

Testimony by Denise James with the Grant 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 Denise James and I represent the Grant County Health Department.

The Grant County Health Department represents a population level that does draw more than the \$7,000 minimum currently in K.S.A. 65-242 but under the proviso minimum of \$12,000 that has benefited our department over the last few years.

With HB 2330, we'll see a base level of \$12,000 (matching the proviso support). But, 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,

Denise James, Administrator  
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