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# 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:**

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

4 "§302A- Summer electronic benefits transfer for  
5 children program. The department shall:

- 6 (1) Work with the department of human services to maximize  
7 participation in the federal summer electronic  
8 benefits transfer for children program established  
9 pursuant to the federal Consolidated Appropriations  
10 Act, 2023, P.L. 117-328;
- 11 (2) Share all data determined by the departments to be  
12 necessary to adhere to the requirements of title 42  
13 United States Code section 1762 and section 346- ;  
14 and
- 15 (3) Follow the federal guidelines and regulations  
16 established pursuant to title IV, division HH, section



1           502 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P.L.  
2           117-328, to maximize flexibility to distribute summer  
3           meals through non-congregate distribution."

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

7           "§346-       **Summer electronic benefits transfer for children**  
8 **program.** (a) Subject to the availability of funds, the  
9 department may implement the federal summer electronic benefits  
10 transfer for children program. To implement the program, the  
11 department shall work with the department of education to  
12 maximize participation in the federal summer electronic benefits  
13 transfer for children program established pursuant to the  
14 federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P.L. 117-328.

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

19           (c) The department may accept grants, donations, and  
20 contributions from private or public sources for the purposes of



1 this section, which may be expended consistent with the  
2 grantors' or donors' wishes."

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

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

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

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



1 (1) The establishment of one permanent full-time  
2 equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist position  
3 SR-24; and

4 (2) The hiring of staff, system modifications, and  
5 operating expenses.

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

10 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
12 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1,  
13 2024.



**Report Title:**

Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program;  
Department of Human Services; Department of Education;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children  
Program. Appropriates funds. (CD1)

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