

**Senate File 2210 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to increasing collaborative efforts to address  
2 food insecurity in the state, and making an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 267A.1, subsection 2, Code 2020, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *e.* To provide a framework for collaboration  
4 among government agencies, public universities and community  
5 colleges, organizations, private sector entities, and others  
6 in supporting efforts to address food insecurity in the state,  
7 especially among individuals with limited incomes.

8 Sec. 2. Section 267A.2, Code 2020, is amended by adding the  
9 following new subsections:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. *"Double up food bucks program"* means  
11 the state program funded through the federal Gus Schumacher  
12 nutrition incentive program to increase the value of federal  
13 supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits when used to  
14 purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 3B. *"Food hub"* means a centrally located  
16 facility with a business management structure that facilitates  
17 the aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, or  
18 marketing of local or regional food products.

19 Sec. 3. Section 267A.3, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended  
20 by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* (1) The director of the department of  
22 human services, or the director's designee, for the purpose  
23 of providing expertise relating to efforts to address food  
24 insecurity including the supplemental nutrition assistance  
25 program.

26 (2) The director of public health, or the director's  
27 designee, for the purpose of providing expertise relating to  
28 efforts to address food insecurity including the federal Gus  
29 Schumacher nutrition incentive program.

30 Sec. 4. Section 267A.6, Code 2020, is amended by adding the  
31 following new subsection:

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Collaboration among human services,  
33 health, agricultural, and other public and private agencies  
34 and organizations in the state with interest or expertise  
35 in addressing food insecurity. Collaborative efforts shall

1 include increasing access to local, fresh, and healthy foods,  
2 especially for individuals with limited incomes, through  
3 activities including but not limited to the development and  
4 expansion of alternatives such as food hubs and double up food  
5 bucks program sites, and through expansion and increased public  
6 awareness of programs that address food insecurity such as the  
7 double up food bucks program.

8     Sec. 5. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM FUND — APPROPRIATION TO  
9 ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY — SUPPORT OF FOOD HUBS AND OTHER SITES  
10 AND THE DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS PROGRAM.

11     1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
12 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship  
13 for deposit in the local food and farm program fund created in  
14 section 267A.5, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and  
15 ending June 30, 2021, the following amount, or so much thereof  
16 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

17     To support collaborative efforts as described in this Act to  
18 address food insecurity and to increase access to local, fresh,  
19 and healthy foods, especially for individuals with limited  
20 incomes, through activities including but not limited to the  
21 development and expansion of alternatives such as food hubs  
22 and double up food bucks program sites, and through expansion  
23 and increased public awareness of programs that address food  
24 insecurity such as the double up food bucks program:

25 ..... \$ 1,000,000

26     2. Moneys deposited in the local food and farm program fund  
27 pursuant to subsection 1 shall be allocated by the local food  
28 and farm program council established in section 267A.3.

29     3. The local food and farm program coordinator shall  
30 collaborate with the department of human services, the  
31 department of public health, and specifically the healthiest  
32 state initiative to coordinate efforts in developing and  
33 expanding food hubs and double up food bucks program sites  
34 throughout the state and in increasing public awareness  
35 regarding programs that address food insecurity including the

1 double up food bucks program. The local food and farm program  
2 coordinator shall include an evaluation of the progress of  
3 these activities in the annual report required pursuant to  
4 section 267A.7

5 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys that remain  
6 unencumbered or unobligated at the end of the fiscal year shall  
7 not revert but shall remain available to support the purposes  
8 of this section for the succeeding fiscal year.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill relates to increasing collaborative efforts to  
13 address food insecurity.

14 The bill makes changes to the local food and farm program  
15 (program), established under the department of agriculture and  
16 land stewardship, to increase collaboration between various  
17 entities that address food insecurity.

18 The bill adds to the stated goals of the program the goal  
19 of providing a framework for collaboration among government  
20 agencies, public universities and community colleges,  
21 organizations, private sector entities, and others, in  
22 supporting efforts to address food insecurity in the state,  
23 especially among individuals with limited incomes.

24 The bill increases the membership of the local food and farm  
25 program council, which advises the local food and farm program  
26 coordinator in carrying out the purposes and goals of the local  
27 food and farm program. Under the bill, the additional members  
28 include the director of the department of human services, or  
29 the director's designee, for the purpose of providing expertise  
30 relating to efforts to address food insecurity including the  
31 supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP); and the  
32 director of public health, or the director's designee, for the  
33 purpose of providing expertise relating to efforts to address  
34 food insecurity including the double up food bucks program.

35 Under the local food and farm program, the local food

1 and farm program coordinator is created within Iowa state  
2 university as part of its cooperative extension service in  
3 agriculture and home economics. The coordinator is the primary  
4 state official charged with carrying out the purposes and  
5 goals of the program. The bill specifically adds to the  
6 duties of the coordinator in developing and administering  
7 the program, to improve collaboration among human services,  
8 health, agricultural, and other public and private agencies  
9 and organizations in the state with interest or expertise in  
10 addressing food insecurity. Collaborative efforts include  
11 increasing access to local, fresh, and healthy foods,  
12 especially for individuals with limited incomes, through  
13 activities including but not limited to the development and  
14 expansion of alternatives such as food hubs and double up food  
15 bucks program sites, and through expansion and increased public  
16 awareness of programs that address food insecurity such as the  
17 double up food bucks program.

18 The bill makes an appropriation of \$1 million from the  
19 general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and  
20 land stewardship for deposit in the local food and farm program  
21 fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending  
22 June 30, 2021, for the purposes of supporting collaborative  
23 efforts as described in the bill to address food insecurity  
24 and to increase access to local, fresh, and healthy foods,  
25 especially for individuals with limited incomes, through  
26 activities including but not limited to the development and  
27 expansion of alternatives such as food hubs and double up food  
28 bucks program sites, and through expansion and increased public  
29 awareness of programs that address food insecurity such as the  
30 double up food bucks program. Moneys deposited in the local  
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2 sites throughout the state and in increasing public awareness  
3 regarding programs that address food insecurity including the  
4 double up food bucks program. The local food and farm program  
5 coordinator shall include an evaluation of the progress of  
6 these activities in the coordinator's required annual report  
7 submitted to the governor and the general assembly for the  
8 program. Moneys appropriated that remain unencumbered or  
9 unobligated at the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year shall not  
10 revert but shall remain available to support the purposes of  
11 the appropriation for the succeeding fiscal year.