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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4001

## LEGISLATIVE HEARING FOR FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, for the record my name is Levi Kinnischtzke and I am a fiscal analyst at the Legislative Council. I am here to present on **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4001**. I am neither for nor against the resolution, and am here only to provide information regarding the resolution.

In August 2024, the Legislative Council contacted state agencies that receive federal funds to determine which agencies receive block grants that require legislative hearings. The results, which were presented to the Legislative Management's Budget Section in September 2024, revealed that only one block grant required a public hearing to be held by the Legislative Assembly - the community services block grant administered by the Department of Commerce Division of Community Services.

The community services block grant provides funds for services and activities for the poor, particularly the elderly, homeless individuals, and migrants. Services include housing, health, nutritious food, and self-sufficiency.

The Department of Commerce anticipates receiving approximately \$7 million of federal funds through the community services block grant program during the 2025-27 biennium, the same as estimated to be received during the 2023-25 biennium.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4001 authorizes the Budget Section of the Legislative Management to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress. This would run through September of 2027. This resolution is the same as what has been passed for at least the last 9 bienniums.

If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer those at this time.