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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 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.



**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. Effective 7/1/2028. (CD1)

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