

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB663**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2011**

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

LB 663 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate the asset test for eligibility for federal food assistance benefits pursuant to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as allowed under federal law. This bill requires the Department to establish categorical eligibility for SNAP benefits in a manner that does not increase the gross income eligibility limit. The establishment of categorical eligibility under LB 663 shall become effective only if the Department receives funds pursuant to federal participation that may be used to implement this change in eligibility determination.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Jeremy Nordquist**