

**One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB505**

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**Chairperson: Senator Robert Clements**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: March 17, 2025**

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

LB505 would provide Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) federal funding for food assistance to qualifying Nebraska families. In 2023, the Nebraska Legislature approved the use of \$10M in TANF funds for grants to nonprofit organizations (the two Nebraska Food Banks and Catholic Social Services) that provide food assistance in ten or more counties in Nebraska and qualify for the Emergency Food Assistance Program under the US Department of Agriculture. LB505 would continue the grant program due to the critical food insecurity challenges being experienced by families all across the state.

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

**Senator Jason Prokop**