

February 27, 2024

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 499 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 499 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

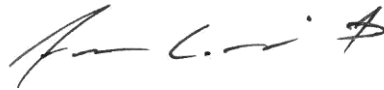
SB 499 would establish the Prevention of Maternal Mortality Grant Program and a program fund within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The program would provide competitive grants to community-based organizations for the prevention of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity. Beginning July 1, 2024, KDHE would be required to conduct outreach and provide application assistance for the program grants. The bill would specify criteria and requirements for the program and grants. Each year there would be up to 20 grants awarding not less than \$50,000 and no more than \$250,000. KDHE would be required to submit a report to the Legislature by October 1, 2025, on the program as detailed in the bill. Beginning July 1, 2024, and every year thereafter, the bill would direct \$3.3 million be transferred from the State General Fund to the Prevention of Maternal Mortality Grant Program Fund to be used for the grants and one full time coordinator position for the program. The bill would include a sunset of June 30, 2029.

SB 499 would allow certain program costs to be paid out of the established fund that would receive an annual transfer of \$3.3 million from the State General Fund. The agency estimates the salary and benefits for the coordinator for the new program would be \$78,000; the cost of travel for up to 20 site visits to grant awardees and two state and/or national conferences for professional development would be \$8,860; and supplies and equipment would be \$2,500. Additionally, once evaluation measures of the program are established, a system for capturing and reporting the data measures would need to be determined. KDHE currently uses the Data Application and Integration Solutions for the Early Years as the data system for all aid to local grant programs. The Maternal

Mortality Grant Program would operate similarly to current aid to local processes. The agency estimates these associated costs would be \$34,100.

KDHE notes that while SB 499 provides funding for a coordinator position for the new program, the agency would need to identify other funding sources to cover costs associated with supervision of the coordinator to ensure alignment and coordination with other Bureau of Family Health programs that also support maternal health, epidemiological support for evaluation of the effectiveness of the Maternal Mortality Grant Program, and fiscal support to cover costs associated with the administration of grant funds to community partners. The agency estimates these costs would be \$18,949. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 499 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment