

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2025-26</b>		<b>FY 2026-27</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
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 changes provisions for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The bill extends the SNAP gross income eligibility threshold of 165% of the federal poverty level (FPL) indefinitely. Currently, the gross income threshold is set to revert to 130% FPL on October 1, 2025. The net income eligibility threshold is 100% FPL. Gross is the total amount before deductions, while net is the amount after deductions. Only qualifying individuals who’s income after deductions is under 100% FPL receive SNAP benefits. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the administering agency, estimates over 4,000 families who would otherwise fail to qualify for SNAP benefits due to their gross income may remain on SNAP if the provisions of the bill are adopted.

SNAP benefits, aid received by individuals and spent on qualifying purchases at SNAP retailers, are 100% federally funded. SNAP administrative costs are split 50/50 between the state and federal partner, Food and Nutrition Services, a subagency of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). DHHS indicates potential administrative savings, decreased need for staff, which would be initiated through the budget process if the current sunset is realized. Because staff are already onboarded, there is no additional cost to the agency to implement the provisions of the bill.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>				
LB:	192	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services’ assessment of fiscal impact.				

**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 2025-2026</u>		<u>FY 2026-2027</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

LB192 changes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility requirements for individuals eligible for Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE), alternatively referred to as Expanded Resource Program (ERP). Furthermore, it amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1017.02(3)(b).

Enactment of this bill would continue the SNAP gross income eligibility limit increase to 165% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) from 130% of the FPL but would not increase the net income eligibility limit of 100% FPL. This bill removes the sunset date of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and will continue indefinitely. Moreover, it also removes the requirement to submit an annual report regarding the gross income limit and if it maximizes the number of Nebraska residents served.

SNAP benefit amounts are 100% Federally funded whereas Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) and the State share administrative expenses are 50/50 split between Federal Funds and State General Funds. Administrative costs would be paid using State General Funds.

Approximately 4,085 SNAP families or 9,834 clients were eligible as of November 2024 that would no longer be eligible for benefits if the sunset date is not indefinite.

If the sunset remains in place, the department anticipates a reduction in costs by decreasing the staff needed to process these cases. The reduction would be for the 4,085 applications that require an average of 2 hours of work per application from a Social Service Worker (SSW). This results in an estimated total of 8,170 SSW hours. Given that there are 2,080 work hours in a year, this equates to approximately 4 SSW FTE. The total cost reduction for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 would be \$205,838 (\$102,919 from State General and Federal Funds) and \$288,173 (\$144,086 from State General and Federal Funds), respectively.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026	2026-2027
	POSITION TITLE	26-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			\$0	\$0