

Testimony by Pamela L Harris, RN BSN with the Franklin County
Health Department to the
House Committee on Social Services Budget
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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 Pam Harris and I represent the Franklin County Health Department, Ottawa, KS.

The Franklin County Health Department represents a sizable population level by Kansas standards. We have received State Formula assistance higher than the statutory \$7,000 and also higher than the proviso minimum of \$12,000.

All that said, we do recognize that all local health departments are in this together. HB 2330 makes the formula easier to comprehend and achieves fairness by providing a base level to all counties (of \$12,000) and then proportional distribution of the remaining funding based off each department's population served. This means when the Legislature decides to provide budget enhancements to help local health departments, no statutory revisions are required, everyone would see some level of benefit and we can focus those new resources on helping our communities.

Thank you for reading my testimony. I urge the committee to recommend HB 2330 for passage, please.

Sincerely,

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