

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB358**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 16, 2017**

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

The intent of LB 358 is to address the cliff effect in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), by allowing working families to accept raises or other small increases to their income without losing the vital support of SNAP. LB 358 accomplishes this, while keeping the current net income limits in SNAP, by increasing the gross income limit over a two year period. With this change, families that successfully demonstrate that expenses, like childcare, still prevent them from being able to afford food to feed their families are considered eligible for SNAP.

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

Senator John McCollister