

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2252

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### As Passed Legislature

**Title:** An act relating to social service programs.

**Brief Description:** Revising eligibility requirements for general assistance.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Sommers, Fromhold and Moeller.

**Brief History:**

**First Special Session**

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 6/6/03, 93-1.

Passed Senate: 6/10/03, 42-3.

Passed Legislature.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to discontinue benefits to General Assistance - Unemployable recipients unless the recipient demonstrates no material improvement in his or her medical or mental condition at the incapacity review.</li></ul>
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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Majority/Minority Report:** None.

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

**Background:**

General Assistance - Unemployable (GA-U) benefits are provided to people who are temporarily disabled and as a result cannot work. To be eligible for these benefits, a client must undergo an incapacity review that proves the client temporarily disabled by a medical or mental condition. After a client is determined eligible for GA-U benefits, the client is required to have periodic incapacity reviews to ensure continued eligibility for the program.

Current law prohibits the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) from

terminating a GA-U recipient's benefits unless there is a clear showing of material improvement in the recipient's medical or mental condition at the incapacity review.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The DSHS is required to discontinue benefits to GA-U recipients unless the recipient demonstrates no material improvement in his or her medical or mental condition at the incapacity review.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** None.