

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1945 HB	Title: Food assistance access
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	0	0	8,000	0	0	44,000	0	0	44,000
Total \$	0	0	8,000	0	0	44,000	0	0	44,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Social and Health Services	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	.0	0	0	0	5.5	60,628,000	60,628,000	60,658,000	8.0	120,322,000	120,322,000	120,366,000
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0	5.5	60,628,000	60,628,000	60,658,000	8.0	120,322,000	120,322,000	120,366,000

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Social and Health Services	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1945 HB	Title: Food assistance access	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:

NONE

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:

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- 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.

HB 1945 relates to streamlining and enhancing program access for persons eligible for food assistance.

This bill expands eligibility for Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) and the birth to three Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), to include applicants who are members of an assistance unit eligible for or receiving Basic Food benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the state Food Assistance Program (FAP).

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Economic Services Administration (ESA) anticipates no caseload or workload impacts associated with the implementation of this bill, and therefore no fiscal impact.

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.

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.

ESA anticipates no caseload or workload impacts associated with the implementation of this bill, and therefore no fiscal impact.

Regarding caseload impact to Basic Food programs, potential applicants would necessarily be those not already included as zero-issuance SNAP/FAP households, with income above the current ECEAP limit, with an age-eligible child, who would not have otherwise applied for Basic Food. Though it is plausible that additional households would apply for Basic Food benefits in order to become eligible for ECEAP, ESA estimates potential caseload impacts to be negligible at most.

This bill does not require Information Technology (IT) enhancements to the Barcode system, however any unanticipated Barcode costs would be passed through to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

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

NONE

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.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 1945 HB	Title: Food assistance access	Agency: 307-Department of Children, Youth, and Families
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
General Fund-Federal 001-2		8,000	8,000	44,000	44,000
Total \$		8,000	8,000	44,000	44,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	8.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	0	0	60,628,000	120,322,000
General Fund-Federal 001-2	0	0	0	30,000	44,000
Total \$	0	0	0	60,658,000	120,366,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

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.

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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.

HB 1945 Food Assistance Access

HB 1945 asserts families eligible for or receiving basic food benefits must be determined to be income eligible for Working Connections Child Care (WCCC). Eligibility for the Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP) is expanded to include families eligible for or receiving basic food benefits.

Section 1(6) is added to assert that applicants or consumers who are eligible for or receiving basic food benefits under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program or the state food assistance program must be determined as income eligible for WCCC.

Section 2(4)(c) amends RCW 43.216.505 and 2021 c 67 s 1 to expand the definition of “eligible child” for ECEAP services to include families who are eligible for or receiving basic food benefits under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program or the state food assistance program.

Section 3(4)(e) amends RCW 43.216.505 and 2021 c 199 s 204 to expand the definition of “eligible child” for ECEAP services to include families who are eligible for or receiving basic food benefits under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program or the state food assistance program.

Section 4(5) amends RCW 43.216.578 to update eligibility for Early ECEAP services to include families with a household income at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) or being eligible for or receiving basic food benefits under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program or the state food assistance program.

Section 5 amends RCW 43.216.578 to update eligibility for Early ECEAP services to include families with a household income at or below 50 percent of the state median income (SMI) or being eligible for or receiving basic food benefits under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program or the state food assistance program.

Section 6 is added to include an expiration date of July 1, 2026 for Sections 2 and 4.

Section 7 is added to include an effective date of July 1, 2026 for Sections 3 and 5.

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.

Title IV-E, the federal reimbursement is 13 percent. The agency estimates eligible reimbursements of \$8,000.

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.

No fiscal impact to the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) in the 2024 Supplemental Budget.

DCYF assumes no fiscal impact to Working Connections Child Care (WCCC). Families who are eligible for or receiving basic food benefits are income eligible for WCCC, however they must still meet approved activity requirements. It is assumed that these families are already eligible and will be absorbed within the forecasted caseload.

DCYF assumes no fiscal impact to the Early Childhood Education (ECEAP) Assistance Program until the 25-27 Biennium. ECEAP does not become an entitlement program until state fiscal year 2027. The below costs are assumed to begin in the 25-27 Biennium.

Sections 2(4) and 3(4)

Total Costs \$439,000 General Fund State (GF-S) and 3.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTEs) in FY26 and \$60,219,000 GF-S and 5.0 FTEs in FY 2027.

These sections expand ECEAP eligibility to families who are eligible for or receiving basic food benefits.

8.0 FTEs

-3.0 Commerce Specialist 3's beginning FY26

-5.0 Commerce Specialist 3's beginning FY27

8.0 FTEs are needed to support capacity building and ECEAP slot management. DCYF assumes 1 Commerce Specialist 3 per 450 slots for a total of 8 FTEs. DCYF further assumes a \$247 per slot administrative rate. This rate provides funding to support 6.5 Commerce Specialist 3's; additional funding beyond the \$247 per slot administrative rate is needed to support 1.5 FTEs.

CLIENT SERVICES: \$59,072,000 in FY27 to expand eligibility to families eligible for or receiving basic food benefits. DCYF assumes 4,769 SNAP participants are not already eligible for ECEAP services. Based on ECEAP Courtesy Forecast Council (CFC) data, a 78% uptake rate is assumed, leading to 3,720 new cases. DCYF further assumes 85% of new cases, or 3,162, would enroll in School Day slots and 15%, or 558, would enroll in Working Day slots.

In addition to the costs above, there are indeterminate costs. RCW 43.216.775 specifies that ECEAP rates must be adjusted every two years with inflationary increases, subject to appropriation. FY27 rates are illustrative only and include inflationary adjustments for both FY26 and FY27, resulting in a 4% increase to rates, based on the September 2023 Washington Economic Forecast Summary U.S. Implicit Price Deflator. It is unknown what the rates will actually be in 2026.

The total assumed costs for School Day slots are \$49,134,000 in FY27 (\$14,893 current slot rate + \$647 inflationary increase X 3,162 School Day slots).

The total assumed costs for Working Day slots are \$12,504,000 in FY27 (\$21,478 current slot rate + \$933 inflationary increase X 558 Working Day slots).

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	0	0	60,628,000	120,322,000
001-2	General Fund	Federal	0	0	0	30,000	44,000
Total \$			0	0	0	60,658,000	120,366,000

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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years				5.5	8.0
A-Salaries and Wages				930,000	1,352,000
B-Employee Benefits				322,000	468,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services				19,000	28,000
G-Travel				26,000	38,000
J-Capital Outlays				58,000	
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services				59,072,000	118,144,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements				231,000	336,000
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Total \$	0	0	0	60,658,000	120,366,000

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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
Commerce Specialist 3	84,518				5.5	8.0
Total FTEs					5.5	8.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Early Learning (030)				60,427,000	120,030,000
Program Support (090)				231,000	336,000
Total \$				60,658,000	120,366,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

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IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

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