

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1936

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Children & Family Services

**Title:** An act relating to employability screens for recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.

**Brief Description:** Requiring employability screening for recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Tokuda, Boldt, D. Sommers and Santos.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Children & Family Services: 2/22/99, 2/25/99 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Recipients of temporary assistance for needy families will undergo an employability screen to determine whether they should engage in a job search or be immediately assessed for barriers to employment.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives D. Sommers, Republican Co-Chair; Tokuda, Democratic Co-Chair; Boldt, Republican Vice Chair; Kagi, Democratic Vice Chair; Campbell; Carrell; Dickerson; Eickmeyer; Kastama and Pflug.

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

**Background:**

Currently, all recipients of temporary assistance for needy families are required to engage in an immediate job search after being determined eligible for the program. If they are unsuccessful at a job search, they are assessed to identify their barriers to employment.

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**Summary of Bill:**

All recipients approved to receive temporary assistance for needy families will be subject to an employability screen prior to engaging in a job search. If the screen determines the recipient is unemployable, they will skip the job search and be immediately screened to identify their specific barriers to employment.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** Some recipients of temporary assistance for needy families have obvious barriers to employment. They should not be required to go through a job search if they have a clear barrier to employment.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** (In support) Laurie Lippold, Children's Home Society.