
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. Consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables is an
2 integral part of a healthy diet and central to the prevention of
3 obesity and disease. Every community should have adequate
4 access to such healthy dietary options; however, high cost and
5 poor quality often make this difficult.

6 To increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for
7 beneficiaries of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
8 Program, some states have enacted farmers market matching
9 incentive programs. Under such programs, individuals who
10 purchase produce at local farmers markets using their nutrition
11 assistance benefits receive additional benefits on a dollar-for-
12 dollar basis up to a certain amount.

13 The legislature finds that such programs have not only
14 increased access to healthy dietary options, but have also
15 helped invigorate local economies and address food insecurity.
16 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require the department
17 of human services to develop and administer a farmers market



1 matching incentive program for beneficiaries of the Supplemental
2 Nutrition Assistance Program.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§346- Farmers market matching incentive program. (a)

7 There is established a farmers market matching incentive program
8 for beneficiaries of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
9 Program. The program shall be developed and administered by the
10 department. The department shall consult with the department of
11 agriculture in developing and implementing the program.

12 (b) Beneficiaries who use food stamps to make purchases at
13 a farmers market shall receive a dollar-for-dollar match up to
14 \$20. Matching moneys received shall be limited to purchases at
15 a farmers market.

16 (c) There is established within the department a farmers
17 market matching incentive program special account, into which
18 shall be deposited any legislative appropriations and any public
19 or private grants, awards, or gifts for the purpose of the
20 farmers market matching incentive program. Moneys in the



1 special account may be expended by the department to administer
2 the program and to provide matching funds to beneficiaries.

3 (d) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
4 91 to develop and administer the farmers market matching
5 incentive program."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2016-2017 to develop and administer a farmers market matching
11 incentive program for beneficiaries of the Supplemental
12 Nutrition Assistance Program.

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

15 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to develop a farmers market matching incentive program for beneficiaries of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

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