

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 555

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Measure Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to contract with nonprofit organization to implement and administer program to assist recipients of supplemental nutrition assistance in purchasing locally grown fruits and vegetables from farmers' markets, farm share sites and retail outlets that participate in program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund	\$4,000,000	\$0
Total Funds	\$4,000,000	\$0
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

SB 555 contains a one-time appropriation of \$4.0 million General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the 2021-23 biennium. DHS is directed to contract with a nonprofit organization in order to operate a program that helps people who are eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to purchase local fruits and vegetables from places such as farmers’ markets, farm share sites, and retail outlets that participate in the program. This program was initially funded in HB 5050 (2019) with \$1.5 million General Fund. The larger amount appropriated in this bill will be used to expand this program into new areas of the state.

Funds appropriated to DHS under this measure are to be distributed to the nonprofit to implement and administer this program, and to provide matching funds for the amounts that a recipient spends on foods that are eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance. The nonprofit is directed to report on the outcomes of the program no later than December 31, 2023, and the report is to be posted on the DHS website.

DHS reports that there are no administrative costs to implement this measure and the \$4.0 million appropriated will simply be “passed through” to the nonprofit that is administering this program. This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the state General Fund.