

SESSION OF 2021

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2248**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ways  
and Means

**Brief\***

HB 2248, as amended, would update statutes related to the distribution of state financial assistance to local health departments. The bill would increase the amount received by local health departments, upon application, to \$12,000, if the allocation of total state financial assistance for the applicable fiscal year is \$3.0 million or greater, subject to appropriation. If the total state financial assistance for the fiscal year is less than \$3.0 million, each local health department, upon application, would receive \$7,000, subject to appropriation.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of Representative Will Carpenter.

***House Committee on Social Services Budget***

In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments provided **proponent** testimony, stating the minimum amount of \$7,000 has not been adjusted since 1992, and the update is an important step in supporting local health departments to provide quality services.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Edwards County Health Department, Geary County Health Department, Hamilton County Health Department, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Kansas Public Health Association, McPherson County Health Department, Ness County Health Department, Pratt County Health Department, and Wilson County Health Department.

No other testimony was provided.

### ***Senate Committee on Ways and Means***

In the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments provided **proponent** testimony.

Written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Flint Hills Community Health Center, Grant County Health Department, Harvey County Health Department, KDHE, Kansas Public Health Association, Kiowa County Health Department, Linn County Health Department, McPherson County Health Department, Sherman County Health Department, Trego County Health Department, and Wallace County Health Department.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to lower the minimum amount received by local health departments, upon application, from \$15,000 to \$12,000.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, KDHE indicates increasing the minimum state financial assistance to local health departments could not be accomplished within existing

agency resources. The bill would not appropriate additional resources from the State General Fund. Both KDHE and the Kansas Association of Counties note enactment of the bill would primarily affect county governments. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Local Health Departments; public health; Kansas Department of Health and Environment