

Children should be the recipients of child support payments, not the state.

Re-Instate the Child Support Pass-Through

Support ESHB 1652 (Taylor)

In Washington state, if a child's family receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and child support is paid by a non-custodial parent, **the state collects and withholds their child support payments.**



The Child Support Pass-Through was **eliminated** during the Great Recession and has **since only been partially reinstated**. The state currently allows \$50 for one child and \$100 for two or more children to be passed through.

HB 1652 would allow 100% of child support payments to be passed through, to support the children as intended.

Research indicates that **child support pass-through policy leads to increased child support compliance** by non-custodial parents **when they know the money will be supporting their children.**

Receiving child-support payments from a non-custodial parent would **greatly increase families' financial and housing security and reduce toxic stress.**

Child support pass-through leads to increased financial stability for families on TANF, **giving parents a more stable foundation to break the cycle of poverty.**