

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No:	HB 877	Printer's No:	1943	Sponsor:	Toohil (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	\$ 0	\$7.710 million

SUMMARY: The bill would require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop and implement guidelines for county distribution of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP).

ANALYSIS: The bill would require DHS to develop and implement guidelines that would require each county assistance office to distribute SNAP benefits monthly using a uniform 25-day distribution schedule. To avoid hardships because of the distribution schedule change, DHS may implement a tiered distribution schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT: The bill would have a total fiscal impact of \$7.710 million for FY 2017-18, The costs would be associated with increased workload, administrative and training costs for personnel, information system changes, and notice generation and postage costs to approximately 900 thousand SNAP households. For FY 2018-19 and on an annual basis thereafter, the cost would be \$4.4 million.

Personnel costs would be related to increased workload for caseworks and the costs associated with developing communication to the field.

Cost	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Personnel Costs	\$ 2.614 million	\$ 2.719 million
Operating Costs	\$ 1.900 million	-
Notice Generation and Postage Costs	\$ 3.196 million	\$ 1.677 million
TOTAL	\$ 7.710 million	\$ 4.396 million