

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB121

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2021

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

LB 121 would remove the lifetime ban on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility for individuals with certain drug-related convictions.

Under current law, individuals with three or more felony convictions for the use or possession of a controlled substance, and individuals with one or more felony convictions involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance, are banned from receiving SNAP; and those with one or two felony convictions for possession or use are only eligible if they are participating in an approved treatment program.

Under the bill, a person convicted of a felony for possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance would be eligible for SNAP if they have completed their sentence or if they are serving a term of parole, probation, or post-release supervision.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Megan Hunt