

February 19, 2021

The Honorable Will Carpenter, Chairperson
House Committee on Social Services Budget
Statehouse, Room 521B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Carpenter:

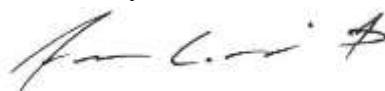
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2248 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2248 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, each local health department is eligible to receive a minimum of \$7,000 through a formula that distributes state financial assistance based on populations of counties. Funds for local health departments are distributed through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Under HB 2248, state financial assistance would still be distributed through a state formula based on populations of counties, but each local health department would be eligible to receive a minimum of \$7,000 if the allocation of total state financial assistance is less than \$3.0 million or a minimum of \$15,000 if the allocation of total state financial assistance is equal to or greater than \$3.0 million.

KDHE indicates that \$2.2 million from the State General Fund is currently available for state assistance to local health departments through the statutory formula. This level of funding allows each local health department to receive the minimum amount of \$7,000. If additional resources from the State General Fund are provided to allow \$3.0 million or more to be available for local health departments, the minimum amount would be increased from \$7,000 to \$15,000. Increasing the minimum amount could not be accomplished within existing agency resources without shifting funding away from other programs. While the bill changes the state formula, it does not appropriate additional resources from the State General Fund. Both KDHE and the Kansas Association of Counties note the bill would primarily affect county governments. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2248 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment