



Defending Against Efforts to Limit Access to Benefits

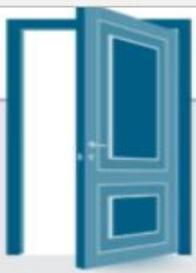
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Foundation for Government Accountability



Free individuals from the welfare trap



Ensure effective mechanisms are in place to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse



Preserve limited resources for the truly needy

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Food Stamp Work Requirements for Parents

Most states only enforce work requirements for childless adults, if they enforce them at all. But work requirements have proven successful for all able-bodied adults. States should expand existing food stamp work requirements from just childless adults to all working-age, able-bodied adults.

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Stop the Scam

Welfare fraud and abuse cost taxpayers billions and rob limited resources from the truly vulnerable. States should use advanced technology to conduct regular eligibility reviews, ensuring limited resources are only directed to those who qualify.

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Asset Tests

Federal law limits assets of food stamp recipients to \$2,250 or \$3,250, but many states have used loopholes to waive the asset test altogether. States should restore the asset limit back to the federal baseline, refocusing limited resources and saving taxpayers more than \$7 billion nationally.

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Child Support Cooperation

Although child support is a critical tool to reducing poverty, only 27% of single-parent families on food stamps actually receive it. States should disqualify parents from food stamp assistance who fail to cooperate with child support enforcement agencies or owe unpaid court-ordered child support.

Proposals States Faced in 2018

Ban 3-Month Time
Limit Waivers

Mandate
Employment and
Training

Child Support
Cooperation
Requirement

Reinstate Federal
Asset Test

Excessive
Eligibility
Verification and
Data Matching



SNAP helps 67,000 New York veterans put food on the table.

Contributors

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3 in 4 SNAP participants are families with **children** in Nebraska.

The Good News: Advocates are Pushing Back!

Hoosiers, Hunger Activists Call For No Cuts To SNAP

By JILL SHERIDAN
Posted November 6, 2017



SNAP BENEFITS ALASKA'S ECONOMY

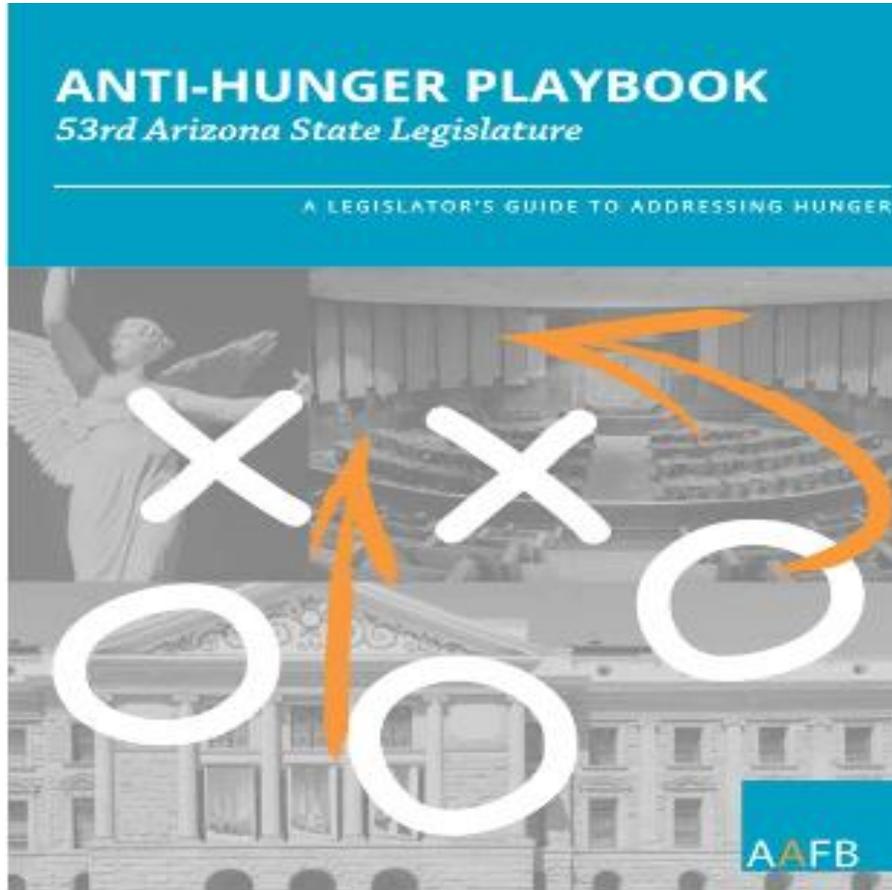
Moody's Analytics estimates that in a weak economy, \$1 in SNAP benefits generates \$1.70 in economic activity.

SNAP DOLLAR + GROCER + WORKERS & GOODS → ECONOMIC GROWTH

SNAP helps 1 in 13 workers in Virginia put food on the table.

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Educating Policymakers about the Importance of SNAP



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Total Population	Children in Poverty	Adults in Poverty
219,798	7,070	19,642



Median Income	Unemployment Rate
\$51,817	9.4%



Households	SNAP Households	LD 1 ranks
88,724	9,592 (6,647 SNAP Children)	22 nd out of 30 in households receiving SNAP

1 in 10 families in your district receive SNAP benefits

\$4,480,423

Number of SNAP dollars in district x 1.73
(\$1 SNAP benefits = \$1.73 economic activity)

SNAP's Impact in the Local Economy per month

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security *Legislative District Summary Handbook* | Moody's Analytics

Generating Media to Change the Narrative

Editorial: Legislature's food stamp work rules are worse than we thought

By the Editorial Board Apr 3, 2018 (5)

A Florida-Based Think Tank Is Behind A Bill That Would Limit Food Stamp Eligibility In N.H.

By JACK RODOLICO • FEB 23, 2017

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Guest editorial: SNAP is crucial to Louisiana families

Davante Lewis, Louisiana Budget Project Published 6:00 a.m. CT May 2, 2018 | Updated 2:02 p.m. CT May 2, 2018

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An alarming number of families in Louisiana struggle with hunger. More than 18 percent of Louisianans — and nearly 1 in 4 children — are “food insecure,” meaning they do not always have enough money to afford a nutritious diet throughout the year. That’s the second highest rate in the country, behind Mississippi.

To help address this problem, and help children maintain the health they need to succeed in school, we have the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

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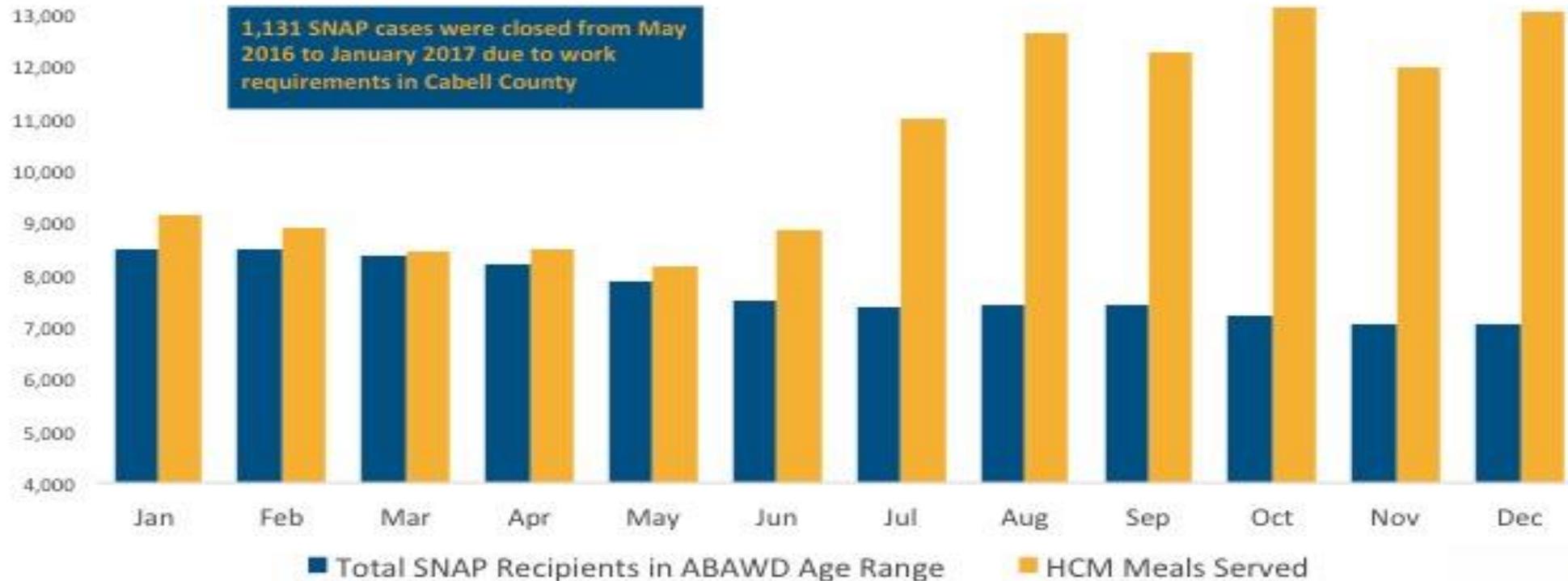


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Illustrating How Proposals Take Away Food Assistance

SNAP Work Requirements Have Increased Food Insecurity

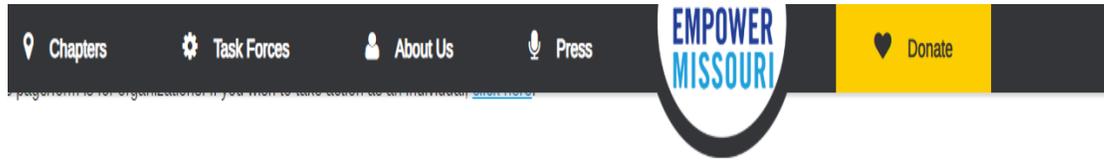
As SNAP caseloads declined under work requirements in Cabell County in 2016, demand increased for meals at the Huntington City Mission



Source: WV DHHR and Huntington City Mission



Building Strong Opposition to Cuts



Organizational Sign-On Objecting to SNAP Work Requirements

Dear Members of the Missouri Senate,

We are direct service providers and advocacy organizations that respond daily to the challenges of poverty and hunger in Missouri, researching carefully what helps families succeed and what erects new barriers. We value the clients we serve and are acquainted with the realities of their lives, including obstacles to economic security that state and federal law can help to remove. We ask the General Assembly to partner with us in assisting the families we serve to be healthy, strong, and secure.

In March and April, more than 110 organizations signed a joint letter asking our General Assembly to oppose **HB 1486**, **HB 1846**, and **SB 561**. The undersigned organizations now join in adding a fourth bill to our list of legislation that threatens to dramatically increase hunger and the impacts of poverty in Missouri: **SCS HCS HB 1443 (HB 1443)**.

Under these proposals, tens of thousands of low-income households containing children or other vulnerable dependents will lose access to vital food assistance through the federally-funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). HB 1443 also would make life much more difficult for the very vulnerable families on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and contains provisions previously rejected by federal authorities when attempted by Kansas.

The Dangers of Linking Food Assistance to Documentation of Work

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is the nation's most effective anti-hunger program. SNAP helps struggling families with children, seniors, people with disabilities and workers put healthy food on their tables. Hundreds of thousands of Missourians turn to SNAP when they hit hard times. SNAP's positive impacts can last a lifetime. Research shows that adults who received food stamps as young children are more likely to graduate from high school and less likely to suffer long-term health problems like obesity and heart disease.

Most states have chosen the same option around SNAP that Missouri has long adopted as its policy – supporting parents and children to access nutrition assistance to supplement low wages and help them put food on the table when they struggle to find reliable and consistent work. Now we see

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Beyond Housing
Bishop Sullivan Center
Blue Hills Church
Blue Hills Family Life Center
Carroll County Food Pantry
Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph
Catholic Charities of St. Louis
Central Presbyterian Church
Central Reform Congregation
Children's Services Coalition
Circle of Concern
Colonial Presbyterian Church
Common Sense for an (un)Common Bond
Communication Workers of America Local 6355
Community Services League
Compass Health and Wellness
Cornerstones of Care
Douglass Community Services, Inc.
Emmanuel Family and Child Development Center
Empower Missouri
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Generate Health
Golden Valley Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Good Samaritan Center of Excel
Grace United Min.
Greater KC Food Policy Coalition
Guadalupe Centers
Guardian Angel Settlement Association
H.E.L.P. Services of Carroll County
Hale United Methodist Church
Harvesters Food Distribution
Harvesters--The Community Food Network
Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry
Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
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Heaven Sent Charities
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Phoenix Family
Phoenix Family Housing Corp
Places for People, Inc.
Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church
Project HOPE
Ray Co. Senior Center
Reconciliation Services
Rose Brooks Center
Safe Connections
Salem Lutheran Church
Second Chance Freedom
Second Harvest Food Bank
SEIU MO/KS State Council
Seton Center, Inc
Southside First Baptist Church Food Pantry
St Charles Food Pantry
St Francis Xavier College Church
St James Place
St. Croan Catholic Church
St. Croan Church
St. Francois County Community Partnership
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
St. Martha's Hall
St. Michael's Food Pantry
St. Patrick Center
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
St. Stephen Citi Care
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Stone Church Community of Christ
Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service
The Arnold Food Pantry
The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri
The Giving Grove
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The Salvation Army
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True Faith Outreach Ministries
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Showing that Proposals Would Be Costly to the State

Request Number: 7117
Author: Hall
Date: 2/27/2017
Impact: DHS: \$9-11 million in state dollars
OHCA: Minimal fiscal impact

Research Analysis

The PCS for HB 1270 directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) and DHS to verify, respectively, the initial eligibility of every applicant for Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and to require applicants to complete an identity authentication process. The agencies are also directed to review, on a quarterly basis, information concerning program recipients that may affect their continued eligibility. Further, DHS is prohibited from seeking any waiver of federal work requirements associated with the SNAP program and from establishing resource and income guidelines that exceed federal standards.

Prepared By: Marcia Goff

Fiscal Analysis

DHS: Based upon previous caseloads numbers, prior to broad-based categorical eligibility (BBCE) requirements, DHS estimates they would have to hire an additional 400-500 Social Service Specialist at a cost of \$9,000,000-\$11,000,000 annually.

OHCA: The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, utilizing state and federal data exchanges, currently collects and analyzes most if not all of the information HB 1270 requires, including income verification, citizenship, residency, assets, incarceration status, dual enrollment and death records. Some of these verifications are performed more than quarterly, others less than quarterly.