

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB656

Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 27, 2025

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

LB656 requires that the Department of Health and Human Services shall not seek, apply for, accept, or renew any waiver of the work requirement under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Additionally, it states that DHHS shall not exercise the state's option to exempt individuals from this work requirement. This bill requires all able-bodied dependents between the ages of 18 and 59 to participate in an employment and training program.

The bill does provide exemptions for the following individuals: those already complying with other work requirements, caregivers of a dependent child or incapacitated individual, students enrolled at least half-time, participants in substance abuse treatment programs, those employed a minimum of 30 hours per week, and individuals ages 16 to 18 who are not heads of households or are attending school or training programs half-time.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bob Andersen