "pilot program"; also in line 2, by striking "establishing" and inserting "providing"; in line 4, by striking "providing"; in line 6, after "treasury" by inserting "; requiring certain reports to legislative committees"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson