



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

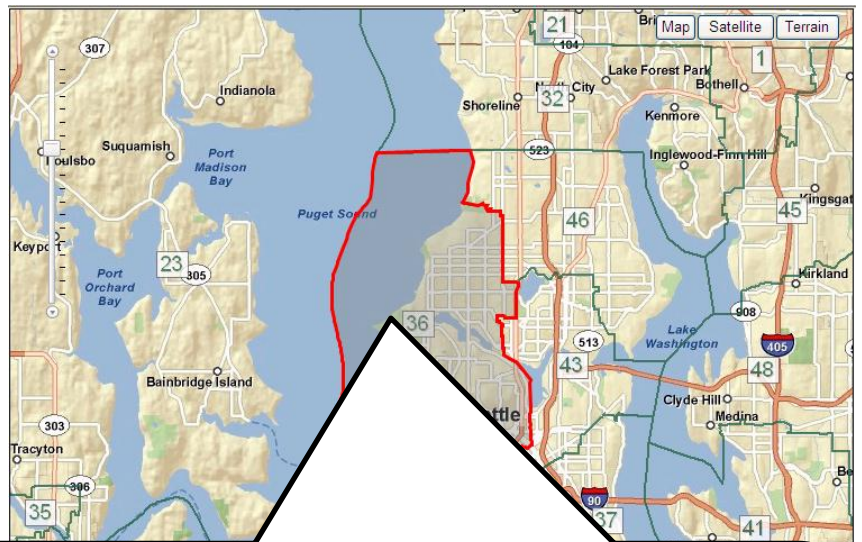
Protect State Food Assistance for the 36th District

- State Food Assistance helps about **6,328** King 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.



The demand for services at the Ballard Food Bank continues to grow with each month, and we see a steady decrease in our food supply because of diminishing donations from grocery stores. We want to make sure that everyone who comes to us receives some food, so we've had to adjust how much food we give to each household. Basic Food and State Food Assistance are vital to our customers and to us because these programs put food on families' tables before they have to come to us for help. Without those programs, the demand for our services will be even greater, stretching our low food supplies even thinner.

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