HOUSE BILL No. 2268

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Rural Development

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AN ACT concerning financial institutions; enacting the Kansas rural home loan guarantee act; providing for administration by state treasurer; establishing the rural home loan guarantee fund; requiring an annual report to the legislature.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. The provisions of sections 1 through 6, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas rural home loan guarantee act.

- Sec. 2. As used in the Kansas rural home loan guarantee act:
 - (a) "Act" means the Kansas rural home loan guarantee act;
- (b) "financial institution" means any bank, trust company, savings bank, credit union, savings and loan association or any other lending institution that is approved by the state treasurer;
- (c) "loan" means a transaction with a financial institution to provide financing for the construction or renovation of a single-family home in a rural county; and
- (d) "rural county" means any county in this state with a population of less than 10,000, as certified to the secretary of state pursuant to K.S.A. 11-201, and amendments thereto, on July 1 of the preceding year.
- Sec. 3. (a) The state treasurer is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with financial institutions to provide loan guarantees against risk of default for rural housing loans in accordance with the provisions of this act. Except as provided in section 4, and amendments thereto, for payment for a loan guarantee for which the rural home loan guarantee fund is liable, no claim against the state under this act shall be paid by the state, the state treasurer or any other state agency other than pursuant to an appropriation act of the legislature after such claim has been filed with and considered by the joint committee on special claims against the state.
- (b) Eligible financial institutions shall apply all usual lending standards to determine the creditworthiness of eligible rural home loan borrowers. The financial institution originating the loan shall be responsible for monitoring the loan and, in case of any default, working with the borrower to obtain the collateral for the loan. The financial institution shall be in the first position and the state in second position to recover on the loan.

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(c) The state treasurer shall administer the provisions of this act and shall adopt rules and regulations for the implementation or administration of this act including the development of an application process. The loan guarantee agreement with the state treasurer shall include reporting requirements and financial standards that are appropriate for the type of loan for the borrower. The state treasurer may enter into contracts that the state treasurer deems necessary for the implementation or administration of this act. The state treasurer may impose fees and charges as may be necessary to recover costs incurred for the administration of this act.

- Sec. 4. (a) Each agreement entered into by the state treasurer to guarantee against default on a loan transaction shall be backed by the rural home loan guarantee fund and shall receive prior approval by the state treasurer or the state treasurer's designee.
- (b) Each loan transaction eligible for a guarantee under this act shall be for the construction or renovation of a single-family home in a rural county. Eligible costs may include land and building purchases, renovation and new construction costs, equipment and installation costs, predevelopment costs that may be capitalized, financing, capitalized interest during construction and consultant fees that do not include staff costs.
- (c) The portion of the loan guaranteed by the state treasurer under this act shall be for the amount of the loan that exceeds 90% of the appraised value of the home. No loan amount above 125% of the appraised value of the home shall be guaranteed by the state treasurer under this act.
- Sec. 5. (a) Subject to appropriations, there is hereby established in the state treasury the rural home loan guarantee fund for the purposes of facilitating the financing for the construction and renovation of single-family homes in rural counties. The rural home loan guarantee fund shall be administered by the state treasurer. All moneys in the rural home loan guarantee fund shall be used to provide guarantees against loan risks in accordance with this act and to pay for the administrative costs associated with this act as may be certified by the state treasurer. All expenditures from the rural home loan guarantee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state treasurer or the state treasurer's designee.
- (b) All fees and charges imposed by the state treasurer and other moneys received by the state treasurer for the purposes of this act shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the rural home loan guarantee fund.
- (c) Upon certification by the state treasurer to the director of accounts and reports that the unencumbered balance in the rural home loan guarantee fund is insufficient to pay an amount for a loan guarantee for

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which the fund is liable under this act, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer an amount equal to the insufficiency from the state general fund to the rural home loan guarantee fund. The state treasurer shall transmit a copy of each such certification to the director of the budget and to the director of legislative research at the same time that the treasurer submits a certification to the director of accounts and reports under this subsection.

- (d) On or before the 10th of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the rural home loan guarantee fund interest earnings based on:
- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the rural home loan guarantee fund for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the proceeding month.
- Sec. 6. Beginning with the 2022 regular session of the legislature, the state treasurer shall prepare an annual report of the Kansas rural home loan guarantee act activity, including new loans, loan repayment status and other relevant information regarding activities under this act and shall submit such report at the beginning of each regular session of the legislature to the house of representatives committee on appropriations, or to the appropriate budget committee, and the senate committee on ways and means, or to the appropriate subcommittee thereof or to the successors of such committees.
- Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.