

Barber County Community Health Department

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Testimony of Barber County Health Department to the
House Health and Human Services Committee
Proponent HB2397
March 5, 2025

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I wanted to take this opportunity to offer my support for HB2397.

Since State Fiscal Year 2021, the Governor and Legislature have included a proviso in each budget bill to increase the minimum amount of the state assistance allocation (K.S.A. 65-242) for local health departments from \$7,000 to \$12,000. The proviso provides a small increase in the minimum amount of the funding allocation for the smallest local health departments in Kansas. HB2397 would simply change the statute to the higher \$12,000 amount instead of relying upon proviso language to be included in the budget bill each year.

I ask you to please pass HB2397.

Respectfully,

Dawn M. Jones

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn M. Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

Administrator
Barber County Health Department