

ACT 155

H.B. NO. 2430

A Bill for an Act Relating to Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart C, to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“**§302A- Summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.** The department shall:

- (1) Work with the department of human services to maximize participation in the federal summer electronic benefits transfer for children

- program established pursuant to the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P.L. 117-328;
- (2) Share all data determined by the departments to be necessary to adhere to the requirements of title 42 United States Code section 1762 and section 346- ; and
 - (3) Follow the federal guidelines and regulations established pursuant to title IV, division HH, section 502 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P.L. 117-328, to maximize flexibility to distribute summer meals through non-congregate distribution.”

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

“**§346- Summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.** (a) Subject to the availability of funds, the department may implement the federal summer electronic benefits transfer for children program. To implement the program, the department shall work with the department of education to maximize participation in the federal summer electronic benefits transfer for children program established pursuant to the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P.L. 117-328.

(b) To the extent that appropriations or private funds are made available, the department may contract with one or more providers to administer the summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

(c) The department may accept grants, donations, and contributions from private or public sources for the purposes of this section, which may be expended consistent with the grantors’ or donors’ wishes.”

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$53,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the summer electronic benefits transfer for children program, including:

- (1) The establishment of one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist position SR-24; and
- (2) The hiring of staff, system modifications, and operating expenses.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of education for the purposes of this Act; provided that no funds shall be expended unless matched by federal funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,050,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the summer electronic benefits transfer for children program, including:

- (1) The establishment of one permanent full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist position SR-24; and
- (2) The hiring of staff, system modifications, and operating expenses.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act; provided that no funds shall be expended unless matched by federal funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

(Approved July 1, 2024.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.