

**ACT 156**

S.B. NO. 50

A Bill for an Act Relating to Human Services.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The supplemental nutrition assistance program serves as the foundation of America's national nutrition safety net. It is the nation's first line of defense against hunger and offers a powerful tool to improve nutrition among low-income people. The University of Hawaii community colleges and the department of human services have collaborated to leverage their resources and strengths to enroll Hawaii's supplemental nutrition assistance program benefit recipients in college and career training programs. The University of Hawaii community colleges and the department of human services have customized policies and processes to codify an innovative inter-agency program, the Hawaii nutrition employment and training program, designed to recruit and support Hawaii's supplemental nutrition assistance program recipients through over two hundred fifty college and career programs.

The Hawaii nutrition employment and training program is offered to students who receive or are eligible to receive supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits. The Hawaii nutrition employment and training program offers benefits in addition to a student's supplemental nutrition assistance pro-

gram benefits, including reimbursement for gas, books, supplies, and uniforms. Students participating in the Hawaii nutrition employment and training program are exempt from the twenty hours per week work requirement and are considered compliant with Hawaii's supplemental nutrition assistance program requirements.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the Hawaii nutrition employment and training program.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$455,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the Hawaii nutrition employment and training program, to include materials and supplies, and the hiring of seven full-time equivalent (7.0 FTE) instructional and student support positions.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act; provided that:

- (1) The University of Hawaii shall comply with all federal and state requirements; and
- (2) The reimbursements shall be used to expand the Hawaii nutrition employment and training program.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

(Approved June 26, 2019.)