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Comments:

Senator Ige, and members of the committee:

I urge your full support for SB2095. SNAP is one of the most beneficial federal programs for families and individuals in the country. It provides food for those with incomes inadequate to provide for a regular wholesome diet.

In 2010 President Obama expanded the eligibility for SNAP from 130% of poverty to 200% of poverty. Thousands of additional residents of Hawaii are now eligible for SNAP. The Federal government will provide 50% of the cost for staff, if the State provides the match.

With the funds in SB2095, Hawaii residents will be moved closer to food independence, and basic health in Hawaii will be improved.

The State will also realize an enormous additional revenue source for the economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jory Watland, Bd Member, Hawaii Health Authority