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I am in support of HB2457. I have been a caregiver for four years and have been skipping lunch almost every day. I forfeit meals, activities, and work days entirely as a result of lack of funds for food, fun, and gas. This has been entirely unfair to my clients. I sit in restaurants across from them while they've eaten their meals while I have to quickly scarf down a single granola bar in my car between shifts so I can make it until 6:30p. I have had to decline my clients activity suggestions because I know my bank account is in the red. It's embarrassing and painful. This bill will ensure I have the proper funds to give my clients the experiences they deserve without the whispering fear of "but can I afford groceries if I eat lunch today?"