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**Arizona House of Representatives**  
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## ASU Responds to Demand for Rural Teachers

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative David Cook (R-8) this week applauded Arizona State University for outlining a plan to initiate two pilot projects to address the teacher shortage in rural Arizona.

**“I applaud ASU’s commitment to take these steps toward addressing the shortage of teachers in rural Arizona,”** said Representative Cook. **“This is a defined pathway for prospective teachers that could open up possibilities for growth into a statewide program.”**

Representative Cook has introduced legislation [HB 2252](#) to [provide rural school district employees with tuition waivers](#) to enroll in online courses at any state university or community college. Representative Cook has asked the Speaker to table his bill until this program can be evaluated and data can be gathered.

A copy of the letter outlining ASU’s pilot programs can be found here:  
<http://www.azleg.gov/press/house/53Leg/1R/170302ASURural.pdf>

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