

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	24,444		26,444	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	27,444		26,444	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	54,888		52,888	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

This bill repeals the restriction on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for persons with three or more felony convictions for the possession or use of a controlled substance or a person convicted of a felony involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance.

SNAP benefits are paid 100% by the federal government. Administrative costs are matched at 50% General and federal. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates this would increase the workload by approximately 195 cases. The workload study cited in their fiscal note was conducted in 1992 before ACCESSNebraska was implemented and before resources were increased to \$25,000. Based on current workload ratios, a half-time social service worker is needed. The cost would be \$54,887 (\$27,444 GF and FF) in FY 17 and \$52,887 (\$26,444 GF and FF) in FY 18.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 690	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: HHS	
REVIEWED BY: Elton Larson		DATE: 1/14/16	PHONE: 471-4173
COMMENTS: HHS analysis and estimate of fiscal impact appears reasonable.			

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2016-2017</u>		<u>FY 2017-2018</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$35,715		\$35,715	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	35,716		35,716	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$71,431		\$71,431	

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

Explanation of Estimate:

In calendar year 2015, 676 individuals were closed or denied Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits due to being a convicted drug felon. This amount is increased by 15 percent (777) to account for those who did not apply due to their conviction. It is assumed that 75 percent of these individuals would be added to a household already receiving benefits, so approximately 195 new cases would be opened. The addition of 195 cases would require an additional Social Services Worker, 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 \$71,431 (\$35,715 GF, \$35,716 FF) in each year SFY 2017 and 2018. SNAP benefits are 100% federally funded.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2016-2017	2017-2018
	16-17	17-18	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Social Services Worker	1	1	\$35,472	\$35,472
Benefits.....			13,386	13,386
Operating.....			22,573	22,573
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$71,431	\$71,431