

Appropriations Committee

HB 2233

Brief Description: *Authorizing contractual agreements with federal government for administration of state supplementation of supplemental security income.*

Sponsors: *Representatives H. Sommers and Sehlin.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Allows the state to administer the state supplement payment to federal Supplemental Security Income.*

Hearing Date: *4/10/01*

Staff: *Heather Flodstrom (786-7391).*

Background:

When the federal government authorized Supplemental Security Income (SSI), they allowed the states to provide an additional state supplement payment to their residents who were receiving federal SSI. The federal government also allowed states to administer the state supplement payment independently, or to contract with the federal government for administration of the state supplement payment.

Washington chose to contract with the federal government for administration of the state supplement payment, and it has been paying the federal government a fee for this service.

Summary of Bill:

The state is no longer required to contract with the federal government for administration of the state supplement payment. The state may either contract with the federal government or independently administer the program.

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Not requested.*

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