



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

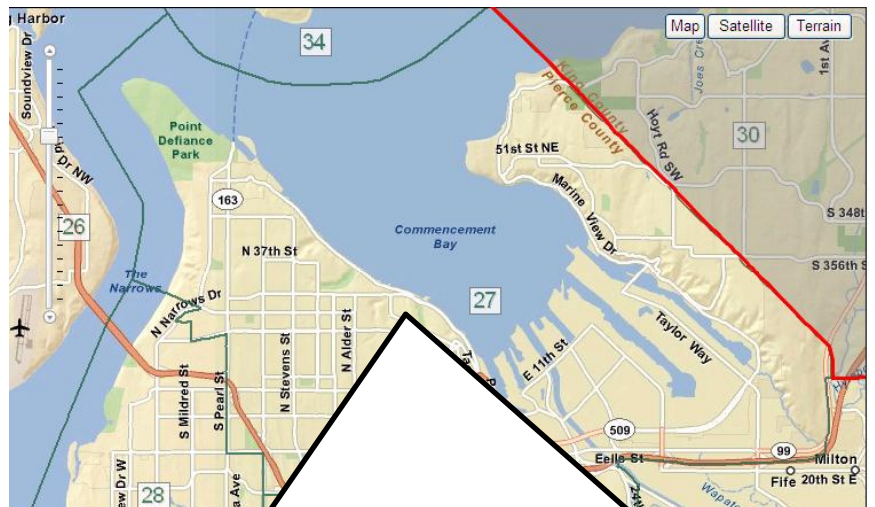
Protect State Food Assistance for the 27th District

- State Food Assistance helps about **1,152** Pierce County residents avoid hunger.
- The Legislature created SFA in 1997 to provide continued food assistance to **legal immigrants** and others cut off of the food stamp program by Congress.
- Every five SFA dollars spent at local grocery stores results in \$9 in economic activity.
- **The Children's Alliance calls upon the Legislature to reject the elimination of vital food assistance to Washington families.**

Hunger up 90%



With hunger nearly doubling since 2007, food banks like this one are already struggling to meet demand. State Food Assistance helps thousands of children avoid hunger.



We are continuing to see more people turning to St. Leo's Food Bank. Many of the families we serve are legal immigrants, and I am worried about the impact that terminating the State Food Assistance Program will have on them. We work hard to help all the families possible, but these benefits are what makes the biggest difference for hungry families -- the consequences will be dire should they go away.

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