



AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF ASSET LIMITS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

H.B. No. 5439 (RAISED)

Speak or submit written testimony:

Public hearing is on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. in Room 2A of the LOB

Sign-up to speak between 8:30 and 9:30 A.M. in Second Floor Atrium of the LOB.

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Talking Points:

- **Asset limits cost the State money.** It takes a lot of time for DSS workers to verify assets. This costs money and wastes time that DSS workers could be using to process applications.
- **Very few people have assets over the limit.** Denials for being over assets account for **significantly less than one percent of total denials**. Most people who apply for cash assistance have very little of value. In fact, the average cash resources of a family that gets cash assistance is only \$315.
- **Asset limits keep people from being self-sufficient.** Asset limits force low-income families to “spend down” personal reserves that can keep families from falling deeper into poverty and help them move to financial security and opportunity.
- **Other states are doing it-and it’s working!** Other states report that eliminating asset limits had a minimal impact on the caseload and saved money.

Write a note to legislators and deliver in person or drop in the mailroom:

My name is _____

I live in _____

I support HB 5439, which would eliminate asset limits in certain public assistance programs because _____

Sincerely,

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____