

# **Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition 2022 Policy Preview**

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# Legislative Climate

## Impacts of Pandemic, CRT, Local Control

- Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition goals & Kansas Tobacco Strategic Plan goals
- Current and future local policy campaigns imperative
- How we talk about tobacco and our work in our communities matters



# New Items in 2022

**Expand funding for the Tobacco Use Prevention Program to help address the harm of tobacco use accelerated by Covid-19.**

- \$1 million one-time increase
- SPARK Committee advocacy

**Expand Medicaid and extend postpartum Medicaid coverage to one year, to enhance tobacco cessation support for both pregnant and non-pregnant Kansans.**

- Postpartum success in Bob Bethell KanCare Oversight Committee
- Estimated cost....????



# 2021 Items Removed

## **Tobacco Tax- HB 2428**

- monitoring
- revenue surplus makes passage unlikely

## **“ T 21”- HB 2340**

- monitoring
- local authority/preemption threat



# Wrap Up & Questions

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