

# Legislative Analysis



## FOOD STAMP WORK REQUIREMENTS

**House Bill 5461 as reported from committee**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Steven Johnson**  
**Committee: Families, Children and Seniors**  
**Complete to 3-18-22**

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## SUMMARY:

House Bill 5461 would amend the Social Welfare Act to provide that, unless expressly required by federal law, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must obtain specific authorization from the legislature before seeking, applying for, accepting, or renewing a waiver of work requirements established by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)<sup>1</sup> under 7 USC 2015(o) for food assistance benefits.<sup>2</sup>

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## FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5461 would likely have no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services.

## POSITIONS:

A representative of the Foundation for Government Accountability testified in support of the bill. (2-8-22)

The following entities indicated support for the bill (2-8-22):

- Mackinac Center for Public Policy
- Opportunity Solutions Project

A representative of the Michigan League for Public Policy testified in opposition to the bill. (2-22-22)

The following entities indicated opposition to the bill (2-8-22):

- Department of Health and Human Services
- Center for Civil Justice
- Center for Employment Opportunities
- National Association for Social Workers

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547\\_5527---,00.htm](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_5527---,00.htm)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/2015>