

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB543

Hearing Date: Thursday February 10, 2011
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Cook
One Liner: Provide for a state outreach plan relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Tanya Cook
Kate Bolz
Kathy Siefken
Sheila Schlisner

Representing:

District #13
Nebraska Appleseed
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Good Neighbor Community Center

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 543 requires the department to develop a state outreach plan to promote access, by eligible persons, to SNAP benefits. The plan will conform to federal criteria; and the department may apply for and accept gifts, grants, and donations to develop the plan. For purposes of developing and implementing the state outreach plan, the department shall partner with one or more counties or nonprofit organizations. The agreement with the nonprofit organization can specify that the nonprofit is responsible for seeking sufficient funds for the state outreach plan. Additionally, any costs to the department for the award and management of the contract or the implementation or administration of the state outreach plan shall be paid out of private or federal funds received for such plan. The department shall submit the state outreach plan for approval on or before August 1, 2011. Also, any additional public or private funds may be used to offset costs associated with increased caseload resulting from the implementation of the state outreach plan. The department shall be exempt from implementing or administering a state outreach plan under this subsection but not from developing a plan if it does not receive private or federal funds sufficient to cover the department's costs for implementing and administering the plan and any increase caseload costs resulting from the implementation of the plan.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson