
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 Because unemployment checks caused many recipients' gross income
9 to exceed the one hundred thirty per cent of the income poverty
10 threshold, the federal government increased the gross income
11 limit to two hundred per cent. The department of human services
12 struggled to manage the increased caseload that ensued.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
14 department of human services to address the increased caseload
15 that followed the United States Department of Agriculture's
16 mandate to amend supplemental nutrition assistance program
17 income eligibility requirements, which increased the number of
18 potential beneficiaries of the program.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
4 the department of human services to sufficiently respond to and
5 carry out the requirements of the United States Department of
6 Agriculture's mandate to amend the supplemental nutrition
7 assistance program eligibility requirement from no more than one
8 hundred thirty per cent of the income poverty guidelines
9 prescribed by the United States Department of Health and Human
10 Services to no more than 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 unspecified funds to DHS to respond to the USDA's
mandate to amend SNAP eligibility requirements. Effective
07/01/2050. (SD2)

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