After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB18-085 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

Amend reengrossed bill, page 5, strike lines 2 through 6 and substitute:

"SECTION 3. Appropriation. (1) For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, $240,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17(4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution. The department may use this appropriation for transfer to the department of higher education for rural teacher recruitment, retention, and professional development.

(2) For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, $240,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department of education under subsection (1) of this section. To implement this act, the department of higher education may use this appropriation for rural teacher recruitment, retention, and professional development.".