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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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 Subject: Rural Infrastructure Fund Grants
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no revenue impact on the General Fund or Other Funds. Allocations from the Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) may be impacted by the increased number of counties and municipalities eligible for the grants.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill would allow counties with populations of less than forty thousand and the municipalities located in these counties, with rankings of Tier I and Tier II for purposes of the new job tax credit, to receive RIF grants. Four counties, Calhoun, Edgefield, Newberry, and Saluda would become eligible under the new population criteria. Municipalities in these counties include:

- Calhoun County - Cameron, St. Matthews,
- Edgefield County - Edgefield, Johnston, Trenton,
- Newberry County - Little Mountain, Newberry, Peak, Pomaria, Prosperity, Siverstreet, Whitmire, and
- Saluda County - Ridge Spring, Saluda, and Ward.

The Board of Economic Advisors expects that the RIF will receive approximately \$25,000,000 from the job development credits of businesses in Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III counties. The RIF does not receive any funds from businesses in Tier IV counties since they receive 100% of the job development credits, while businesses in the other three tiers are limited to 55% to 85% of

the job development credits. The RIF is allocated the difference between the full job development credits in these counties and the tier limitations in the Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III counties.

The amount of revenue allocated to the RIF is not expected to change due to this bill. However, future allocations by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development of the Department of Commerce may change due to the eligibility of these additional counties and municipalities. Availability of the RIF grants are based on guidelines established by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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