

Testimony to the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senate Bill 186
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Madam Chairperson and members of the committee, good morning. My name David Shost, and I am representing the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs. I am offering testimony as a proponent of SB 186.

This bill would provide the framework and enabling legislation for the establishment of a supplemental reimbursement program for eligible agencies that provide Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT). This supplemental reimbursement would offset the currently minimal reimbursement rates paid by the Kansas Medicaid Assistance Program when a patient is treated and transported by ambulance.

This enabling legislation and subsequent State Plan Amendment (SPA) would provide relief at the local level to eligible EMS Agencies and Fire Departments who voluntarily elect to participate.

There is no cost to the State of Kansas. Actually, the State of Kansas (KDHE) stands to receive up to 20% of the total supplemental reimbursement for administering this GEMT Program. This could be upwards of \$4,000,000 annually based on a potential \$20,000,000 - \$22,000,000 Program for the State of Kansas.

In the State of Kansas, about 20% of an EMS provider's total transports involve patients with Medicaid coverage. This equates to about 33,000-35,000 annual Medicaid transports statewide.

At the local level, our costs of providing ambulance transport services average \$1,472 per transport. EMS Agencies and Fire Departments stand to be eligible for additional supplemental reimbursement of approximately \$628 per transport. This is in addition to the reimbursement we already receive from the Kansas Medicaid Assistance Program at an average rate of \$350/transport. \$628 multiplied by the number of Medicaid transports for an eligible EMS Agency or Fire Department spells relief.

This helps to partially but not completely cover the uncompensated costs, as we are obligated to provide life-saving EMS services to this vulnerable population within the State of Kansas.

I urge you to consider the benefits of SB 186 that would allow for all viable possibilities, as allowed by Federal Law, in the establishment of a GEMT Program in the State of Kansas. Thank you and I am pleased to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

County	Medicaid-KDHE	Dollars (x\$628)
Allen County, Kansas	327	\$205,356
Anderson County, Kansas	11	\$6,908
Atchison County, Kansas	282	\$177,096
Barber County, Kansas	0	\$0
Barton County, Kansas	298	\$187,144
Bourbon County, Kansas	0	\$0
Brown County, Kansas	3	\$1,884
Butler County, Kansas	688	\$432,064
Chase County, Kansas	25	\$15,700
Chautauqua County, Kansas	24	\$15,072
Cherokee County, Kansas	570	\$357,960
Cheyenne County, Kansas	9	\$5,652
Clark County, Kansas	4	\$2,512
Clay County, Kansas	101	\$63,428
Cloud County, Kansas	76	\$47,728
Coffey County, Kansas	34	\$21,352
Comanche County, Kansas	39	\$24,492
Cowley County, Kansas	594	\$373,032
Crawford County, Kansas	801	\$503,028
Decatur County, Kansas	14	\$8,792
Dickinson County, Kansas	253	\$158,884
Doniphan County, Kansas	30	\$18,840
Douglas County, Kansas	950	\$596,600
Edwards County, Kansas	0	\$0
Elk County, Kansas	30	\$18,840
Ellis County, Kansas	354	\$222,312
Ellsworth County, Kansas	85	\$53,380
Finney County, Kansas	424	\$266,272
Ford County, Kansas	331	\$207,868
Franklin County, Kansas	541	\$339,748
Geary County, Kansas	359	\$225,452
Gove County, Kansas	0	\$0
Graham County, Kansas	15	\$9,420
Grant County, Kansas	57	\$35,796
Gray County, Kansas	18	\$11,304
Greeley County, Kansas	16	\$10,048
Greenwood County, Kansas	128	\$80,384
Hamilton County, Kansas	25	\$15,700
Harper County, Kansas	122	\$76,616
Harvey County, Kansas	405	\$254,340
Haskell County, Kansas	26	\$16,328
Hodgeman County, Kansas	10	\$6,280
Jackson County, Kansas	130	\$81,640
Jefferson County, Kansas	145	\$91,060

Jewell County, Kansas	24	\$15,072
Johnson County, Kansas	3111	\$1,953,708
Kearny County, Kansas	22	\$13,816
Kingman County, Kansas	74	\$46,472
Kiowa County, Kansas	8	\$5,024
Labette County, Kansas	0	\$0
Lane County, Kansas	19	\$11,932
Leavenworth County, Kansas	875	\$549,500
Lincoln County, Kansas	40	\$25,120
Linn County, Kansas	0	\$0
Logan County, Kansas	30	\$18,840
Lyon County, Kansas	419	\$263,132
McPherson County, Kansas	71	\$44,588
Marion County, Kansas	151	\$94,828
Marshall County, Kansas	22	\$13,816
Meade County, Kansas	63	\$39,564
Miami County, Kansas	484	\$303,952
Mitchell County, Kansas	49	\$30,772
Montgomery County, Kansas	373	\$234,244
Morris County, Kansas	3	\$1,884
Morton County, Kansas	50	\$31,400
Nemaha County, Kansas	61	\$38,308
Neosho County, Kansas	0	\$0
Ness County, Kansas	2	\$1,256
Norton County, Kansas	53	\$33,284
Osage County, Kansas	238	\$149,464
Osborne County, Kansas	42	\$26,376
Ottawa County, Kansas	48	\$30,144
Pawnee County, Kansas	73	\$45,844
Phillips County, Kansas	68	\$42,704
Pottawatomie County, Kansas	19	\$11,932
Pratt County, Kansas	196	\$123,088
Rawlins County, Kansas	19	\$11,932
Reno County, Kansas	3	\$1,884
Republic County, Kansas	46	\$28,888
Rice County, Kansas	112	\$70,336
Riley County, Kansas	163	\$102,364
Rooks County, Kansas	68	\$42,704
Rush County, Kansas	34	\$21,352
Russell County, Kansas	151	\$94,828
Saline County, Kansas	1042	\$654,376
Scott County, Kansas	0	\$0
Sedgwick County, Kansas	9812	\$6,161,936
Seward County, Kansas	148	\$92,944
Shawnee County, Kansas	0	\$0

Sheridan County, Kansas	7	\$4,396
Sherman County, Kansas	116	\$72,848
Smith County, Kansas	18	\$11,304
Stafford County, Kansas	44	\$27,632
Stanton County, Kansas	23	\$14,444
Stevens County, Kansas	49	\$30,772
Sumner County, Kansas	293	\$184,004
Thomas County, Kansas	75	\$47,100
Trego County, Kansas	34	\$21,352
Wabaunsee County, Kansas	0	\$0
Wallace County, Kansas	34	\$21,352
Washington County, Kansas	32	\$20,096
Wichita County, Kansas	0	\$0
Wilson County, Kansas	174	\$109,272
Woodson County, Kansas	62	\$38,936
Wyandotte County, Kansas	3157	\$1,982,596
Total	30758	\$19,316,024

This total is approximate.

Approximate range	33,000	\$20,724,000
	35,000	\$21,980,000

All dollar amounts are based on 2014 KDHE claim data. These are approximate amounts. These amounts represent additional supplemental reimbursement potential.