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Health & Human Services

HB 2556

Short Title: Expanding medical assistance eligibility and enacting the cutting healthcare costs for all Kansans act.

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I am an OPONENT of HB 2556.

Medicaid expansion does not help hospitals. Data shows it has been a huge negative for them.

1. Medicaid does not pay enough to cover hospitals' costs, meaning hospitals need to make up for the shortfall by charging private payers more.
2. In expansion states, hospitals' Medicaid shortfalls have reached \$22.3 billion, increasing by 117 percent since 2013.
3. If non-expansion states were to expand, their hospitals' Medicaid shortfalls would more than double, from \$6.3 billion to \$13.2 billion.

Do not expand Medicaid as it will be detrimental to all citizens in Kansas.

Thank you.

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