

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 149

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 149 on page 5,  
3 line 14, by deleting "Office of Rural Health"; and  
4 on page 5, line 15, by deleting "within the" and by replacing  
5 "shall ensure that" with "may assist"; and  
6 on page 5, line 16, by changing "is" to "in"; and  
7 on page 5, after line 20, by inserting the following:

8 "Section 30. Rules; public comment.

9 (a) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations it  
10 deems necessary for the efficient administration of this Act.

11 (b) The rules shall provide for a 30-day general public  
12 comment period. Notification of a 30-day general public  
13 comment period shall be given to the community into which a  
14 grant applicant proposes to expand, by publication in at  
15 least one newspaper of general circulation in that community.  
16 At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, the  
17 Department shall no longer accept written comments. The  
18 Department shall review written comments, submitted within  
19 the comment period, before awarding a grant.

20 (c) The Department shall consider the contents of  
21 written comments only as part of the overall grant review

1 process."