

Help People Meet Their Basic Needs

Support 2SHB 1447, Rep. Peterson

Increase Equity

- **Restore pre-2011 policy and allow families to access help when they need it**
 - Eliminate time limits for Child-only cases

Improve TANF for all recipients

- **Allow families to build up savings**
 - Expand asset limits for cash assistance programs up to \$8K
 - Waive the value of one car
- **Facilitate a path out of poverty for TANF recipients**
 - Protect the first \$250 of earned income* per month, smoothing the cliff effect and increasing the monthly income limit to help build up savings
- **Give families time to stabilize, without losing benefits**
 - Introduce Stabilization Waivers for families by allowing hardship as a "good cause" exemption from WorkFirst requirements



"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

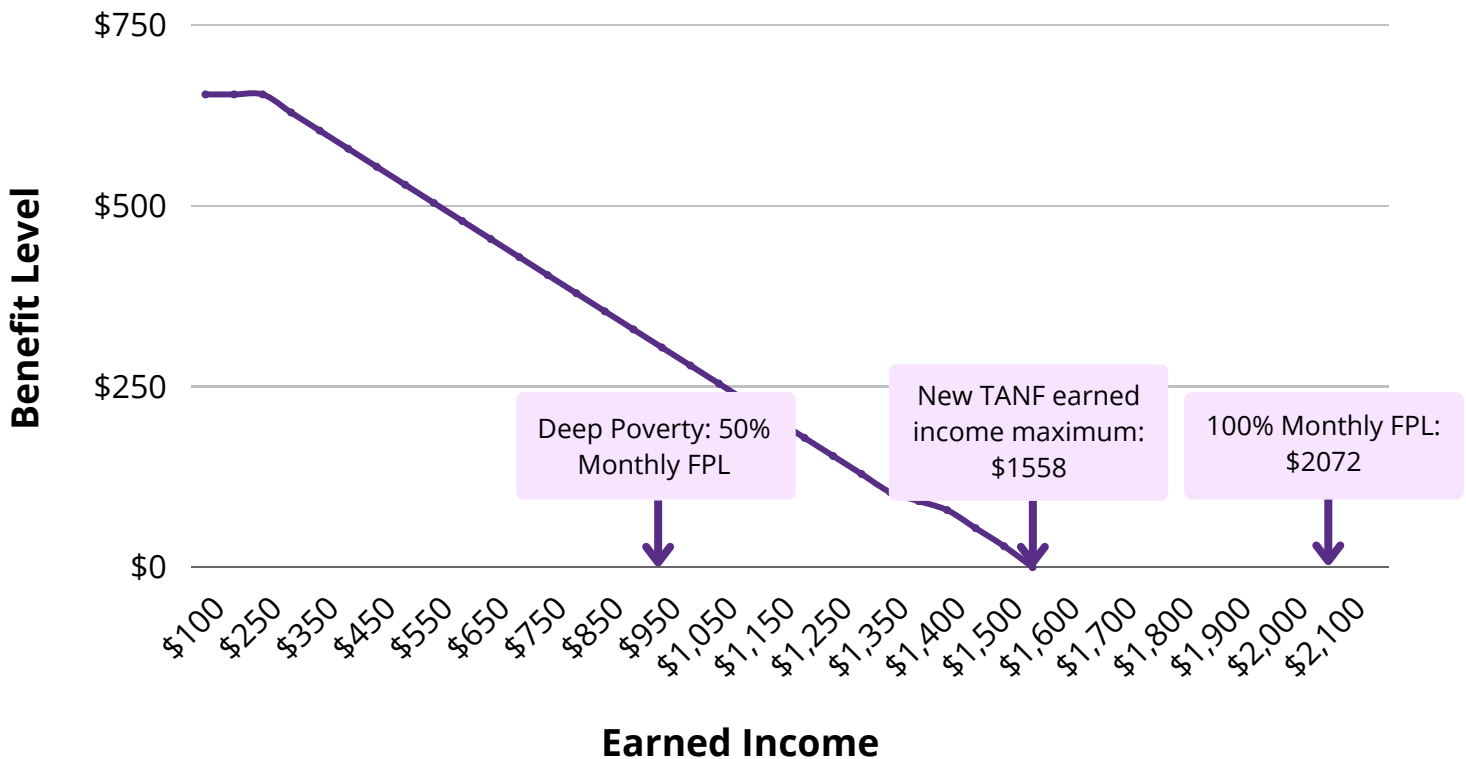
*See page 2 for modeling of this proposal

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Modeling the Earned Income Disregard Proposal

The Proposal:

- Protect the first \$250 of earned income, reduce benefit level by 50% of remaining monthly income



For a family of 3 with a monthly income \$1000 and a grant of \$654...

Under current policy:

- The grant is reduced by 50% of income, \$500.
- Final monthly benefit = \$154

Under proposed policy:

- The first \$250 of income is protected. The grant is reduced by \$375, 50% of the remaining income.
- Final monthly benefit = \$279