

SUBJECT: Extending certain health care provider participation programs

COMMITTEE: County Affairs — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 6 ayes — Neave Criado, Stucky, Gerdes, J. Jones, Orr, Rosenthal

2 nays — Slaton, Tinderholt

1 absent — Schatzline

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jennifer Banda, Texas Hospital Association)

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that legislative action is needed to continue Wichita County’s authority to operate a hospital provider participation program.

DIGEST: CSHB 4928 would extend the authority of certain counties to operate a health care provider participation program until December 31, 2027. The bill would apply only to counties that contained a hospital district that was not countywide, had a population of more than 125,000, and bordered Oklahoma.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.