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## 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 benefits households to twelve months;  
4 provided that for households in which all adult members are  
5 sixty years of age or older, the certification periods shall be  
6 at minimum 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.



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 upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



# S.B. NO. 3245

**Report Title:**

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

**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.

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