

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1945 S 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	3,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	3,030
Total \$	0	0	3,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	3,030

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	.5	143,000	143,000	146,000	1.0	272,000	272,000	278,000	1.0	272,000	272,000	278,000
Total \$	0.5	143,000	143,000	146,000	1.0	272,000	272,000	278,000	1.0	272,000	272,000	278,000

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 S 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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- 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.

SHB 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

Bill Number: 1945 S 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		3,000	3,000	6,000	3,030
Total \$		3,000	3,000	6,000	3,030

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	143,000	143,000	272,000	272,000
General Fund-Federal 001-2	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000
Total \$	0	146,000	146,000	278,000	278,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- 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.

SHB 1945 Food Assistance Access

This version of the bill adds receiving basic food benefits as an eligibility criteria for Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP) participation as space is available beginning November 1, 2024 through August 1, 2030, at which time families receiving basic food benefits would become entitled to ECEAP.

Section 1(6) is amended to add November 1, 2024 as the effective date in which 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)(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 3(1)(c) is amended to add November 1, 2024 as the effective date in which 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 eligible for ECEAP.

Section 4(1) is amended to add 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 as allowed to be enrolled in ECEAP as space is available.

Section 5 is amended to add November 1, 2024 as the effective date in which 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 eligible for birth to three ECEAP.

Section 6 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 7 is added to establish an effective date of August 1, 2030 for section 2 and July 1, 2026 for sections 4 and 6.

Section 8 is added to establish and expiration date of July 1, 2026 for sections 3 and 5.

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 \$3,000.

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.

The Department of Children, Youth and Families estimates \$146,000 (\$143,000 General Fund State) and 1.0 Full Time Equivalent 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 slot impact until the 29-31 Biennium to the Early Childhood Education (ECEAP) Assistance Program.

Sections 3 and 4

Total Costs \$146,000 (\$143,000 GF-S) and 1.0 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) in FY25.

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

1.0 FTEs

-1.0 Commerce Specialist 3 beginning FY25

1.0 FTE is needed to support training and ECEAP slot waitlist management.

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	143,000	143,000	272,000	272,000
001-2	General Fund	Federal	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000
Total \$			0	146,000	146,000	278,000	278,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
A-Salaries and Wages		85,000	85,000	170,000	170,000
B-Employee Benefits		29,000	29,000	58,000	58,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
G-Travel		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
J-Capital Outlays		7,000	7,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		21,000	21,000	42,000	42,000
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Total \$	0	146,000	146,000	278,000	278,000

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
Commerce Specialist 3	84,518		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs			1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Early Learning (030)		125,000	125,000	236,000	236,000
Program Support (090)		21,000	21,000	42,000	42,000
Total \$		146,000	146,000	278,000	278,000

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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IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

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