

STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):** 21500~~2~~6
2. **Type of request:** Extension
3. **Statutory citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended
4. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.24
5. **State:** Nevada
6. **Region:** WRO

7. **Regulatory requirements:**

Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides that no able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) shall be eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received program benefits for more than 3 months during any 3-year period in which the individual was subject to but did not comply with the ABAWD work requirement. Section 6(o) also provides that, upon the request of the State agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of the 3-month ABAWD time limit for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.

8. **Description of alternative procedures:**

The State of Nevada is requesting to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in 15 counties, 1 independent city and 19 reservations from SNAP time limits. These areas are readily approvable under 7 CFR 273.24.

9. **Justification for request:**

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), areas may support a claim of insufficient jobs by submitting evidence that an area has an average unemployment rate for a 24-month time period that exceeds the national average for the same 24-month period by 20 percent. 7 CFR 273.24(f)(6) provides that States may define areas to be waived.

The State of Nevada seeks a waiver for a region of contiguous counties based on their average unemployment rates that are 20 percent above the national average for the 24-month period of June 2016 and May 2018. The region includes 15 counties and 1 independent city that are eligible for a waiver. The national average unemployment rate for this 24-month period was 4.4 percent; 20 percent above this

was 5.3 percent. The average unemployment rate for this region was 5.3 percent for the same period.

Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Data June 2016 through May 2018		
Counties	Labor Force 24-month Cumulative Total	Unemployment 24- Month Cumulative Total
Carson City, NV	612,212	32,365
Churchill County, NV	257,599	11,852
Clark County, NV	25,727,693	1,370,216
Douglas County, NV	544,798	26,673
Elko County, NV	652,917	24,847
Esmeralda County, NV	12,478	497
Eureka County, NV	24,713	844
Humboldt County, NV	199,014	8,530
Lander County, NV	76,053	3,722
Lincoln County, NV	49,103	2,377
Lyon County, NV	528,007	32,703
Mineral County, NV	48,140	2,720
Nye County, NV	393,181	25,473
Pershing County, NV	62,633	2,954
Storey County, NV	47,110	2,410
White Pine County, NV	109,616	4,527
Combined Area Total	29,345,267	1,552,710
Combined Area Unemployment Rate	5.3%	
20% Above National Average Threshold	5.3%	

The State requests to waive the following reservations based on having an average unemployment rate exceeding the national average for a recent 24-month period. The reservation unemployment rate was calculated by applying 2016 American Community Survey¹ share ratios to county-level Bureau of Labor Statistics data from June 2016 through May 2018. The following table summarizes the calculations:

American Community Survey and Bureau of Labor Statistics Data May 2016 through April 2018			
Reservations	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate

¹ These calculations are based on data from the 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Lander County (part); Nevada (part); Battle Mountain Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, NV	388	2,444	15.9%
Battle Mountain Reservation	388	2,444	15.9%
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Campbell Ranch, NV	739	3,395	21.8%
Campbell Ranch	739	3,395	21.8%
Carson City (part); Nevada (part); Carson Colony, NV	622	3,119	19.9%
Carson Colony	622	3,119	19.9%
Douglas County (part); Nevada (part); Dresslerville Colony, NV	534	3,532	15.1%
Dresslerville Colony	534	3,532	15.1%
Elko County (part); Nevada (part); Duck Valley Reservation, NV--ID	1910	12,642	15.1%
Duck Valley Reservation	1,910	12,642	15.1%
Nye County (part); Nevada (part); Duckwater Reservation, NV	270	4,418	6.1%
Duckwater Reservation	270	4,418	6.1%
Elko County (part); Nevada (part); Elko Colony, NV	1083	11,003	9.8%
Elko Colony	1,083	11,003	9.8%
White Pine County (part); Nevada (part); Ely Reservation, NV	179	2,714	6.6%
Ely Reservation	179	2,714	6.6%
Churchill County (part); Nevada (part); Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Colony and Off-Reservation Trust Land, NV	147	1,093	13.5%
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Colony and Off-Reservation Trust Land, NV	0	-	-
Churchill County (part); Nevada (part); Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, NV	746	8,502	8.8%
Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Colony and Off-Reservation Trust Land	894	9,595	9.3%
Humboldt County (part); Nevada (part); Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, NV--OR	873	2,762	31.6%
Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation	873	2,762	31.6%

Pershing County (part); Nevada (part); Lovelock Indian Colony, NV	417	670	62.2%
Lovelock Indian Colony	417	670	62.2%
Clark County (part); Nevada (part); Moapa River Indian Reservation, NV	323	2,613	12.4%
Moapa River Indian Reservation	323	2,613	12.4%
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, NV	0	-	-
Storey County (part); Nevada (part); Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, NV	0	-	-
Washoe County (part); Nevada (part); Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, NV	1733	15,617	11.1%
Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation	1,733	15,617	11.1%
Washoe County (part); Nevada (part); Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, NV	1482	9,502	15.6%
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	1,482	9,502	15.6%
Douglas County (part); Nevada (part); Stewart Community, NV	0	-	-
Carson City (part); Nevada (part); Stewart Community, NV	337	1,937	17.4%
Stewart Community	337	1,937	17.4%
Churchill County (part); Nevada (part); Walker River Reservation, NV	0	-	-
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Walker River Reservation, NV	0	49	0.0%
Mineral County (part); Nevada (part); Walker River Reservation, NV	1616	10,238	15.8%
Walker River Reservation	1,616	10,287	15.7%
Douglas County (part); Nevada (part); Washoe Ranches Trust Land, NV--CA	3187	33,149	9.6%
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Washoe Ranches Trust Land, NV--CA	0	-	-
Carson City (part); Nevada (part); Washoe Ranches Trust Land, NV--CA	0	97	0.0%
Washoe Ranches Trust Land	3,187	33,245	9.6%
Humboldt County (part); Nevada (part); Winnemucca Indian Colony, NV	25	255	9.6%
Winnemucca Indian Colony	25	255	9.6%

Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Yerington Colony, NV	388	1,962	19.8%
Yerington Colony	388	1,962	19.8%

10. Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations: This waiver will provide consistency for state operations.

11. Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable): This waiver affects the entire state.

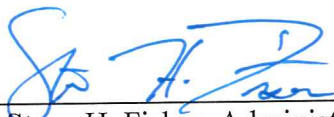
12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:
The State is requesting a one-year waiver, from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

13. Proposed quality control review procedures:
There are no special quality control procedures needed in conjunction with this waiver.

14. State agency submitting waiver request and State contact person:
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16. Date of request: 06/28/2018

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