

H.R. 1: Food Assistance

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Basic Food: Two Caseloads

1. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ([SNAP](#))

- Food benefits to low-income individuals and families
 - ~ 510,000 households, per month
 - ~ \$3,800 per household, per year
 - ~ \$1.9 billion total benefits

2. Food Assistance Program for Legal Immigrants ([FAP](#))

- Food benefits for legal immigrants who are ineligible for SNAP
- Must follow same eligibility as SNAP (except immigration status) ([RCW](#))
- Benefit amount is established in the operating budget ([RCW](#))
 - ~ 25,000 households, per month
 - ~ \$3,800 per household, per year
 - ~ \$94 million total benefits

Note: All figures from FY 2024. For additional detail, please see the [Basic Food Briefing Book](#).



Basic Food: State Budget

SNAP

Federal funds cover 100% of benefits & 50% of admin

FAP

Federal funds cover 0% (state-only program)

	Benefits		Admin	
	Total	State Share	Total	State Share
SNAP	\$1.9 billion	0%	\$259 million	50%
FAP	\$94 million	100%	\$8 million	100%

H.R. 1: Client & State Budget Impacts

1. Benefits

- Modifies future benefit adjustments
- Modifies benefit calculation (energy / utility deduction – [LIHEAP](#))

2. Eligibility

- Modifies work requirements
- Removes eligibility for certain non-citizens

3. Administrative

- Introduces benefit payments State match, contingent on error rate (up to 15%)
- Increases State administrative match from 50% to 75%
- Introduces policy changes that will modify DSHS processes & systems

Note: This list is non-exhaustive. H.R. 1 makes additional SNAP modifications (i.e. removes SNAP education, benefit cap on large households, etc.)



Fiscal Impact Summary

\$750 Million + Indeterminate Costs & Savings (Four-Year)

Policy	Impact	Effective	Clients Impacts*	Budget Impacts (NGFO)*
Future Benefit Adjustments	Benefits	Ongoing	All cases. Future benefit increases may be reduced	Indeterminate <i>savings</i> (FAP)
LIHEAP Deduction	Benefits	Immediate	Up to 30,000 cases impacted. ~\$82 monthly benefit reduction	\$3 million <i>savings</i> (FAP)
Work Requirements	Eligibility	Immediate	Up to 130,000 clients may be subject to work requirements	\$16 million <i>savings</i> (FAP)
Eligibility for Non-Citizens	Eligibility	Immediate	No Impact (transition from SNAP to FAP)	\$82 million (FAP)
Admin costs, State match	Admin	Oct. 2026	No Impact	\$65 million
Benefit payments, State match	Admin	Oct. 2027	No Impact	\$0 to \$300 million (dependent on error rate)
Process / IT system changes	Admin	Immediate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Estimates from DSHS Decision Package submittals, which are linked above

*Annual Impacts