
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
8 qualify. Since many families' receipt of unemployment checks
9 caused their gross income to exceed the one hundred thirty per
10 cent threshold, the federal government increased the gross
11 income 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 2013-2014 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2014-2015 for the department of human services to increase staff
6 and the department's electronic system's capacity to respond to
7 the United States Department of Agriculture's mandate to amend
8 the supplemental nutrition assistance program eligibility
9 requirement from one hundred thirty per cent of the income
10 poverty guidelines prescribed by the United States Department of
11 Health and Human Services to two hundred per cent of the income
12 poverty guidelines.

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

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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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, 2013.

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