

SB

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SB 341

was referred to the
Senate Finance
Committee

Hearing(s) were held

The bill did not move
from Committee

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SB 341 Sponsor Statement

“An Act making a special appropriation for a study of recipients of welfare and Medicaid; and providing for an effective date.”

In the past decade entitlement programs in the state budget have increased at an alarming rate. Although the Department of Health and Social Services can identify which programs are increasing, there is limited data on the underlying causes of welfare dependency.

SB341 is an appropriations bill to study why people initially become dependant on welfare programs. Contributing factors may be:

- ◆ teen pregnancy
- ◆ drug addiction
- ◆ education level
- ◆ un-wed mothers
- ◆ divorce
- ◆ criminal history
- ◆ domestic violence or child abuse

In order to help people become self-sufficient we must have a better understanding of what causes this dependency. Policymakers and welfare administrators have an obligation to help these individuals, but first must understand the causes that have led to a growing amount of funds allocated towards the programs aimed at these individuals.

SB 341 will appropriate \$200,000 from the general fund to the Legislative Council for a contract to conduct a study of individuals on welfare and Medicaid programs. This sociological and demographic analysis will determine how and why people become recipients of these programs.

SB 341-APPROP:STUDY WELFARE /MEDICAID RECIPIENTS
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