

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5155

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor & Workforce Development, March 2, 1999

Title: An act relating to temporary assistance for needy families.

Brief Description: Giving TANF recipients a priority in federal workforce investment act of 1998 programs.

Sponsors: Senators Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Brown and Patterson.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor & Workforce Development: 1/26/99, 3/2/99 [DPS].
Ways & Means: 3/8/99.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5155 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Hochstatter, Kline, Oke and Wojahn.

Staff: Joanne Conrad (786-7472)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Brian Sims (786-7431)

Background: Some legal immigrants qualify for state food assistance equivalent to what they would have received under the Federal Food Stamp Program.

Summary of Substitute Bill: Qualification of legal immigrants for state food assistance is clarified by deleting an obsolete reference to the federal Welfare Reform Act.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: Prioritizing TANF recipients in workforce development programs is replaced with providing legal immigrants with state food assistance.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: It is a high priority to help those on welfare find work through inclusion in existing programs.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Senator Kohl-Welles, prime sponsor; Laurie Lippold, Children's Home Society; Suzanne Dale, City of Seattle.