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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 Section 32-7f of the general statutes is repealed and the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.

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

GL *Joint Favorable*