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TO: Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2666** by Naishtat (Relating to the exclusion of certain resources in determining eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 33 of the Human Resources Code by adding a section to direct the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to exclude certain resources in determining the eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The bill directs HHSC to disregard the value of any liquid resources and vehicles of the applicant or recipient, or a member of his or her household, upon determining the initial determination or recertification of eligibility of a person for SNAP. The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

HHSC estimates there would be a minimal cost associated with technology modifications in the eligibility system. It is assumed that these technology costs could be absorbed within existing resources. All SNAP benefits are federally funded; therefore, there would be no additional cost to the state for an increased number of recipients receiving benefits.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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