
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. (a) The department of human services shall set
2 the minimum certification periods for supplemental nutrition
3 assistance program benefit households to twelve months; provided
4 that for households in which all adult members are sixty years
5 of age or older, the certification periods shall be at minimum
6 twenty-four months.

7 (b) The department of human services shall participate in
8 the elderly simplified application project of the supplemental
9 nutrition assistance program to simplify eligibility
10 determinations for eligible households. Participation in the
11 elderly simplified application project shall include:

12 (1) Establishing recertification periods of at least
13 thirty-six months for households composed entirely of
14 adults sixty years of age or older or adults with
15 disabilities; and

16 (2) Waiving the recertification interview for eligible
17 households, to the extent allowed by federal law.



1 (c) The department of human services shall seek any
2 necessary federal approvals or waivers to implement this Act and
3 shall promptly amend its rules, policies, and procedures to
4 effectuate the intent of this Act.

5 (d) The department of human services shall submit a report
6 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
8 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2028 and 2029 that
9 shall include:

10 (1) Data on the implementation and utilization of the
11 supplemental nutrition assistance program and elderly
12 simplified application project, including the number
13 and characteristics of participating households;

14 (2) Administrative cost savings or changes; and

15 (3) Analysis of the participation rates.

16 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2027.



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Report Title:

DHS; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Minimum Certification Periods; Elderly Simplified Application Project; Report

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to adjust the minimum certification periods for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits households, participate in the Elderly Simplified Application Project, and report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2027. (SD1)

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