

[HF 3269](#) – Representative Jessica Hanson**Expanding the use of data for evaluating public assistance programs**

House File 3269 expands the use of wage detail data currently provided to DHS by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Currently, DHS has statutory authority to use wage detail data collected from employers by DEED to monitor and evaluate the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP). This information has been critical to understanding the labor market history of applicants to MFIP, and employment patterns after people discontinue assistance. This information could help DHS understand the labor market characteristics of people who have turned to other public programs and how those programs affect people's ability to work or become employed. Accordingly, this proposal expands DHS' authority to use wage detail data provided by DEED for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the SNAP Employment and Training program, General Assistance, Minnesota Supplemental Aid, and the Housing Support program.