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I have a concern about the use of some of the proposed criteria for the household and socioeconomic burden. Specifically, for the % household below poverty level using the poverty level set by census bureau does not address the extremely high cost of living in some areas of Alaska. A family in Sitka may well be living in poverty with a household income higher than what is set by the census bureau. Similarly, comparing the lowest income quintile to the state as a whole may disadvantage communities with a higher cost of living, where income is often higher to compensate. I would propose that there be some way to adjust/account for cost of living for these areas.