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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 26, 2024

Subject: SB 1585 – Relating to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1585 establishes the Task Force on Maximizing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits to review options for adding hot foods that are ready to eat for eligible SNAP recipients. The measure permits members of the task force to be reimbursed for travel and other relevant expenses.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is directed to staff the task force; develop a plan and request a federal waiver based on the recommendations of the task force; and implement the plan as a statewide program or a pilot program no later than 12 months after receipt of federal waiver approval.

In the 2023-25 biennium, \$481,371 General Fund (\$1,180,341 total funds) will be needed to carry out the provisions of the bill. This includes costs for ONE eligibility system updates, salaries and services and supplies for four positions (2.00 FTE), and reimbursable meals and mileage expenses for the 12-member task force. Three of the positions will be limited duration, and one position will be permanent. In 2025-27, the estimated cost is \$152,948 General Fund (\$305,895 total funds).

The -A5 amendment adds funding to the bill.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the –A5 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A5 amendment to SB 1585. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 1585 as amended by the –A5 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 1585, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____