

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB319**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday March 05, 2025  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Rountree  
**One Liner:** Change eligibility requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Hardin, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, Quick, Riepe
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Ballard

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Victor Rountree  
Ryan Dale  
Jasmine Harris  
Jason Witmer  
Kayla Tobey  
Shari Kimble  
LaTishia Ramirez  
Rev. Kaitlin Reece  
Scott Barker  
Tom Venzor  
Katie Nungesser  
Eric Savaiano

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Assistant Chief, Lincoln Police Department  
RISE  
ACLU Nebraska  
self/Nebraska Appleseed  
self  
self  
The Benedictine Way and Balancing the Scales  
The Diocese of Nebraska  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
Voices for Children in Nebraska  
Nebraska Appleseed

**Opponents:**

Shannon Grotrian

**Representing:**

NE Department of Health and Human Services

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 862, Nebraska opts out of the federal provision disqualifying individuals with felony drug convictions from SNAP benefits, ensuring eligibility for those who have completed their sentence or are currently on parole, probation, or post-release supervision.



Sec. 1.1 to 1.3 – Remains unchanged.

Sec. 1.4 - LB319, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 862, directs Nebraska to exercise its option to opt out of the federal provision under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 that disqualifies individuals with felony drug convictions from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Individuals convicted of a felony for possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance remain eligible for SNAP benefits if they have completed their sentence or are currently serving parole, probation, or post-release supervision.

Sec. 2 – Repealer.

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Brian Hardin, Chairperson

