

Fiscal Note

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Title: WIC SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM
VENDOR
Sponsor: COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS
Requester: House Health & Social Services

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Public Assistance
Allocation: Women, Infants and Children
OMB Component Number: 1013

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015					
Personal Services			***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services	252.0						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	252.0	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	252.0						
Total	252.0	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/16

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

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Analysis

The actual prevalence of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) as a barrier to purchase of WIC approved foods is unknown. As part of the process of expanding vendor selection criteria, the Division of Public Assistance would need to conduct a *needs assessment* to determine the extent to which LEP limits participation in the WIC program, the languages involved, and the number and location of recipients affected by language-related barriers.

The proposed legislation could have a significant impact on the resources to administer this program in the areas of vendor selection and monitoring. If LEP is a significant barrier that can only be addressed by approval of additional vendors, it is likely this increase on administrative demands will result in a reduction in the amount of federal funding available to WIC clients for direct (food) service.

Until a needs assessment is completed, the division is unable to determine the long-term fiscal impacts and out year costs potentially resulting from this legislation.

Assumptions:

A statewide needs assessment will be conducted during FY2015.

The needs assessment will identify and evaluate potential barriers to program access and participation, with a focus on language barriers, and will provide recommendations for remediation.

A state plan amendment will be developed to address barriers to program access and participation.

The Division will hire a contractor to conduct the needs assessment. Scope of work:

- Identify, collect data on, and analyze under-served individuals, communities, and regions where access barriers to WIC services may exist - (\$150.0)
- Identify, collect data on, and analyze under-served individuals, communities, and regions where participation barriers to purchase of WIC approved foods may exist - (\$65.0)
- Travel to each WIC service region - (\$26.0)
- Develop a report of recommendations to the State - (\$11.0)

TOTAL = \$252.0