

**Bill History**  
**Session Year 2026**  
**Substitute for Raised S.B. No. 497**

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**Introducer(s):**

Human Services Committee

**Title:** AN ACT PROVIDING FOOD SECURITY FOR VETERANS, TRANSITIONAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE FOR OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED BY FEDERAL PROGRAM CUTS, A FOOD AS MEDICINE WAIVER PROGRAM, MEALS ON WHEELS PROVIDER RATE INCREASES AND ALIGNING NUTRITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

**Statement of Purpose:** To mitigate federal changes in the supplemental nutrition assistance program with a transitional assistance fund, expand food security with a Medicaid waiver program and increase rates for meals on wheels providers.

**Bill History:**

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