

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2729

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2729 would amend informed consent provisions of the Woman's-Right-to-Know Act (Act) concerning required information and required notice signs for both abortion procedures and medication abortion. The bill would also make technical and conforming amendments.

The bill would specify that the information required to be provided by abortion providers under the Act shall be on a form provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (Department) and that such form may be provided in hardcopy format on white paper or electronically transmitted to the woman.

[*Note:* Under the Act, unless a medical emergency exists, certain information must be provided in writing to a woman seeking an abortion procedure 24 hours in advance of an abortion procedure or prior to providing or inducing a medication abortion.]

Additionally, the bill would require that the informed consent and medication abortion reversal notice signs required by the Act state that such notice is from the Department.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of a representative for Kansans for Life.

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of Kansans for Life, Kansas Catholic Conference, and Kansas Family Voice, who indicated the bill would clarify that the informed consent information provided under the Act is from the State rather than individual abortion providers and would standardize the form of the information provided.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of Planned Parenthood Great Plains Votes, who indicated continuing concerns with the scientific foundation of the informed consent information and stated the Act's requirements delay access to time-sensitive care.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by a representative of Mainstream Coalition.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Department states enactment of the bill would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$363,000 in FY 2027 and \$399,000 in FY 2028. Implementation of the new requirements would require an additional 3.00 positions with ongoing costs. The bill would add new responsibilities related to the development and maintenance of the forms, coordination with facilities for signage, expanded provider and public communications, and

website maintenance. Additionally, there would be some new workload related to the intake and review of complaints and related support for investigation and potential civil penalties.

The Department's cost estimate for the 3.00 new positions include \$250,00 for salary, benefits, and overhead, which is based on existing programmatic, compliance, and risk-management functions. Additional operating costs are estimated at \$80,000, which includes travel to facilities, staff time associated with on-site activities, documentation, coordination, website management, and other administrative support. For FY 2028 and future years, the Department estimates a 10.0 percent annual increase would apply to account for salary, fringe, and operating cost growth. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Informed consent; Woman's-Right-to-Know Act; abortion; Kansas Department of Health and Environment