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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 48

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a small grains non-recourse loan
7 program; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The legislature finds that

- 10 (1) there is a need to develop agriculture in the state;
11 (2) the prompt establishment of a grain marketing system is
12 necessary for the orderly growth of agriculture; and
13 (3) the establishment of a non-recourse loan program for small
14 grains would promote the achievement of these goals.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 03 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

16 CHAPTER 16. SMALL GRAINS LOAN PROGRAM.

17 Sec. 03.16.010. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM. The division of agri-
18 culture shall establish and administer a small grains non-recourse loan
19 program according to the provisions of this chapter. The division may
20 obtain or construct facilities to carry out the purposes of this
21 chapter and may operate a facility itself or may contract with farm
22 cooperatives, the Alaska Grain Exchange, or other suitable entities to
23 operate the facility.

24 Sec. 03.16.020. NON-RECOURSE GRAIN LOANS. The division may make
25 non-recourse grain loans to individual resident farmers and partner-
26 ships or corporations composed of farmers as a means of providing for
27 orderly marketing of grain products grown in the state. The loan
28 amount shall be made on a per-ton basis and shall be in an amount equal
29 to the difference between the current local federal non-recourse loan

1 level and the current federal target price for the particular commodity,
2 so that the federal target price is the effective loan level in Alaska.

3 Sec. 03.16.030. REGULATIONS. The director shall issue regulations
4 to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including but not limited to
5 regulations to insure the equitable rights of participation in the
6 program and the right of appeal if the producer has information indi-
7 cating inequitable treatment or denial of rightful program benefits.

8 Sec. 03.16.040. CREATION OF FUND. A small grains revolving loan
9 fund is created which may not exceed \$8,000,000 to carry out the
10 purposes of this chapter.

11 Sec. 03.16.050. ADMINISTRATION. (a) The director shall adminis-
12 ter the small grains revolving loan fund.

13 (b) The director may, with the concurrence of the commissioner,
14 enter into a cooperative agreement with the Agricultural Stabilization
15 and Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture
16 or other appropriate agency or organization for the performance of
17 administrative functions related to the small grains non-recourse loan
18 program.

19 Sec. 03.16.060. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT. This chapter is
20 subject to the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62).

21 Sec. 03.16.100. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

22 (1) "director" means the director of the division of agri-
23 culture;

24 (2) "division" means the division of agriculture."

25 * Sec. 3. AS 03.19 is repealed.

26 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-

27 070(c).