

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1835**

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FRONTIER COUNTIES—DEFINITION

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**Speaker of the House of  
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**President of the Senate**

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JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1835** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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**By** House Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Chapman, Maycumber,  
Tharinger, Harris, and Dent)

READ FIRST TIME 01/29/24.

1            AN ACT Relating to defining frontier counties; and amending RCW  
2 43.160.020, 43.330.010, and 82.02.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.160.020 and 2012 c 225 s 3 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8            (1) "Board" means the community economic revitalization board.

9            (2) "Department" means the department of commerce.

10           (3) "Frontier county" means a county with a population density of  
11 fewer than 50 persons per square mile as determined by the office of  
12 financial management and published each year by the department. A  
13 county with a population density of 21 or fewer persons per square  
14 mile is a "frontier one" county. A county with a population density  
15 of more than 21 but fewer than 50 persons per square mile is a  
16 "frontier two" county. Every frontier county is also a rural county  
17 under this chapter and eligible for all benefits, services, and  
18 programs of a rural county unless a frontier county is specifically  
19 excluded in the authorizing statute.

20           (4) "Local government" or "political subdivision" means any port  
21 district, county, city, town, special purpose district, and any other

1 municipal corporations or quasi-municipal corporations in the state  
2 providing for public facilities under this chapter.

3 ~~((4))~~ (5) "Public facilities" means a project of a local  
4 government or a federally recognized Indian tribe for the planning,  
5 acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction, replacement,  
6 rehabilitation, or improvement of: Bridges; roads; research, testing,  
7 training, and incubation facilities in areas designated as innovation  
8 partnership zones under RCW 43.330.270; buildings or structures;  
9 domestic and industrial water, earth stabilization, sanitary sewer,  
10 storm sewer, railroad, electricity, telecommunications,  
11 transportation, natural gas, and port facilities; all for the purpose  
12 of job creation, job retention, or job expansion.

13 ~~((5))~~ (6) "Rural county" means a county with a population  
14 density of fewer than ~~((one hundred))~~ 100 persons per square mile or  
15 a county smaller than ~~((two hundred twenty-five))~~ 225 square miles,  
16 as determined by the office of financial management and published  
17 each year by the department for the period July 1st to June 30th.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.330.010 and 2021 c 39 s 3 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
21 this section apply throughout this chapter.

22 (1) "Associate development organization" means a local economic  
23 development nonprofit corporation that is broadly representative of  
24 community interests.

25 (2) "Department" means the department of commerce.

26 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of commerce.

27 (4) "Family resource center" means a unified single point of  
28 entry where families, individuals, children, and youth in communities  
29 can obtain information, an assessment of needs, referral to, or  
30 direct delivery of family services in a manner that is welcoming and  
31 strength-based.

32 (a) A family resource center is designed to meet the needs,  
33 cultures, and interests of the communities that the family resource  
34 center serves.

35 (b) Family services may be delivered directly to a family at the  
36 family resource center by family resource center staff or by  
37 providers who contract with or have provider agreements with the  
38 family resource center. Any family resource center that provides  
39 family services shall comply with applicable state and federal laws

1 and regulations regarding the delivery of such family services,  
2 unless required waivers or exemptions have been granted by the  
3 appropriate governing body.

4 (c) Each family resource center shall have one or more family  
5 advocates who screen and assess a family's needs and strengths. If  
6 requested by the family, the family advocate shall assist the family  
7 with setting its own goals and, together with the family, develop a  
8 written plan to pursue the family's goals in working towards a  
9 greater level of self-reliance or in attaining self-sufficiency.

10 (5) "Financial institution" means a bank, trust company, mutual  
11 savings bank, savings and loan association, or credit union  
12 authorized to do business in this state under state or federal law.

13 (6) "Frontier county" means a county with a population density of  
14 fewer than 50 persons per square mile as determined by the office of  
15 financial management and published each year by the department. A  
16 county with a population density of 21 or fewer persons per square  
17 mile is a "frontier one" county. A county with a population density  
18 of more than 21 but fewer than 50 persons per square mile is a  
19 "frontier two" county. Every frontier county is also a rural county  
20 under this chapter and eligible for all benefits, services, and  
21 programs of a rural county unless a frontier county is specifically  
22 excluded in the authorizing statute.

23 (7) "Small business" has the same meaning as provided in RCW  
24 39.26.010.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.02.010 and 2022 c 16 s 137 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 For the purpose of this title, unless the context clearly  
28 requires otherwise:

29 (1) "Cannabis," "cannabis-infused products," and "useable  
30 cannabis" have the meanings provided in RCW 69.50.101;

31 (2) "Department" means the department of revenue of the state of  
32 Washington;

33 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of revenue of  
34 the state of Washington;

35 (4) "Frontier county" means a county with a population density of  
36 fewer than 50 persons per square mile as determined by the office of  
37 financial management and published each year by the department. A  
38 county with a population density of 21 or fewer persons per square  
39 mile is a "frontier one" county. A county with a population density

1 of more than 21 but fewer than 50 persons per square mile is a  
2 "frontier two" county. Every frontier county is also a rural county  
3 as defined in RCW 82.14.370 and eligible for all benefits, services,  
4 and programs unless a frontier county is specifically excluded in the  
5 authorizing statute;

6 (5) "Taxpayer" includes any individual, group of individuals,  
7 corporation, or association liable for any tax or the collection of  
8 any tax hereunder, or who engages in any business or performs any act  
9 for which a tax is imposed by this title. "Taxpayer" also includes  
10 any person liable for any fee or other charge collected by the  
11 department under any provision of law, including registration  
12 assessments and delinquency fees imposed under RCW 59.30.050; and

13 ((+5)) (6) Words in the singular number include the plural and  
14 the plural include the singular. Words in one gender include all  
15 other genders.

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