

Testimony by Jerri McKnight with the Comanche County Health Department
to the
House Committee on Social Services Budget
Written-Only Proponent for HB 2330 • February 21, 2023

Chairman Mason and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2330 to adjust the local health department funding formula. My name is Jerri McKnight and I represent the Comanche County Health Department.

The Comanche County Health Department represents a very small population level that only pulls \$7,000 via the minimum in K.S.A. 65-242. We have received \$12,000 thanks to a legislative proviso for the last few years but really would like to see a permanent change.

With HB 2330, we'll see a base level of \$12,000 (matching the proviso support). In addition, the change would also ensure all additional funds budgeted by the Legislature would be proportionally shared based off of population. We think this proportional scaling is the most fair model for all local health departments, regardless of size, providing the most dollars to the largest but ensuring no one is left without any additional assistance.

Thank you for reading my testimony. I urge the committee to recommend HB 2330 for passage.

Sincerely,

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