

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB255

Chairperson: Senator Sara Howard

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2019

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 255 would address the cliff effect in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by allowing working families to advance in employment and in training programs, and realize greater earnings or new, better-paying employment without an immediate loss of the vital support of SNAP. LB 255 would accomplish this, while keeping the current net income limits in SNAP, by increasing the gross income limit from the current 130% of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 140% of FPL. With this change families which successfully demonstrate that expenses, like childcare, still prevent them from being able to afford food to feed their families would be considered eligible for SNAP.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John McCollister