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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the senior farmers'  
2 market nutrition program provides low-income seniors with  
3 vouchers to exchange for eligible foods at farmers' markets,  
4 roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs.  
5 The senior farmers' market nutrition program has been running  
6 continuously since 2000 and, in 2014, provided fresh,  
7 nutritious, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honeys, and herbs  
8 to 4,524 seniors in the city and county of Honolulu and 1,518  
9 seniors in Hawaii county.

10           The legislature also finds that the senior farmers' market  
11 nutrition program benefits the State and its citizens by  
12 patronizing local farmers who raise locally sourced produce, by  
13 providing low-income seniors with fresh, healthy produce, and by  
14 supporting Hawaii's economy. The program currently receives  
15 \$502,732 annually from the Food and Nutrition Service of the  
16 United States Department of Agriculture. Additional state funds



1 would allow this program to expand its services to Kauai and  
2 Maui counties.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the  
4 senior farmers' market nutrition program.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
9 2016-2017 for the senior farmers' market nutrition program to  
10 provide low-income seniors with vouchers to exchange for  
11 eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and  
12 community supported agriculture programs.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
14 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. The department of labor and industrial  
16 relations shall submit a report on the status of the senior  
17 farmers' market nutrition program to the legislature no later  
18 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
19 of 2016. The report shall include but not be limited to:

20 (1) Expenditures made and the number of seniors served  
21 pursuant to this Act;



- 1 (2) The amount of federal moneys received for the program;
- 2 (3) Progress made, if any, to expand the program
- 3 statewide;
- 4 (4) Future funding requirements; and
- 5 (5) All information required to be reported under 7 C.F.R.
- 6 section 249.17(c), as applied to moneys appropriated
- 7 pursuant to this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Report Title:**

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program; Appropriation; Report

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys to the senior farmers' market nutrition program. Requires DLIR to submit a report to the legislature on the status of the program.

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