

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2007 HB	Title: Cash assistance time limits	Agency: 300-Department of Social and Health Services
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	4.6	2.3	4.4	4.4
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	14,725,000	14,725,000	41,778,000	41,778,000
Total \$	0	14,725,000	14,725,000	41,778,000	41,778,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- ☒ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- ☐ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This bill relates to expanding time limit exemptions (TLEs) applicable to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance program.

Section 1(4) amends RCW 74.08A.010 to expand TANF hardship TLE criteria to include cases in which termination or denial of cash assistance would result in financial distress for the recipient's family.

This fiscal note assumes an effective date of July 1, 2024.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No cash receipts.

TANF is a lidded block grant, therefore all implementation costs in this fiscal note are assumed to be General Fund-State.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Section 1(4) expands TANF hardship TLE criteria to include cases in which termination or denial of cash assistance would result in financial distress for the recipient's family, assumed to be effective July 1, 2024.

- Caseload Impacts

ESA estimates approximately 1,350 monthly TANF cases in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and 1,978 monthly TANF cases in FY 2026 and beyond are anticipated to remain on the caseload due to the expansion of hardship TLE criteria. Using the monthly per capita payment amount of \$665.70 calculated in the November 2023 forecast, ESA estimates the following annual impacts:

- FY 2025
 - TANF Cases: \$10,784,000 for 1,350 monthly cases
 - WorkFirst Services: \$3,103,000
- FY 2026 and beyond
 - TANF Cases: \$15,801,000 for 1,978 monthly cases
 - WorkFirst Services: \$4,547,000

- Workload Impacts

Assuming Community Services Division (CSD) staff touch times 60 minutes per initial application for 1,978 cases in FY 2025, 38 minutes per change-of-circumstance three times annually per case, and 24 minutes per case management touch on a quarterly basis for WorkFirst cases, ESA estimates the following workload impacts:

- FY 2025
 - \$548,000 and 4.3 FTE

- FY 2026 and beyond
- \$541,000 and 4.4 FTE

The Technology Innovation Administration (TIA) also anticipates workload costs associated with Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) enhancements necessary to implement this proposal, estimated to be:

- FY 2025
 - \$53,000 and 0.3 FTE staff costs
 - \$237,000 contractor costs
 - This assumes a total of 1,130 contractor hours, at an hourly rate of \$210 - this is higher than prior estimates due a different vendor being procured to complete this work
 - Contracted staff include: Application Architect (ACES), Application Developers (ACES), Application Architect (eJAS), and Application Developers (eJAS)
- FN Summary by FY
 - FY 2025: \$14,725,000 and 4.6 FTE
 - FY 2026 and beyond: \$20,889,000 and 4.4 FTE

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	0	14,725,000	14,725,000	41,778,000	41,778,000
Total \$			0	14,725,000	14,725,000	41,778,000	41,778,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		4.6	2.3	4.4	4.4
A-Salaries and Wages		353,000	353,000	664,000	664,000
B-Employee Benefits		140,000	140,000	268,000	268,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		1,629,000	1,629,000	4,020,000	4,020,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays		28,000	28,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services		12,553,000	12,553,000	36,786,000	36,786,000
P-Debt Service		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		16,000	16,000	28,000	28,000
9-TZ-ISSD		4,000	4,000	8,000	8,000
Total \$	0	14,725,000	14,725,000	41,778,000	41,778,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
IT BUSINESS ANALYST - SENIOR SPECIALIST	121,109		0.3	0.2		
PUBLIC BENEFITS SPECIALIST 3	69,400		2.9	1.5	2.4	2.4
SOCIAL SERVICE SPECIALIST 2	82,513		1.4	0.7	2.0	2.0
Total FTEs			4.6	2.3	4.4	4.4

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.