

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes the name of the Food Stamp Program to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in accordance with federal statutory changes. Updates references to the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to the Food and Nutrition Act. Allows for program beneficiaries to receive benefits as a check or direct deposit rather than a debit card.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- No fiscal impact because implementation will be gradual allowing for use of existing supplies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Corrects language that would otherwise exclude certain program beneficiaries who receive benefits in the form of a check or direct deposit rather than a debit card.

BACKGROUND: Congress changed the names of the Food Stamp Program to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in 2008. This legislation brings state statutes into alignment with federal statutes in an effort to prevent public confusion.