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KDHE Budget

Kansas Association of Counties
Testimony

Chairman McGinn and members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer comments on the KDHE budget, which impacts funds that go directly to county health departments through the Aid to Local Health Departments.

The Kansas Association of Counties and its member counties advocate for tools that allow counties and county officials to best serve their residents in communities throughout Kansas. Under Kansas law, one of the functions that counties are responsible for is public health. Local health departments receive aid from the state under a statutory distribution formula, which can be found in K.S.A. 65-242.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) requested an adjustment to the formula based on inflation. Of the \$2.6 million that was requested, \$1.0 million was granted. This year KAC is supporting KALHD in its request for the additional \$1.6 million to cover the final portion of inflation increases.

KAC supports this enhancement to continue to carry out the state mandated services of local health departments at the county level.

If there are any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact the Kansas Association of Counties. Thank you.

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