

Help People Meet Their Basic Needs

Support HB 1447, Rep. Peterson

Increase Equity

\$26M

- **Restore pre-2011 policy and allow families to access help when they need it**
 - Make permanent TANF hardship Time Limit Extensions for all households
 - Eliminate time limits for Child-only cases

Improve TANF for all recipients

- **Allow families to build up savings** \$200,000
 - Expand asset limits for cash assistance programs up to \$25K
 - Waive the value of one car
- **Facilitate a path out of poverty for TANF recipients** \$42M
 - Allow families to earn more by tying income limits to the Needs Standard to reflect the cost of living
 - Smooth the cliff effect by disregarding 6 months of gross income
- **Give families time to stabilize, without losing benefits** \$0
 - Introduce Stabilization Waivers for families by allowing hardship as a "good cause" exemption from WorkFirst requirements
- **Make grants keep up with the cost of living** \$69M
 - Update Cash Grants to align with the Need Standard and inflation by paying 15% of new Needs Standard, updated yearly



“TANF has helped me off and on for many years but never enough to get us back on our feet.”

-- Amy Roark, Former TANF Recipient

All costs are estimated 2023-2025 costs.