
SENATE BILL 5854

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By Senators Hargrove, Prentice, Costa and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to hunger in Washington; creating new sections;
2 making appropriations; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a recent report
5 by the United States department of agriculture reported that Washington
6 ranked third in the nation in hunger. The legislature further finds
7 that hunger affects the growth and development of children, the
8 productivity of adults, and the self-sufficiency of elders. The
9 legislature further finds that it is critical to understand the extent
10 and dimensions of the hunger problem in Washington so that it can be
11 addressed in the most effective manner.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of health shall administer
13 and coordinate a hunger survey project. The project shall determine:

14 (1) The prevalence of hunger in the total population, and among
15 low-income families;

16 (2) The characteristics of hungry families and the extent to which
17 antihunger resources are or are not addressing their needs; and

1 (3) The ways hungry families attempt to cope with food shortages
2 and the lessons their efforts provide in making services more
3 effective.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of health shall provide the
5 appropriate committees of the senate and the house of representatives
6 with a progress report on December 1, 1999, and a final report on
7 December 1, 2000.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires June 30, 2001.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The sum of one hundred twenty-five
10 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
11 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, from the general
12 fund to the department of health for the purposes of this act.

13 (2) The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as
14 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,
15 2001, from the general fund to the department of health for the
16 purposes of this act.

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