

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 22.

2 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 19 and substitute:

3 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general
4 assembly finds and declares that:

5 (a) Colorado is in the midst of an unprecedented economic crisis.
6 As the state makes difficult choices about the budget and how to support
7 Colorado's recovery now and into the future, it is critical to provide
8 support to families who are facing some of the greatest barriers to
9 economic security.

10 (b) Families enrolled in the temporary assistance for needy
11 families (TANF) program who are experiencing extreme poverty need
12 additional money as soon as possible to help weather the immediate
13 effects of the economic crisis. The additional barriers that these families
14 will face in meeting basic needs now, and as the state begins to recover,
15 make it even more critical to prioritize a way to provide cash assistance
16 to these families as soon as possible.

17 (c) During this time of economic crisis for families and Colorado,
18 the Colorado long-term works reserve should be used to provide critical
19 cash assistance to families experiencing extreme poverty. The best way
20 to do this is to provide immediate, one-time cash assistance to families
21 who receive basic cash assistance under the TANF program. This
22 one-time payment will help families make ends meet during the current
23 economic crisis and will help make up for the fact that basic cash
24 assistance has not been adjusted for inflation since the program was
25 created in 1996 and has not kept up with the cost of living in Colorado."

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