

SB 1585 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Neron

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 02/28/24

Action: Do Pass the B-Eng bill.

House Vote

Yeas: 12 - Breese-Iverson, Evans, Gomberg, Helfrich, Holvey, Lewis, Mannix, McLain, Pham K, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

Nays: 1 - Owens

Senate Vote

Yeas: 10 - Anderson, Campos, Dembrow, Findley, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Girod, Knopp, Sollman, Steiner

Exc: 1 - Hansell

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Department of Human Services

2023-25

Budget Summary*

	2023-25	2024	Committee Change from	
	Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	Committee Recommendation	2023-25 Leg. Approved	
			\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 481,371	\$ 481,371	100.0%
Federal Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ 698,970	\$ 698,970	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ 1,180,341	\$ 1,180,341	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	4	4
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	2.00	2.00

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2024

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

Senate Bill 1585 appropriates \$481,371 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) and increases Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$698,970 to establish a Task Force on Maximizing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits to review options for adding hot foods that are ready to eat for eligible SNAP recipients.

Summary of Human Services Subcommittee Action

Senate Bill 1585 directs DHS to convene a task force to review options to maximize food choices for SNAP recipients, including the use of SNAP benefits to purchase hot, ready to eat food, such as restaurant meals. DHS will staff the task force and develop a plan to implement task force recommendations no later than 12 months after receiving federal approval if needed. Nine states currently offer the Restaurant Meals Program, a state option to allow certain SNAP participants to use their benefits to buy meals at restaurants. The task force is required to submit a report on implementation of the program to the Legislature no later than January 31, 2025.

The measure appropriates \$481,371 General Fund to DHS and increases Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$698,970 to pay for information technology system changes and staff required to implement the bill. The staff consists of four positions (2.00 FTE), including one permanent Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (OPA 3) position, two limited-duration OPA 3 positions, and one limited duration Program Analyst 2 position to support the work of the task force, conduct retailer specific outreach, help develop the ONE System changes and ensure the program meets ongoing federal requirements.

More than half of the funding (\$629,780 total funds, or 53%) is for one-time expenses related to ONE System changes and Electronic Benefit Transfer vendor costs. In 2025-27, the estimated cost of \$305,895 total funds will cover the ongoing staff cost associated with the one permanent OPA 3 position. SNAP benefits and any related changes allowing the use of benefits for hot meals are covered solely by federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Department of Human Services
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
SCR 060-01 - Self-Sufficiency Programs									
Personal Services	\$ 214,632	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260,814	\$ -	475,446	4	2.00
Services and Supplies	\$ 266,739	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 438,156	\$ -	704,895		
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ 481,371	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 698,970	\$ -	1,180,341	4	2.00
% Change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures