
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. The legislature finds that according to a data
2 brief published by the university of Hawaii, overall food
3 insecurity in the State is estimated to be twenty-two per cent,
4 with "the age of those reporting food insecurity [being] younger
5 than their food secure counterparts." Further, the university
6 of Hawaii also found that, thirty-one per cent of students and
7 homemakers were food insecure, exceeding the state average by
8 approximately nine per cent. The data brief also noted that
9 "[a]mong those reporting being food insecure, only small
10 percentages actually access" the federal supplemental nutrition
11 assistance program.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
13 department of human services to establish a state corollary to
14 the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program for
15 certain higher education students.



1 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall
 2 establish a state corollary to the federal Supplemental
 3 Nutrition Assistance Program for any student in the State who:
 4 (1) Is enrolled more than half-time in an institution of
 5 higher education; and
 6 (2) Otherwise satisfies all other applicable Supplemental
 7 Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility requirements.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
 11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 12 year 2024-2025 for program establishment, operation, and
 13 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program corollary benefit
 14 funding.

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

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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