

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2692

As Passed Legislature

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.

Passed Legislature.

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).