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2001 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2414

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2414

Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 7, 2001

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1		X	46.5
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Paul Holodyschuk</i>			

Minutes:

The Human Services committee was called to order. The hearing was opened on SB 2414.

SENATOR MATHERN introduced the bill. This bill has two issues to deal with. The family cap is one. If a woman is having another child, the bill would lift the cap so the child would be eligible for assistance. It may have contributed to the abortion rate. It adds a complicating factor in the eligibility process. The second item is page 4, line 25 adding child delivery. We need to say the prenatal care should continue through the delivery.

SENATOR KRAUTER, cosponsor of the bill, supports bill. The focus here, is on the child, not the individual who is pregnant. Child delivery is included in this. Bill. It clarifies and has it covered. SENATOR LEE suggested that the cap on delivery expenses being excluded because of the chance of the million dollar babies to escalate the moneys paid out. SENATOR

KRAUTER: I don't remember it to be that way, but I will go back and check

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STACEY PFLIIGER, Right to Life, supports bill. (Written testimony) SENATOR LEE: How can you say abortions have raised because of family cap? MS. PFLIIGER: I'm not saying it is the only reason, but it would be a contributing factor.

CHRISTOPHER DOBSON, ND Catholic Conference, supports bill. (Written testimony)

JACK McDONALD, ARC, supports bill.

Opposition:

JOHN HOUGEN, Director of Public Assistance for the Dept of Human Services. (Written testimony) SENATOR MATHERN: Is the decrease figured into fiscal note. MR. HOUGEN: Yes, we took the increase in TANF benefits and subtracted the corresponding food benefits.

SENATOR MATHERN: What would the implementation of this bill work? How long will this take? MR. HOUGEN: It probably would not be a very long process. We would take the rules out of the system and the child would be considered same as other children. Not a major program change; cost some money, but not difficult.

Hebron students were welcomed to the Committee.

BLAINE NORDWALL, Director of Economic Assistance Policy for the Dept of Human Services, provided information on the bill. (Written testimony) Presented amendments to the bill. SENATOR MATHERN: What is the actual process in Dept if million dollar baby is born? What would happen to the bill? SHELDON WOLF:, Asst. Medical Director, answered the question. If the family is on Healthy Steps the baby is included in program. If not on Healthy Steps, they would not come on until the next month. SENATOR MATHERN: If they are eligible for CHIP, and that baby has all these expenses, they may be eligible for Medicaid. MR. WOLF: The Mother would not be eligible for the Medicaid program, but the child would be.

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The change in the law is for somebody that is 18 or under and on the program. That would be a separate case. SENATOR MATHERN: Would there be a benefit if we gave you some options, to use the CHIP or Medicaid programs. MR. WOLF: We do have options, but the Federal Gov't has taken those options. If they are Medicaid eligible, they have to go on the Medicaid program, they cannot go on one or the other. SENATOR KILZER: What do other states do? MR. HOUGEN: In the fifty states, there were 23 or 24 that have adopted the family cap.

The hearing is closed on SB 2414.

SENATOR MATHERN moved a DO PASS. SENATOR POLOVITZ seconded it. Discussion was called for. Motion was withdrawn.

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Discussion was held on the amendments of the Department. It was decided not to adopt the amendments. SENATOR MATHERN moved a DO PASS and REREFERRED to Appropriations Committee. Discussion. Roll call vote carried 4-2. SENATOR MATHERN will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 03/22/2001

Bill/Resolution No.:

Amendment to: SB 2414

1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$297,037		\$265,382
Expenditures				\$297,037		\$265,382
Appropriations				\$297,037		\$265,382

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

This bill would remove the Benefit Cap for children whose families are participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

Additional revenues would be from Federal funds.

B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

The Benefit Cap removal for TANF children would cost an additional \$419,718 in Federal TANF funds. The increased TANF payments would decrease eligibility for both the Food Stamp Program and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Expenditure savings to these programs would total \$165,638, all of which are Federal funds. The net increase to the Economic Assistance grant line item would be \$254,080. Increased operating expenditures would be needed for system modification to implement the changes called for by this bill. These expenditures would total \$42,957, all of which are Federal funds. System modification expenditures would be completed during the 2001 - 2003 biennium.

C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect

on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

The changes called for in this bill were not included in the Executive Budget. The appropriation for the Department of Human Services would need to be increased by \$297,037, all of which are Federal funds.

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Phone Number:	328-3297	Date Prepared:	03/23/2001

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/30/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2414

Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$352,831		\$330,326
Expenditures			\$14,831	\$352,831	\$17,263	\$330,326
Appropriations			\$14,831	\$352,831	\$17,263	\$330,326

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill would remove the Benefit Cap for children whose families are participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. This bill would also provide for child delivery services under the Healthy Steps Program.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Additional revenues would be from Federal funds.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The Benefit Cap removal for TANF children would cost an additional \$419,718 in federal TANF funds. The increased TANF payments would decrease eligibility for both the Food Stamp Program and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Expenditure savings to these programs combined would be \$165,638, all of which are Federal funds. The net increase to the Economic Assistance grant line item would be \$254,080. Increased expenditures would be needed for system modification to implement the changes called for by this bill. These expenditures would be \$42,957 reflected in the operating line item using Federal TANF funds. System modification expenditures would be completed during the 2001 - 2003 biennium. Adding child delivery services to the Healthy Steps program would have a fiscal impact of

\$70,625, of which \$14,831 would be general funds to the Medicaid grants line item.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

The changes called for in this bill were not included in the Executive Budget. The appropriation for the Department of Human Services would need to be increased by \$367,662 of which \$14,831 would be general funds.

Name:	Brenda M. Welsz	Agency:	Department of Human Services
Phone Number:	328-2307	Date Prepared:	02/05/2001

Date: 2/7/01

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 244

Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen Mathern Seconded By Sen Polovitz

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Lee, Chairperson			Senator Polovitz		
Senator Kilzer, Vice-Chairperson			Senator Mathern		
Senator Erbele					
Senator Fischer					
<i>motion withdrawn</i>					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

