



Monthly Meetup

March 15, 2023

Please share in the chat:

- name
- organization
- area of the state you're joining from
- one thing you would like to take away
from today's meet up

Iowa Hunger Coalition

- Advocating to end hunger and food insecurity
- 501(c)4 organization
- Volunteer board of directors
- Paid lobbyist (Pederson Consulting)
- Fully member-funded (*hint hint*)
 - Organizational and individual memberships
 - We do not want cost to be a barrier - everything helps!

Legislative Update

SNAP Legislation - What's in the Bills?

Senate File 494

- **Asset test (\$15,000)**
- **Electronic identity authentication**
- **Real-time eligibility verification**
- Additional language on notice and right to be heard

House File 613

- **Asset test (\$15,000)**
- **Electronic identity authentication**
- **Real-time eligibility verification**
- Candy and “non-sugar-free” soda SNAP ban (USDA approval)
- \$1 million for Double Up Food Bucks (contingent upon above ban being granted by USDA)
- Mandatory SNAP Employment & Training (E&T) for *all* able-bodied adults without dependents
- And additional Medicaid pieces

SNAP Legislation - Where are they in the Process?

Senate File 494

- Introduced as SSB1105 - 1/31
- Passed out of subcommittee - 2/9
- Passed out of committee - 3/2
- Renumbered as SF 494
- **Placed on Senate Debate Calendar**

We could see debate on this any day in the Senate with very little notice.

House File 613

- Introduced as HF 3 - 1/11
- Passed out of subcommittee - 1/26
- Passed out of committee - 3/3
- Renumbered as HF 613
- **Referred to Appropriations**
 - Subcommittee assigned
 - Funnel-proof

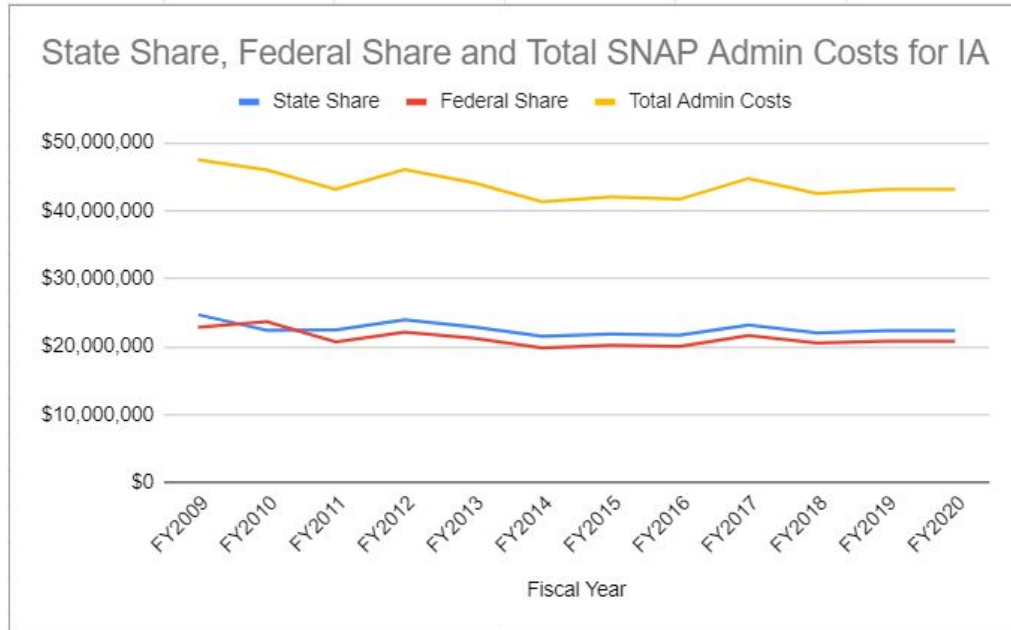
There will be another subcommittee meeting (approps) on HF 613.

**These bills will increase administrative hurdles
and lead to people being removed from SNAP
and other public assistance programs.**

Including people well below the asset limit.

**We still have not seen a fiscal note
and do not know how much this is
going to cost the state of Iowa.**

Administrative costs for SNAP will only increase.



Administrative costs are shared 50-50 between the state and federal government, and have remained relatively stable in Iowa for the past dozen years.

SNAP benefits are 100% federally funded, and removing people from SNAP will only cost the state money.

So, what can you do?

Contact your Senator and Representative!

Check out our “Protect SNAP” webpage for more details about the bills and “SNAP Basics” handouts for each Iowa Senator and Representative.

iowahungercoalition.org/protect-snap

Contact Approps Subcommittee Members for HF 613

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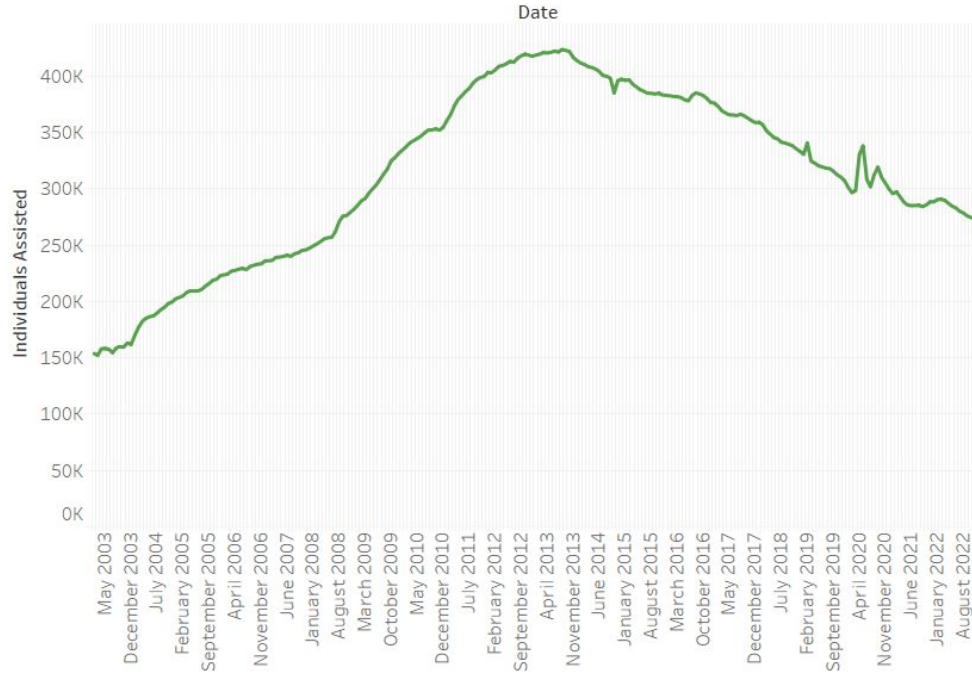
Specific asks to all legislators can include:

- **Vote “NO” when this comes to the floor**
- Remove the asset test
- Wait on further action until we see a fiscal note
- ***Only House members:***
 - Remove the “contingent” language for \$1 million for DUFEB
 - Remove mandatory SNAP E&T
- **Come visit you/your organization site sometime!**

Better yet, just let this bill die!

This legislation is a solution in search of a problem.

Individuals assisted



SNAP enrollment is at a 14-year low in the state of Iowa.

Meanwhile, food banks, food pantries, and other anti-hunger organizations across the state are seeing record-breaking numbers of people turning to them for assistance.

What are you seeing in your community right now?

Community Updates

**What are you seeing in your
community right now?**