



Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Testimony on House Bill No. 2064

Chairman Rubin and Members of the Committee:

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today on House Bill No. 2064. I am Grant Helferich, Director of Butler County Emergency Medical Services in Butler County, Kansas. I have been director of Butler County EMS since 1990 and I have had the opportunity to see many changes to EMS in the state of Kansas and EMS reimbursements.

- Current reimbursement rates from Kansas Medicaid for ambulance transports are far below actual cost of providing services.
- City or County residents will be asked to further supplement EMS budgets if there is a reduction in revenues.
- Residents in cities or counties that house inmates from outside their taxing district will be asked to supplement the medical expenses of those inmates that are transported by the local EMS agencies.

Example: In Butler County we transported 47 inmates for medical care either from the Butler County detention center or the State Correctional facility. If you use a common Basic Life Support base rate of \$325.00 and \$10.00 per mile. Let's assume the mileage to the hospital is 10 miles.

- Potential operational revenue for the EMS agency is \$19,975.00.
- Using the Medicaid formula for reimbursement the EMS agency would receive \$3,055.00 for inmate transports, which would require a potential local tax increase of \$16,920.00 to make up the difference in lost revenues.

Again thank you for your time and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Helferich", written over a white background.

Grant Helferich
Director, Butler County EMS

Grant Helferich, Director