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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.



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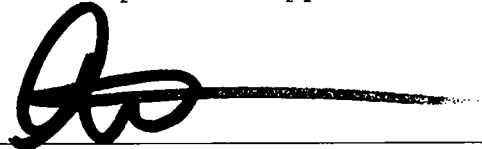
(c) The department of human services shall seek any necessary federal approvals or waivers to implement this Act and shall promptly amend its rules, policies, and procedures to effectuate the intent of this Act.

(d) The department of human services shall submit reports of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2029 and 2030. The reports shall include:

- (1) Data on the implementation and utilization of the supplemental nutrition assistance program and elderly simplified application project, including the number and characteristics of participating households;
- (2) Administrative cost savings or changes; and
- (3) Analysis of the participation rates.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

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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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