

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1499**

Chapter 31, Laws of 2023

68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

FOOD BANK FUNDING—USE FOR ESSENTIAL NONFOOD ITEMS

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023

Passed by the House February 28, 2023  
Yeas 95 Nays 2

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 22, 2023  
Yeas 42 Nays 7

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 6, 2023 9:30 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1499** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 6, 2023

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning (originally sponsored by Representatives Shavers, Ramel, Santos, Leavitt, Gregerson, Bateman, Ormsby, Doglio, Pollet, Reed, Ortiz-Self, Stonier, and Fosse)

READ FIRST TIME 02/14/23.

1            AN ACT Relating to food assistance funding; and amending RCW  
2 43.23.290.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.23.290 and 2010 c 68 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The director of the department may exercise powers and duties  
7 with respect to the administration of food assistance programs in the  
8 department. It is the intent of the legislature in administering the  
9 food assistance programs transferred to the department by chapter 68,  
10 Laws of 2010, that programs continue to be provided through  
11 community-based organizations. It is the intent of the legislature  
12 that in accepting the administration of food assistance programs, the  
13 department's core programs administered by the department by July 1,  
14 2010, not be impacted.

15            (2) The director of the department may adopt rules necessary to  
16 implement the food assistance programs.

17            (3) The director of the department may enter into contracts and  
18 agreements to implement food assistance programs, including contracts  
19 and agreements with the United States department of agriculture, to  
20 implement federal food assistance programs.

1       (4) The department may not restrict the amount of food assistance  
2 program funding provided to food banks that may be used for essential  
3 nonfood items, including diapers, feminine products, and hygiene  
4 products, to less than 25 percent of total funding.

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