



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 380**

LCO No. 2100



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WHO PRODUCE COMMERCIAL FOOD ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL KITCHENS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-7f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
4 shall establish an economic development grants program to provide  
5 grants for the following programs and purposes:

6 (1) To develop a small business incubator program to entities  
7 operating incubator facilities, as defined in section 32-34;

8 (2) To promote, retain and expand hydrogen and fuel cell industries  
9 in Connecticut;

10 (3) To promote supply chain integration and encourage the  
11 adoption of digital manufacturing and information technologies;

12 (4) To provide training for small and medium-sized businesses in  
13 high-performance work practices;

14 (5) To support the development of marine science, maritime and  
15 homeland security defense industries;

16 (6) To promote research innovation and nanotechnology; [and]

17 (7) To provide small business owners who produce commercial  
18 food with access to commercial kitchens; and

19 [(7)] (8) To provide technical assistance to small business owners.

20 (b) The Department of Economic and Community Development  
21 may enter into an agreement, pursuant to chapter 55a, with a person,  
22 firm, corporation or other entity to operate the grants program  
23 [developed] established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

24 (c) The commissioner shall prescribe the manner in which an entity  
25 shall submit an application for a grant awarded as part of the grants  
26 program [developed] established pursuant to this section, provided  
27 such application procedure includes (1) a request for proposal, or (2) a  
28 competitive award process.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	32-7f

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide small business owners who produce commercial food access to commercial kitchens.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*