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SECOND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF SENATE BILL NO. 248

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Brief*

SB 248 would prescribe the priority for expenditures and grants for family planning services financed with federal Title X funds. The bill would specify the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Public Health, shall make any expenditure or grant first to public entities, including state, county, and local health departments and health clinics and, second, if funds remain, to non-public entities that are hospitals or federally qualified health centers that provide comprehensive primary and preventive care in addition to family planning services.

Conference Committee Action

The second Conference Committee deleted all of the contents of SB 248 and inserted the provisions of SB 436, described above.

Background

The following is background information on SB 436, the subject of this Conference Committee report.

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SB 436 Background

SB 436 would codify in statute a proviso, which has been included in the appropriations bills since 2011. The bill was introduced by Senator Abrams and other listed members of the Senate.

At the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of Kansans for Life testified as a proponent of the bill. This testimony generally addressed the litigation history of the associated proviso language and indicated the bill would prioritize public moneys to comprehensive care facilities. The Kansas Catholic Conference presented written testimony in support of the bill.

Planned Parenthood presented written testimony in opposition to the bill. This testimony indicated a permanent restriction on Title X funding would affect access to and the cost of family planning services in Kansas

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, there would be no fiscal effect from the enactment of the bill.

Title X funding; family planning services

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