

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 438**

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**Measure Description:**

Requires Department of Human Services to seek waiver of federal requirements in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in order to allow recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance to receive advance installment payments of tax credit for dependent care expenses.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
<b>Department of Human Services</b>		
<b>General Fund</b>		
Services and Supplies	\$162,048	\$0
<b>Total General Fund</b>	\$162,048	\$0
<b>Federal Funds</b>		
Services and Supplies	\$243,072	\$0
<b>Total Federal Funds</b>	\$243,072	\$0
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$405,120</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>Total Positions</i>	0	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.00	0.00

**Analysis:**

SB 438 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to submit a waiver to the United States Department of Agriculture to exclude monthly distributions of advance tax credit payments for dependent care when determining Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility. DHS is required to submit a report on the status of the waiver to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2024 and annually on September 15th thereafter. The measure is effective on the 91st day following sine die. The measure is repealed January 1, 2029.

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$405,120 total funds. DHS will contract with Deloitte to update the ONE eligibility system at a rate of \$320.00 per hour for a projected 1,266 hours. The ONE system will require the following updates:

- Reference table updates to add “advance tax payments for dependent care tax credit” and processes associated with this addition.
- User portal updates to add specific fields for “advance tax payments for dependent care” to the earned income and liquid resources screens.
- Update the eligibility determination and benefit calculation (EDBF) to exclude the income and resource type “advance tax payments for dependent care” for Medical, SNAP, temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) and employment-related day care (ERDC) programs.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State’s General Fund.

