

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB108

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 17, 2021
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: McCollister
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	4	Senators Williams, Walz, Day, Cavanaugh, M.
Nay:	3	Senators Murman, Hansen, B., Arch
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

John McCollister
Erin Feichtinger
Ansley Feilers
Tom Venzor
Nicholette Seigreid
Eric Savaiano
Nyomi Troy Thompson
Trenton Buhr

Representing:

Introducer
Together
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Self
Nebraska Appleseed
Open Sky Policy Institute
Center for Rural Affairs

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Jina Ragland
Eric Reiter
Amber Bogle
Eric Gerrard
Edison McDonald
Tiffany Joekel
Bruce Bohrer
Julie Erickson
Angela Amack
Jason Hayes

Representing:

AARP Nebraska
Food Bank of Lincoln, Food Bank of the Heartland
Children and Family Coalition of Nebraska
Nebraska Child Health and Education Alliance
The ARC of Nebraska
Women's Fund of Omaha
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Voices for Children
Center for People of Need
Nebraska State Education Association

Megan Hamann
Al Davis

Lincoln-Lancaster County Food Policy Council
Nebraska Chapter Sierra Club

Opponents:

Stephanie Beasley

Representing:

Department of Health and Human Services

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 108 amends the eligibility provisions for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP].

There is a two-part income eligibility test under SNAP: first, gross income eligibility and second, net income eligibility. The current gross income eligibility limit in Nebraska is currently 130% of the federal poverty guidelines. When a family applies for SNAP, the first question is whether their gross income is at or below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines. If the family meets the gross income eligibility requirement, the next step is to look at net income eligibility. Families may make allowable deductions from their gross income in a few categories like housing and child care costs. To be eligible for SNAP, those deductions must bring a family's net income at or below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines for that family size.

LB 108 would amend Neb. Rev. Stat. 68-1017.02 to set gross income eligibility at 185% of the federal poverty guidelines. The net income eligibility limit would not change. [Sec. 1, page 4, lines 23-28.]

John Arch, Chairperson