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Brownback faces GOP opposition

Republicans decry governor's proposals on school funding, Medicaid, prisons



Brownback

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Pushback against Republican Gov. Sam Brownback reached a new height as members of his own party decried his proposal to pump money into public schools and cast

doubt on his administration's plan to build a new prison and make updates to its privatized Medicaid program.

Not yet confirmed for a job in President Donald Trump's administration, Brownback remains in Kansas at the start of a legislative session many

believe will be an uphill fight.

Brownback sparked backlash from his own party this past week by proposing more than \$300 million in combined additional spending in this year and the next, including new appropriations to K-12 public schools. Conservatives

were frustrated Brownback's proposed budget wouldn't balance in coming years, and moderates criticized him for spending money raised through a tax increase he vetoed last year.

"You know, he's trying to get to Washington, D.C. He needs

to get there," Senate Majority Leader Jim Denning said. "He is running the state like he's still in D.C., and he must not have gotten the memo that we don't print money in Kansas. We live within our means."

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HEALTH CARE

E-visits help avoid trip to doctor



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Mary Roy, APRN, right, and Kelly Vondra, RN, work with the MyChart system at Stormont Vail Health and Cotton O'Neil to connect patients wanting an e-visit with their providers.

Stormont uses MyChart system to help treat simple conditions

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Stormont Vail Health and Cotton O'Neil patients wanting to avoid a trip out in cold, snowy weather when they're sick can now take their minor illnesses to their physicians online, called an e-visit, through the MyChart system.

Stormont began exploring the

option of adding e-visits, which means patients can fill out a questionnaire online about their medical condition and then get a response from the medical provider — about a year ago, said Judy Corzine, chief information officer. They first tested the use on their employees.

"It's a way for patient to not need to go into the office if they have a simple medical condition

like diarrhea, rashes, sore throat or urinary problems," she said. "They log into MyChart, request an e-visit, answer a bunch of questions about their medical condition."

The patients then pay a \$45 charge for the e-visit, which can be less than what patients pay as a co-pay on their insurance

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SCHEDULE AN E-VISIT

- Stormont Vail and Cotton O'Neil patients can use MyChart to schedule an e-visit
- Log in to MyChart on a browser (not mobile)
- Under QuickLinks, choose "Send a message to your doctor's office or start an e-Visit"
- Fill out requested medical information
- Enter payment information

Program connects local firms, contracts

GO Topeka helps navigate complex bureaucracies

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Tucked in a small office in downtown Topeka, EcoTec Associates, a company with fewer than 10 full-time employees, has done work across the globe thanks in part to a GO Topeka program that connects Kansas businesses with government contracts.

EcoTec, an environmental policy and procedures consulting firm that Christine Tipton founded in 2015, has grown to nine employees based around the country and a revenue stream of nearly \$400,000 in 2017. Tipton expects to continue as the company competes for U.S. Department of Defense contracts designing environmental policies and audits.

"It started with just one — me," she said. "I think our sales grew 300 percent in the first year, which is, you know, enough to keep us busy."

Though Tipton has decades of experience navigating government contracts at larger firms, EcoTec relies on the Kansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center's subcenter, a part of GO Topeka's Entrepreneurial and

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False missile alert rattles Topeka couple on Hawaii vacation

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A vacation in Hawaii's tropical paradise brought a Topeka couple to one of those moments of reckoning rarely faced in life, wondering if they had just 15 or 20 minutes left to live and reaching out quickly to loved ones to say goodbye.

It was about 8:30 a.m. Saturday when Eric Voth was talking to a neighbor at the condo where he and

his wife, Michelle Voth, were vacationing on Maui.

"All of a sudden, her emergency government alert went off, and she just got this ashen look on her face and looked at me and said, 'There's an inbound missile and this is not a test,'" Eric Voth recalled.

Soon after, his own alert went off, as did others throughout the area. The alert is being called a "false alarm" by Hawaii's governor, who said Satur-

day afternoon officials are working to determine what happened.

The alert stated there was a threat "inbound to Hawaii" and for residents to seek shelter and that "this is not a drill."

More than two hours after the alert, Eric and Michelle Voth said their pulses were just returning to normal. It was, Eric Voth said, about 30 minutes be-

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Topekans Michelle and Eric Voth were on vacation in Hawaii on Saturday when an emergency alert went out saying a ballistic missile was inbound. The alert turned out to be a false alarm.

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