

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB88**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: March 15, 2023**

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

LB 88 would lift the lifetime ban on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility for Nebraskans with certain drug-related convictions.

Under current law, Nebraskans that have three or more felony convictions for the use or possession of a controlled substance, and those with one or more felony convictions involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance, are permanently ineligible for SNAP; and those with one or two felony convictions for possession or use of a controlled substance are only SNAP eligible if they are participating in an approved treatment program.

Under LB 88, a person convicted of a felony involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance would be eligible for SNAP if they have completed their sentence or if they are serving a term of parole, probation, or post-release supervision.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Megan Hunt**