



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Select Committee on Federal Administration and Policy Changes

Agenda

Friday, July 18, 2025

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. Congressional Update

Briefing and Discussion (10 min)

2. One Big Beautiful Bill Act Analysis

[Supporting Documents:](#) [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (60 min)

Presenters: Mina Hashemi, Director, and Anne Maher, Office of Intergovernmental Relations

3. Panel on Human and Social Services System Providers

[Supporting Documents:](#) [Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence Presentation](#)
[Seattle Human Services Coalition Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (60 min)

Presenters: Marissa Perez, Seattle Human Services Coalition; Amarinthia Torres, Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence; Joe Gruber, University District Food Bank

E. Adjournment



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Congressional Update



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One Big Beautiful Bill Act Analysis

H.R.1 One Big Beautiful Act Analysis

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Context

- On July 4th, President Trump signed H.R.1 “One Big Beautiful Bill” (OBBB) into law
- Structured as a budget reconciliation package to circumvent traditional filibuster requirements, the bill integrates policy priorities from across 10 Senate committees into a unified legislative framework
- The extraordinary breadth and ambition of this package make it one of the most consequential pieces of legislation in recent congressional history
- With its expansive scope spanning 870 pages, this landmark legislation will impact virtually every industry and household in the U.S. through significant policy shifts, funding reallocations and regulatory changes

Overview

- OBBB imposes deep federal cuts to health and social safety programs while shifting new responsibilities, and costs, to state and local governments
- While some sectors receive targeted investment, such as defense and rural hospitals, the overall effect will likely increase financial pressure on cities, counties, and public agencies
- There is also a loss in federal grants that may impact public health, housing, and behavioral health programs
- New federal requirements around immigration and health will require costly local implantation
- This reduced federal funding will force cities, like Seattle, to make hard decisions regarding raising local taxes, cutting services, and delaying or cancelling infrastructure and capitol projects



Key Areas of Impact



Health and Human
Services



Immigration and
Border Security



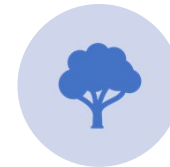
Housing and
Community
Development



Transportation and
Infrastructure



Nutrition



Energy and
Environmental
Regulations



Technology



Tax Reforms and
Incentives



Health and Human Services

- Cuts \$940B in Medicaid and adds new work requirements, resulting in strain on public hospitals and local clinics, especially in low-income or high-need areas
- Prohibits the use of federal funding for entities engaged in providing family planning services, reproductive health, or related circumstances that provide abortions
 - The defunding of Planned Parenthood removes a critical public health provider
 - PP affiliates will see a drop in service capacity, especially for STI testing, birth control, and cancer screening, resulting in a lack, or disappearance, of crucial services for Seattle residents
- Cities and counties will face pressure to cover care for uninsured residents, particularly low-income adults, immigrants and marginalized populations, and patients in public hospital systems



Immigration and Border Security

- Includes an increase in fees for individuals applying for visas, asylum status, temporary protected status (TPS), and certain employment authorizations, resulting in more financial strain for individuals and families
- Appropriates billions for U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for border wall infrastructure, detention costs, and legal enforcement
- Provides reimbursement and funding to state and local governments for border security efforts and enforcement of illicit activity, including \$625 million for FIFA World Cup costs



Housing and Community Development

- Includes an expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, allowing for an expansion of housing production and affordable units
- Permanently, renews and enhances Opportunity Zones (OZs), with modified requirements and focus on rural revitalization
- After extensive outreach to republicans, including intense advocacy by Seattle City Light, the Municipal Bonds Tax Exempt Status was preserved. This allows Seattle to continue utilizing this necessary tool to finance large transportation, housing, energy, and water projects



Nutrition

- OBBB imposes \$186B in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Benefit Reductions: Starting in October 2025, all Washington SNAP recipients—about 1 million people—will see a reduction in monthly benefits
 - For example, the maximum allotment for a family of four will drop from \$975 to \$848
 - Expanded Work Requirements: Over 130,000 Washingtonians will now need to meet new work requirements to maintain eligibility. This includes adults up to age 64, unless exempt due to caregiving or medical conditions
 - Increased Administrative Costs: Washington will shoulder an additional \$87.8 million in administrative costs to manage the revised SNAP program
 - Cost-Sharing Mandate: The state must also contribute at least \$100 million more to cover SNAP benefits, a shift from the previous federal funding mode
 - Reduced Access to School Meals: Fewer families eligible for SNAP will reduce automatic access to free school meals for as many as 13,462 Seattle students
 - SNAP-Ed eliminated: This cancels \$1 million in annual funding to 16 organizations in King County providing food education to over 143,000 people



Questions/Comments

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Panel on Human and Social Services System Providers



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Amarinthia Torres, Co-Executive Director



Our Mission

To end gender-based violence and promote equitable relationships through collective action for social change.

Our Vision

Together we can create safe and just communities where all people thrive.

What is Gender-Based Violence

Any form of violence that is rooted in rigid gender roles that reinforce existing power imbalances between men and women.

endgv.org 

CEGV Member Programs



FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS AND THE EFFECT ON HUMAN SERVICES

MARISSA PEREZ, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR



SEATTLE
HUMAN
SERVICES
COALITION

ABOUT US

Member Coalitions

- Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness
- Seattle Seniors Coalition
- Seattle Food Committee
- Meals Partnership Coalition
- King County Early Learning Coalition
- Community Health Council of King County
- Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence

Goals and Mission

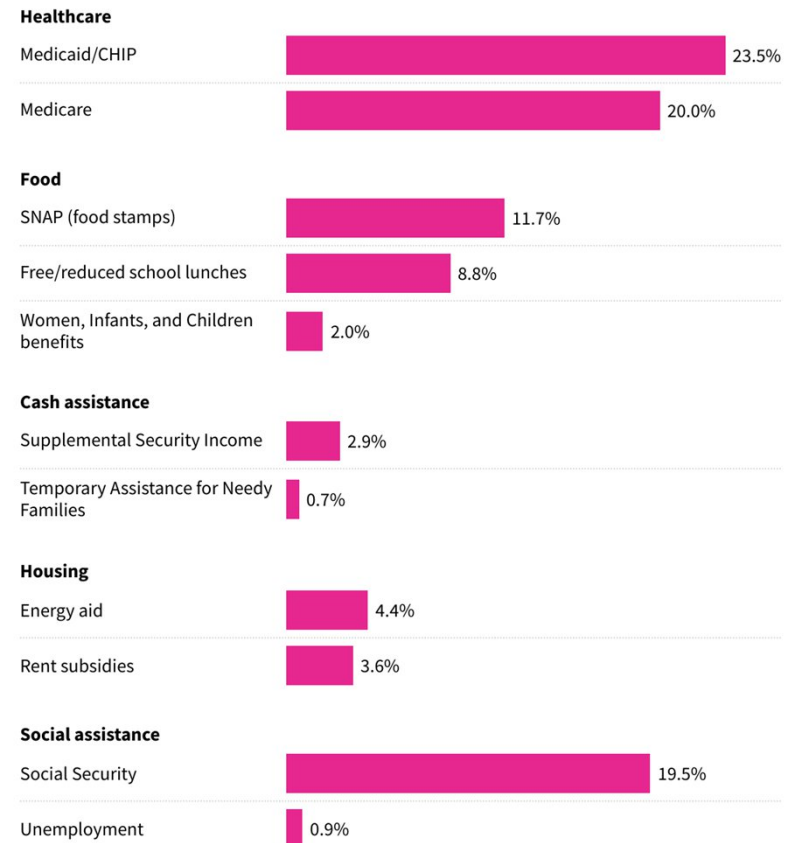
- The Seattle Human Services Coalition is a coalition of seven coalitions, representing over 250 human service agencies across Seattle.
- Our organizations are found in every neighborhood and district across the city.
- For nearly four decades, we have crossed barriers between sectors to present a unified voice for the Seattle community.
- Together, we work to ensure that every resident of our city is offered a life of dignity, where their basic needs are met.

FEDERAL CUTS TO HUMAN SERVICES

- “One Big Beautiful Bill” – reconciliation bill signed into law on July 4
- Over \$1 trillion in cuts to safety net programs, including SNAP, Medicaid, and Medicare - Congressional Budget Office estimates that the 10% of households with the lowest incomes will lose an average of \$1,600 per year because of cuts to assistance programs
- Loss in individual assistance brings increased need = increased demands on human service agencies

How many Americans receive government assistance?

Percentage of individuals receiving benefits by type, 2022



Source: Census Bureau

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BROAD EFFECTS ON HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES: LOSS OF FEDERAL FUNDS

- Multi-service organization located in Seattle:
 - \$10 million annual budget, 9% is in direct/non-direct federal funding
 - Loss would mean: Nutrition education programs in SPS, loss of SNAP-funded education
- Sexual assault service center located in King County:
 - \$7.5 million annual budget, 43% in direct/non-direct federal funding
 - Loss would mean: unable to serve over 2,000 survivors annually, cutting prevention staff, cuts to rural programs and overburdening of urban programs
- Senior center located in Seattle
 - \$1.25 million annual budget, 85% in braided government funds, Food Lifeline major provider
 - Loss would mean: reducing social services staff, reducing hot meals for food insecure seniors

- Federal Funding Loss Survey, SHSC, 2025

BROAD EFFECTS ON HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES: FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

- “In many cases, [our organization] has had to whitewash our outward facing messaging and proposal content to ensure funding can continue to be possible with certain funders.”
- “The reduction in federal funding and the reduction in private funders open to DEI missions has grown competition for funding by 300%.”
- “...out of scope language on direct federal grants address gender ideology and immigration specifically.”
- “The Recipient: (1) shall not use grant funds to promote “gender ideology,” as defined in E.O. 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government;”
- “No state or unit of general local government that receives funding under this grant may use that funding in a manner that by design or effect facilitates the subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or abets policies that seek to shield illegal aliens from deportation.”

- Federal Funding Loss Survey, SHSC, 2025

EFFECTS ON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS: MEDICAID/MEDICARE

CUTS

- Sea Mar Community Health Center (locations across WA): 65% of revenue comes from Medicaid; served 137,016 Medicaid patients in 2024.
 - HealthPoint (20 King County locations): 77% of revenue comes from Medicaid; served 61,849 patients on Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and other public insurance.
 - Neighborcare Health (30 Seattle-area locations): Served 28,004 Medicaid patients in 2024.
 - King County's Public Health Centers and Clinics: 31% of total revenue comes from Medicaid; serve approximately 27,000 patients annually.
 - Seattle Roots Community Health (seven Seattle locations): 47% of revenue comes from Medicaid; serve 7,373 Medicaid patients annually.
 - Seattle Indian Health Board (Int. District, Pioneer Sq., Lake City clinics): 73% of revenue from Medicaid; served 6,062 Medicaid patients in 2024.
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EFFECTS ON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS: MEDICAID/MEDICARE

CUTS

- Proposed cuts to Medicaid enrollment – 1/3 of current enrollees would lose coverage in the next 10 years
- Number of uninsured patients – Prior to Affordable Care Act – 44% of patients at one health center were uninsured. Post ACA, 21% are uninsured
 - Local funding covers the gaps in funding for uninsured patients
 - City/County would be required to fill in this increase in need, or risk losing community health centers, who provide primary care and preventative care for 18% of the City of Seattle population
- Medicaid cuts will devastate our community health centers: hubs for vaccination, prenatal and maternal care, child health care, primary care, and services for vulnerable community members.

THANK YOU

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