

Fiscal Note

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Title: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ELIGIBLTY
Sponsor: MINA
Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health
Appropriation: Public Assistance
Allocation: Quality Control
OMB Component Number: 234

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	61.0		61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0
Travel								
Services	14.0		14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
Commodities	3.5		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	78.5	0.0	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	40.8		39.3	39.3	39.3	39.3	39.3
1003 GF/Match (UGF)	37.7		36.2	36.2	36.2	36.2	36.2
Total	78.5	0.0	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **Yes**
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/25**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill mandates the Division of Public Assistance to execute Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Division of Public Assistance will still need to assess a household's size, income, compliance with work requirements, and other applicable eligibility requirements to determine eligibility for SNAP benefits. Households must complete a SNAP application, have an interview, provide financial documents, report changes, and reapply regularly, just like all other SNAP households.

To effectuate this change, the division will need to enact policy amendments, revising the SNAP state plan and regulations. Furthermore, it necessitates modifications within databases, the implementation of quality oversight measures, and the provision of staff training.

The division estimates this transition will require the allocation of one part time position for policy and training within the Field Services component (costs reflected in accompanying fiscal note) and an additional part time position specifically for oversight and quality control within the Quality Control component (costs reflected in this fiscal note).

Costs related to this fiscal note include:

One part time, range 18, Eligibility Quality Control Technician 2 in Anchorage and associated core services and supply costs, including computer, software, and setup costs in the first year.

The division anticipates that these system modifications will coincide with the division's pre-established roadmap for system modernization, targeting effectiveness by FY2025.