

H.R. 1 IMPACT ON FOOD ASSISTANCE

People Receiving Food Assistance In Washington¹

920,000

people received assistance purchasing food each month*

15%

of the population of Washington each year

150%

return on economic activity for every dollar of SNAP benefit spent



35%

children



32%

elderly or disabled



20%

of adult recipients are working

Enacted Changes^{2,3}

Reduction of benefits

Reduces SNAP benefits to some households across Washington and limits the ability to grant a standard utility allowance based on LIHEAP participation.

Restrict eligibility

Limits SNAP eligibility to legal residents and certain groups of legal immigrants from Cuba/Haiti/Compact of Free Association nations.

Expand work requirements and reduce exemptions

Increases work requirements and reduces work exemptions.

Shift portion of cost to states

Increases state costs for benefit amounts, based on state's error rates, and program administration.

Impact of Changes⁴

\$220M - \$420M

estimated additional annual cost to the state budget

131,000

people risk losing benefits if they fail to meet new work requirements

~30,000

legal immigrants each month will lose SNAP, pushed to state food assistance

75,000+

households each year would see a reduction in monthly benefits

Notes/ Citations

*For State Financial Year 2024

(1) Economic Services Administration, Department of Social and Health Services (January 2025), ESA Briefing Book State Fiscal Year 2024; (2) House Bill H.R.1. (May 2025). One Big Beautiful Bill Act. 119th Congress (2025-2026) <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1>; (3) DSHS ESA Analysis of the one Big Beautiful Bill Act; (4) DSHS ESA Analysis of the one Big Beautiful Bill Act

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