

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	451,308		451,308	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	451,308		451,308	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	902,616		902,616	

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

This bill increases the gross income limit for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to 185% of the federal poverty limit (FPL) but leaves the net income eligibility limit the same.

Eligibility for SNAP must meet a two-pronged gross and net income test. The current gross income eligibility limit for households is 130% FPL. This bill would increase it 185%, but the current net income eligibility limit is retained. This would allow individuals and households with higher incomes to qualify for SNAP, if they also have higher allowable expenses which are deducted from gross income. Examples of income deductions are shelter costs, child care expenses and child support payments.

Based on the U. S. Census, the potential pool of additional individuals and family would increase by 91,000 households. It is estimated that approximately 5% would meet the net income limit after applying deductions for allowable expenses. Approximately 4,585 additional households would be eligible. The aid costs are paid for from federal funds.

The workload increase would require 12 social service workers, one and half supervisors and two case aides. The costs would be \$902,616 (\$451,308 GF and FF) in FY 16 and FY 17. The application for SNAP has recently been streamlined by increasing the asset limit to \$25,000 which requires less worker time to check for resources, since very few families would have assets close to that amount.

The workload study referenced in the Department of Health and Human Services fiscal note is from 1992 which is before the automated NFOCUS eligibility system was implemented, the ACCESS call centers were operating, the option for on-line application was available and the resource limit was increased to \$25,000. The work process has been substantially streamlined since 1992 and is not applicable to the current process.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 411	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: HHS	
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COMMENTS: HHS analysis and estimate of fiscal impact appear 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 2015-2016</u>		<u>FY 2016-2017</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$1,070,471		\$1,070,471	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	1,070,472		1,070,472	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,140,943		\$2,140,943	

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

Explanation of Estimate:

Based on US Census figures, increasing the FPL to 185% would increase the potential client base by approximately 206,000 persons, or 91,700 households. Due to the amount of eligible expenses necessary to pass the net income test, it is estimated that approximately 5%, or 4,585, of these households would be eligible for SNAP benefits. The addition of 4,585 SNAP cases would require 25 additional Social Service Workers, 5 case aids, and 2 Social Service Supervisors, based on workload study caseload recommendations from the "Findings and Recommendations of Department of Social Services Joint Labor/Management Workload Study Committee." The total cost for the above additional personnel is \$2,140,943 (\$1,070,471 GF, \$1,070,472 FF) in each year SFY2016 and 2017.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2015-2016	2016-2017
	15-16	16-17	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Social Services Worker	25	25	\$867,308	\$867,308
Social Services Supervisor	2	2	88,787	88,787
Case Aid	5	5	122,034	122,034
Benefits.....			386,265	386,265
Operating.....			676,550	676,550
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$2,140,943	\$2,140,943