By Representative Smith

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By Committee on Innovation, Technology & Economic Development

On page 8, after line 33, insert the following:

"(6) No grant under the digital equity opportunity program created under this section may be awarded based on a formula or criteria that gives preference to urban areas over rural areas including, but not limited to, the use of a criterion in awarding a grant that affords weight to the total population to be served or that affords increased weight the greater the density of population."

On page 9, line 17, after "(5)" insert "No planning grant under this section may be awarded based on a formula or criteria that gives preference to urban areas over rural areas including, but not limited to, the use of a criterion in awarding a grant that affords weight to the total population to be served or that affords increased weight the greater the density of population.

(6)"

Renumber the remaining subsection consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Provides that a formula or criteria used to award a planning grant, or a grant awarded under the digital equity opportunity program, may not give preference to urban areas over rural areas, including the use of a criterion in awarding a grant that weighs either the total population or density of population of the area to be served.

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