

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Assessment and Taxation** recommends **SB 69** be amended on page 1, in line 36, after "(c)" by inserting "Except as provided in subsection (h),";

On page 2, in line 21, after "(e)" by inserting "(1) Commencing on January 1, 2026, the rural opportunity zone program shall include two additional benefit options: (A) Down payment assistance; and (B) child care reimbursement. Any county that meets the definition of a rural opportunity zone pursuant to K.S.A. 74-50,222, and amendments thereto, may participate in the program benefits provided in this subsection by authorizing such participation by the county commission of such county through a duly enacted written resolution. Such county shall provide a certified copy of such resolution to the secretary of commerce on or before January 1, 2026, for calendar year 2026, or on or before January 1 for each calendar year thereafter, in which a county chooses to participate in one or both of the benefits. Such resolution shall be irrevocable and shall obligate the county to participate in the child care reimbursement provided by this subsection for a period of five years if the county participates in such benefit. Such resolution shall specify the maximum amount of down payment assistance or child care reimbursement for each resident individual to be paid as provided in paragraph (2) or (3), except that the maximum amount of each such benefit shall not exceed \$15,000.

(2) If a county submits a resolution to participate in the down payment assistance benefit as provided in paragraph (1), subject to subsection (d), the state of Kansas and such county shall agree to contribute to the down payment, in equal shares, an amount of up to 3% of the purchase price for the purchase of a residence within such county by a resident individual who qualifies

under subsection (f) and is a first-time homebuyer, except that the maximum amount of such down payment assistance shall not exceed \$15,000. The state of Kansas is not obligated to pay a portion of the down payment of any resident individual who qualifies pursuant to subsection (f) prior to the county submitting a resolution to the secretary pursuant to subsection (e). Each such county shall certify to the secretary that such county has made the payment required by this paragraph.

(3) If a county submits a resolution to participate in the child care reimbursement benefit as provided in paragraph (1), subject to subsection (d), the state of Kansas and such county shall agree to pay in equal shares reimbursement of child care expenses paid for a dependent child or children during the year by a resident individual who qualifies under the provisions of subsection (f), except that the maximum amount of such reimbursement shall not exceed \$15,000 over a five-year period, or \$3,000 per year. The state of Kansas is not obligated to pay a portion of the reimbursement of any resident individual who qualifies pursuant to subsection (f) prior to the county submitting a resolution to the secretary pursuant to subsection (e). Each such county shall certify to the secretary that such county has made the payment required by this paragraph.

(f) Except as provided in subsection (h), a resident individual shall be entitled to down payment assistance or child care reimbursement under the provisions of this section if such resident individual establishes domicile in a county designated as a rural opportunity zone that participates in the program as provided in subsection (e) on and after the date that such county commenced such participation and prior to July 1, 2031. Such resident individual may enroll in this program in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary. Subject to subsection (d), once enrolled, such resident individual enrolled in the child care reimbursement benefit shall be

entitled to full participation in the program for five years, except that if the resident individual relocates outside the rural opportunity zone for which the resident individual first qualified, such resident individual forfeits such individual's eligibility to participate, and obligations under this section of the state and the county terminate. No resident individual shall enroll and be eligible to participate in this program after June 30, 2031.

(g) The county's share of any benefit pursuant to this section may be paid by the county, the employer of the individual, any municipality or political subdivision within the county or any other organization, business, group or individual, or any combination thereof, if so authorized by the county.

(h) A county may participate in one, two or all three of the program benefits pursuant to subsections (a) and (e), but an eligible resident individual may only receive benefits pursuant to one such program benefits offered by the county.

(i)";

Also on page 2, in line 34, after the first "(1)" by inserting "(A)"; in line 38, by striking "(2)" and inserting "(B)"; in line 42, after "claimed" by inserting "; or

(2) (A) establishes domicile in a rural opportunity zone on or after July 1, 2025, and prior to January 1, 2031, and was domiciled in this state in a county that is not a rural opportunity zone for three or more years immediately prior to establishing their domicile in a rural opportunity zone in this state; and

(B) was domiciled in a rural opportunity zone during the entire taxable year for which such credit is claimed";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 3, after the semicolon by inserting "adding down payment assistance and child care reimbursement as program benefit options; expanding eligibility for the income tax credit;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson