

March 12, 2020

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Statehouse, Room 111-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2714 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2714 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 2714, 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 \$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 is currently available from the State General Fund for state assistance to local health departments. 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. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2714 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

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