

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB663

Hearing Date: Thursday February 10, 2011
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Nordquist
One Liner: Provide for a categorical eligibility policy relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Cook, Campbell, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Wallman
Nay:	1	Senator Bloomfield
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Jeremy Nordquist
Kate Bolz
Ericka Smrcka
Chelsea Salifou
Aubrey Mancuso

Representing:

District #7
Nebraska Appleseed
Food Bank for the Heartland
Mission for all Nations
Voices for Children in Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 663 requires the Department to create a TANF-funded program to eliminate the asset test for eligibility for benefits for SNAP on or before October 1, 2011. The TANF program will establish categorical eligibility pursuant to SNAP to maximize the number of Nebraska residents being served under the program in a manner that does not increase the current gross income eligibility limit.

The bill states this subsection will become effective only if the Department receives federal funds to participate in the implementation of the program.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson