

Senate Bill 37 sponsored by Senators Randy Phillips and Robin Taylor and House Bill 70 by Representatives Pete Kott, Joe Green, and Cynthia Toohey would eliminate the Permanent Fund Dividend Hold Harmless program

The Hold Harmless law allows people who are on public assistance to receive the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) without becoming ineligible for their state assistance. If state law is changed to eliminate Hold Harmless, those who receive benefits would have to choose whether to go off welfare and apply for a PFD, or stay on welfare and not apply. Those who received the PFD check would be dropped off and have to reenroll for welfare after they had lost benefits because of their PFD.

SB 37 and HB 70 would hurt low-income people, people who spend their PFD on basic necessities. If you receive AFDC, Adult Public Assistance, Medicaid, Social Security Income or Food Stamps, this affects you.