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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	1,012,524		1,012,524	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	862,521		862,521	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	1,875,045		1,875,045	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill increases the gross income limit for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to 185% of the federal poverty limit but leaves the net income eligibility limit the same.

The gross income eligibility limit would increase from 130% to 185% of the federal poverty limit, but the current net income eligibility limit is retained. This would allow individuals and households with higher incomes to qualify for SNAP, if they also have high allowable expenses. From the potential pool of additional individuals and families that have incomes up to 185% of poverty, it is estimated that approximately 5% would meet the net income limit after applying deductions for allowable expenses. Approximately 4,275 additional households would be eligible. Based on the department's workload study, 24 additional workers, five case aides and two supervisors would be needed. The cost would be \$1,875,045 (\$1,012,524 GF and \$862,521 FF) annually. The aid costs are paid for from federal funds.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS

HHS – Agency estimates appear reasonable. The need for the increased staff would be evaluated in the future to determine if the added FTE would be necessary on an on-going basis.

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$1,012,524		\$1,012,524	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$862,521		\$862,521	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,875,045		\$1,875,045	

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

Based on US Census figures, increasing the FPL to 185% would increase the potential client base by approximately 196,700 persons, or 85,500 households. Due to the amount of eligible expenses necessary to pass the net income test, it is estimated that approximately 5%, or 4,275, of these households would be eligible for SNAP benefits. The addition of 4,275 SNAP cases would require 24 additional Social Service Workers, 5 case aids, and 2 Social Service Supervisors, based on workload study caseload recommendations from the "Findings and Recommendations of Department of Social Services Joint Labor/Management Workload Study Committee." The total cost for the above additional personnel is \$1,875,045 (\$1,012,524 GF, \$862,521 FF) in each year SFY2013 and 2014.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:					
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013 EXPENDITURES	2013-2014 EXPENDITURES	
	12-13	13-14			
Social Services Worker	24	24	\$780,749	\$780,749	
Social Services Supervisor	2	2	82,455	82,455	
Case Aid	5	5	114,400	114,400	
Benefits.....			391,042	391,042	
Operating.....			506,399	506,399	
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
TOTAL.....			\$1,875,045	\$1,875,045	