

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 359 and 360 with the following:

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3 359 New Chapter; Coos County Established as Distressed Place-Based Economy. Amend RSA
4 by inserting after chapter 162-T the following new chapter:

5 CHAPTER 162-U

6 COOS COUNTY ESTABLISHED AS DISTRESSED PLACE-BASED ECONOMY

7 162-U:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

8 I. "Place-based economy" means a tailored economic development response that uses a
9 region's unique characteristics to create and sustain growth. The goal is to improve the quality of
10 life and economic vitality by building on its limited strengths and assets.

11 II. "Distressed" means an area that has a high rate of poverty, unemployment, or
12 outmigration and is the most severely and persistently economically distressed and underdeveloped.

13 162-U:2 Regulatory Principle for Department Commissioners. Commissioners of state
14 departments shall include county government input for any Coos County decisions impacting its
15 place-based economy. Collaborative regulatory approaches with existing regional economic
16 objectives shall minimize unintended economic impacts. To protect the health, safety, and economic
17 welfare of Coos' interdependent place-based economy, agencies shall seek to achieve statutory goals
18 as effectively and efficiently as possible without imposing unnecessary burdens on local
19 governments. Failure to recognize differences in the scale and resources of these entities adversely
20 affects competition in the marketplace, discourages innovation, and restricts productivity
21 improvements to the economic landscape.

22 360 Repeal. RSA 162-U, relative to the designation of Coos County as a distressed place-based
23 economy, is repealed.

24 361 Effective Date.

25 I. Section 360 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2045.

26 II. Section 359 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.