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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Eickmeyer, Lantz, Miloscia, Kessler, Rockefeller and Haigh)

Brief Description: Modifying the definition of "eligible area" for distressed area designation.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/02)

Provides that an "eligible area" means a: (a) Rural county; or (b) a county that has experienced a loss of more than five hundred federal civilian jobs during the previous four-year period due to military base restructuring and the federal civilian employment in the county exceeds fifteen percent of the total employment in the county, as determined biannually by the employment security department.

Declares that a "rural county" means a county with fewer than one hundred persons per square mile as determined annually by the office of financial management and published by the department of revenue effective for the period July 1st through June 30th.