

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1295

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 7, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 7, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 3245, S.D. 1, H.D. 1,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
ACT 193

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 7 2026

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 193
S.B. NO. 3245
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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 twenty-four months at a minimum.

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 reports
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 2029 and 2030. The
9 reports shall include:

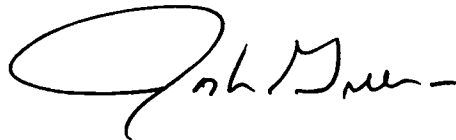
- 10 (1) Data on the implementation and utilization of the
11 supplemental nutrition assistance program and elderly
12 simplified application project, including the number
13 and characteristics of participating households;
- 14 (2) Administrative cost savings or changes; and
- 15 (3) Analysis of the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

16 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2028.



S.B. NO. 3245
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 7th day of July, 2026

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII


THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2026.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 3245, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives