

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2692

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**As Passed House:**

February 10, 1998

**Title:** An act relating to food stamps or food stamp benefits transferred electronically.

**Brief Description:** Clarifying references to food stamps or food stamp benefits transferred electronically.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Clements, H. Sommers, Tokuda and Cooke; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Children & Family Services: 1/27/98, 1/29/98 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/10/98, 96-0.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Cooke, Chairman; Boldt, Vice Chairman; Bush, Vice Chairman; Tokuda, Ranking Minority Member; Kastama, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dickerson; Gombosky; McDonald and Wolfe.

**Staff:** David Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:** Federal law requires each state to have an electronic benefit system in place for food stamps by October 1, 2002.

**Summary of Bill:** State statutes relating to food stamp program are modified to include a reference to food stamp benefits that are transferred electronically.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This is a technical change necessary to update statutory references to the food stamp program.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** John Bumford, Division of Fraud Investigation, DSHS (supports).