

**Comparison of Final House and Senate Agriculture Committee  
Farm Bill Nutrition Titles  
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<b>Provision</b>	<b>House Passed</b>	<b>Senate Ag Passed</b>	<b>Impact on WA</b>
<b>Food Stamp Program</b>			
Increase the minimum standard deduction (now \$134) and index to inflation.	Raised to \$145 in '08 and indexed. \$2.18 billion over 5 years	Raised to \$140 in '08 and indexed. \$1.4 billion over 5	House adds \$46 million and Senate adds \$29 million in benefits that WA recipients would not otherwise receive.
Minimum benefit increase (currently \$10) and indexed	Raised to \$16 in '08 and indexed. \$243 million over 5	Raised to \$12 in '08 and indexed.	House provides an additional \$3.7 m to 12,000 WA recipients who receive the minimum benefit; Senate provides an added \$1 million to 11,000 recipients.
Dependent care deduction cap lifted (currently capped)	Full amount can be deducted. \$249 million over 5	Full can be deducted \$213 million over 5	At least 1,000 households with high child care costs will receive higher benefits.
Unfreezing asset limits (currently \$2,000; \$3,000 for seniors and disabled)	Begin to adjust for Inflation \$60 million over 5	Begin to adjust for Inflation \$60 million over 5	Will lead to increased benefits and higher program participation by working families.
Retirement and education accounts	No longer counted as Resources \$572 million over 5	No longer counted as Resources \$572 million over 5	Ditto
Moderate three-month ABAWD time limit	No change.	Changed time limit to 6 out every 36 months \$60 million over 5	Senate lessens the burden on ABAWDs but leave intact the dysfunctional system of limiting benefits to this population.
Expanded simplified reporting	\$123 million over 5 years	\$123 million over 5 years	Remove burdens from families currently no eligible for simplified reporting.
Expanded transitional benefit option	\$58 million over 5	\$58 million over 5	Increases the number of households that can receive transitional benefits after leaving TANF.

Food Stamp name change	Changed to "Secure Supplemental Nutrition Program" (SNAP)	Changed to "Food and Nutrition Program"	Both add further confusion.
Exclusion of some military income from consideration in food stamps	Makes exclusion Permanent \$2 million over 5	Makes exclusion Permanent \$2 million over 5	This provision helps WA's military families.
Allow state option for telephonic signature at application	Allows option	Allows option	Great step forward in expanding telephone interviews and reducing office visits.
<b>Other nutrition programs</b>			
TEFAP (currently \$140 million per year)	Increases to \$250 million and indexes.	Increases to \$240 million.	Major increase in commodities to food banks and meal programs.
Commodity Supplemental Food Program priority changes	No change	Removes the priority given to women, infants and children in the program	Most programs primarily serve the elderly now.
Purchase of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Schools and other institutions	Increases to \$50 million then raised to \$75 million for 2010-2012		
Expand Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program in Schools	Increases from \$9 million to \$70 million a year \$275 million over 5	Expanded to all 50 states \$1.1 billion over 5	WA already has the program; major expansion.

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