

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates) | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | FY 2017-18 | | FY 2018-19 | |
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | 16,537 | | 19,048 | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | 16,537 | | 19,048 | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 33,074 | | 38,096 | |

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

This bill repeals the restriction on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for persons with three or more felony convictions for the possession or use of a controlled substance or a person convicted of a felony involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance.

SNAP benefits are paid 100% by the federal government. Administrative costs are matched at 50% General and federal. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates this would increase the workload by approximately 187 cases. The workload study cited in their fiscal note was conducted in 1992 before ACCESSNebraska was implemented and before resources were increased to \$25,000. Based on current workload ratios, a half-time social service worker is needed. The cost would be \$33,074 (\$16,537 GF and FF) in FY 17 and \$38,096 (\$19,048 GF and FF) in FY 18.

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| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES | | |
| LB: 311-Revised AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) | |
| REVIEWED BY: Elton Larson | DATE: 2/09/2017 | PHONE: 402) 471-4173 |
| COMMENTS: DHHS analysis and estimate of fiscal impact appear reasonable. | | |

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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| | <u>FY 2017-2018</u> | | <u>FY 2018-2019</u> | |
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| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | \$25,105 | | \$33,472 | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | \$25,105 | | \$33,473 | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | \$50,210 | | \$66,945 | |

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

Between calendar years 2015 and 2016, an average of 649 individuals annually were closed or denied Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits due to being a convicted drug felon. This amount is increased by 15 percent (746) to account for those who did not apply due to their conviction. It is assumed that 75 percent of these individuals would be added to a household already receiving benefits, so approximately 187 new cases would be opened. The addition of 187 cases would require an additional Social Services Worker, based on workload study caseload recommendations from the "Findings and Recommendations of Department of Social Services Joint Labor/Management Workload Study Committee." The total cost for the above additional personnel is \$50,210 (\$25,105 GF, \$25,105 FF) for 9 months of SFY 2018 and \$66,945 (\$33,472 GF, \$33,473 FF) for SFY 2019. SNAP benefits are 100% federally funded.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

| POSITION TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 17-18 | 18-19 | EXPENDITURES | EXPENDITURES |
| Social Services Worker | .75 | 1 | \$27,244 | \$36,325 |
| Benefits..... | | | 10,451 | 13,934 |
| Operating..... | | | 12,515 | 16,686 |
| Travel..... | | | | |
| Capital Outlay..... | | | | |
| Aid..... | | | | |
| Capital Improvements..... | | | | |
| TOTAL..... | | | \$50,210 | \$66,945 |