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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the supplemental  
2 nutrition assistance program, formerly known as the food stamp  
3 program, is a federal and state program to help low-income  
4 families buy the food they need to stay healthy and be  
5 productive members of society. In 2010, the federal government  
6 increased funding to the supplemental nutrition assistance  
7 program and changed the rules to allow more families to qualify.  
8 Since many families' receipt of unemployment checks caused their  
9 gross income to exceed the one hundred thirty per cent  
10 threshold, the federal government increased the gross income  
11 limit to two hundred per cent.

12           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
13 department of human services to respond to the United States  
14 Department of Agriculture's mandate to amend supplemental  
15 nutrition assistance program income eligibility requirements,  
16 thereby increasing the number of potential beneficiaries of the  
17 program.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the  
4 department of human services to increase staff and the  
5 department's electronic system's capacity to respond to the  
6 United States Department of Agriculture's mandate to amend the  
7 supplemental nutrition assistance program eligibility  
8 requirement from one hundred thirty per cent of the income  
9 poverty guidelines prescribed by the United States Department of  
10 Health and Human Services to two hundred per cent of the income  
11 poverty guidelines.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
13 human services for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Food Stamp Program;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department Of Human Services to respond to the United States Department of Agriculture's mandate to amend supplemental nutrition assistance program eligibility requirements. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB2286 HD1)

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