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**LB 710**

Revision: 00

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

This bill removes the asset limit of \$25,000 for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

There is an average of 129 households a year who are either denied eligibility or have their cases closed due to assets being over the \$25,000 limit. Removing the limit would increase caseloads but would also reduce the processing time due to not needing to verify assets. Any workload increases and the cost to remove the asset limit from the eligibility system can be absorbed within existing agency resources. SNAP benefits for the additional households are fully paid by the federal government.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 710	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
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COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department 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 2022-2023</u>		<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$0		\$0	

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB710 would eliminate the asset limit for broad based categorically eligible SNAP households.

Over the last four federal fiscal years (2018 - 2021) an average of 129 households per year have been closed or denied for exceeding the current asset limit of \$25,000. A fiscal impact would result from an increase in SNAP households and in case management. SNAP households that were not previously eligible may now be eligible and those that did not apply previously, may now apply. It takes 2 hours of processing time by Social Service Workers to handle each application. Annual processing time for eligible households is 5 hours, this includes time to recertify and update the information as changes occur. The costs associated with the increase in number of cases will be absorbed by current staff and will not require additional staff for processing time.

With an increase in eligible SNAP households, there is potential for an increase in Child Support Enforcement referrals and SNAP Next Step E&T referrals. These programs could see an increase in participation as additional SNAP households become eligible.

Updates to NFOCUS, the eligibility system would be required. The current \$25,000 asset limit would need to be removed. DHHS estimates 20 hours of Technical Analyst (TA) work with hourly rate of \$65 and 20 hours of Business Analyst (BA) work with an hourly rate of \$90 to complete the needed updates. The total cost for the state would be \$1,550 GF and \$1,550 FF. The cost associated with NFOCUS updates will be absorbed by current staff and will not require additional staff.

SNAP benefits are paid 100% by the federal government and would have no state fund impact. Administrative costs are paid through a matched 50% state general funds and 50% federal funds.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023 EXPENDITURES	2023-2024 EXPENDITURES
		22-23	23-24		
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
<b>TOTAL.....</b>					<b>\$0</b>