

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 2007 HB	Title: Cash assistance time limits
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

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	2.0	12,554,000	12,554,000	12,554,000	3.5	32,340,000	32,340,000	32,340,000	3.5	32,340,000	32,340,000	32,340,000
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Fiscal note not available											
Total \$	2.0	12,554,000	12,554,000	12,554,000	3.5	32,340,000	32,340,000	32,340,000	3.5	32,340,000	32,340,000	32,340,000

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	Fiscal note not available								
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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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	3.9	2.0	3.5	3.5
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	35,000	12,519,000	12,554,000	32,340,000	32,340,000
Total \$	35,000	12,519,000	12,554,000	32,340,000	32,340,000

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 June 8, 2024, ninety days after adjournment of the 2024 legislative session.

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 June 8, 2024, ninety days after adjournment of the 2024 legislative session.

For estimates in this fiscal note, ESA used November 2023 forecast data. These estimates will be updated with ESA's February 2024 caseload and expenditure forecast.

- Caseload Impacts

ESA estimates 52 TANF cases in June 2024, 1,143 monthly TANF cases in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, and 1,530 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 2024
 - TANF Cases: \$35,000 for 52 cases in June 2024
- FY 2025
 - TANF Cases: \$9,131,000 for 1,143 monthly cases
 - WorkFirst Services: \$2,627,000
- FY 2026 and beyond
 - TANF Cases: \$12,222,000 for 1,530 monthly cases
 - WorkFirst Services: \$3,517,000

- Workload Impacts

Assuming Community Services Division (CSD) staff touch times 60 minutes per initial application for 1,535 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
 - \$471,000 and 3.6 FTE
- FY 2026 and beyond
 - \$431,000 and 3.5 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 2024: \$35,000
 - FY 2025: \$12,519,000 and 3.9 FTE
 - FY 2026 and beyond: \$16,170,000 and 3.5 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	35,000	12,519,000	12,554,000	32,340,000	32,340,000
Total \$			35,000	12,519,000	12,554,000	32,340,000	32,340,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		3.9	2.0	3.5	3.5
A-Salaries and Wages		302,000	302,000	528,000	528,000
B-Employee Benefits		131,000	131,000	212,000	212,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		1,415,000	1,415,000	3,112,000	3,112,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays		24,000	24,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services	35,000	10,629,000	10,664,000	28,454,000	28,454,000
P-Debt Service		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		13,000	13,000	22,000	22,000
9-TZ-ISSD		3,000	3,000	8,000	8,000
Total \$	35,000	12,519,000	12,554,000	32,340,000	32,340,000

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		2.4	1.2	1.9	1.9
SOCIAL SERVICE SPECIALIST 2	82,513		1.2	0.6	1.6	1.6
Total FTEs			3.9	2.0	3.5	3.5

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.