



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Western Region

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Reply to
Attn of: FS-10-6-WA

Subject: FSP - Request to extend and modify waivers providing exemptions for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) in select counties and cities

To: Arthur T. Foley, Director
Program Development Division
Food Stamp Program

Attached for your consideration is a request from the Washington Department of Social and Health Services to extend and modify three waivers – numbers 970032, 970063, and 970164 of Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The State requests all of these waivers to expire on March 31, 2000.

970032	970063	970164
10% Unemployment	Insufficient Jobs	Insufficient Jobs
COUNTIES	COUNTIES	COUNTIES
Adams Columbia Klickitat --- Okanogan Pend Oreille --- Skamania Yakima	Benton except Richland City Cheilan Clallam Cowlitz (Longview City plus balance of Cowlitz) Douglas Ferry Franklin Grant Grays Harbor Jefferson Kittitas Lewis Mason Pacific San Juan Skagit Stevens Wahkiakum Whatcom (Bellingham City plus balance of Whatcom) CITIES Bremerton Everett Lakewood Walla Walla	Benton Kitsap Walla Walla

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For counties covered by waiver number 970032, Washington utilized data from the Washington State Employment Security Department which reflects the average for the 12 months of calendar year 1998. For counties and cities included in waiver number 970063, the State agency used the U.S. Department of Labor's annual list of labor surplus areas for Federal Fiscal Year 1999. Finally, for waiver number 970164, the State agency relied on unemployment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Washington State Employment Security Department.

We recommend a one-year extension of these waivers.

Please contact Chanel DeLaney at (415) 705-1320 if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Stewart", is positioned above the typed name.

DENNIS STEWART
Regional Director
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Attachment

cc: Seattle FO, w/a
Washington Desk, POS, FSP, WRO