

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 579

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2021

RE: S.B. No. 512
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 512, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCENTIVES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand the Double Up Food Bucks Program administered by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Removes the \$10 per visit per day cap on the dollar-for-dollar match received by Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) beneficiaries under the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program, also known as the Double Up Food Bucks Program (DA BUX);
- (2) Specifies that healthy proteins are eligible purchases under the program; and
- (3) Appropriates an unspecified amount of moneys to the Department of Agriculture to expand the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Department of Community Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Office of Economic Revitalization of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaii Food Industry Association; The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development; Malama Kauai; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Lanakila Meals on Wheels; AARP Hawaii; American Heart Association; Aloha Harvest; Sierra Club of Hawaii; Kamehameha Schools; Hawaii Public Health Institute; 350Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; The Food Basket Inc., Hawaii Island's Food Bank; Kaiser Permanente; Hawaii Farm Bureau; AlohaCare; Ohana Health Plan; Blue Zones Project; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hawaii Community Foundation; Local Food Coalition; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Parents And Children Together; Hawaii Pacific Health; Pono Hawaii Initiative; Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawaii Foodbank; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the measure's expansion of the Double Up Food Bucks Program will help to increase SNAP beneficiaries' access to fresh and healthy dietary options, further defray the high cost of healthy eating, and support the efforts of the agricultural industry, which has been adversely impacted by the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the appropriation section; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 512, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 512, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 512, SD 1	AEN, WAM	2-15-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	✓			5 Maile
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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