

Amendment offered by Rep. Jim Costa

Amendment description

This amendment adds an additional section at the end of Subtitle C of Title VI that would direct USDA to annually reassess the rural population threshold using updated Census and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) data to ensure rural eligibility definitions keep pace with demographic changes and regional differences.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY Mr. Cosser

At the end of subtitle C of title VI, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . ANNUAL REASSESSMENT OF POPULATION**
2 **THRESHOLD FOR RURAL AREAS.**

3 The Secretary of Agriculture shall annually reassess
4 and, if necessary, adjust the numerical threshold used in
5 determining whether an area is a rural area for purposes
6 of the provisions of law amended by this Act, taking into
7 account population level and density trends identified by
8 the Bureau of the Census, the classification of areas as
9 metropolitan or non-metropolitan by the Office of Manage-
10 ment and Budget, and, as appropriate, Rural-Urban Com-
11 muting Area codes of the Economic Research Service, and
12 in doing so, may take account of regional differences.

