

House File 970 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 796)
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 216)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the double up food bucks program,
2 the supplemental nutrition assistance program and making
3 appropriations and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — DOUBLE
2 UP FOOD BUCKS PROGRAM — SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION. There is
3 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department
4 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July
5 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, in addition to any other
6 funding appropriated for such purposes for the same fiscal year,
7 the following amount or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
8 used for the purposes designated:

9 To provide grants to support the double up food bucks program
10 administered by the Iowa healthiest state initiative to make
11 fresh fruits and vegetables sold at farmers markets, grocery
12 stores, and other participating locations accessible to
13 individuals and families who reside in this state and receive
14 assistance through the federal supplemental nutrition assistance
15 program:

16 \$ 1,000,000

17 A grant recipient that receives funding pursuant to this
18 section shall provide at least a dollar-for-dollar match of the
19 grant assistance.

20 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under this
21 section shall not revert at the close of the fiscal year, but
22 shall remain available for the purposes designated.

23 Sec. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — ELIGIBLE
24 FOODS. The department of health and human services shall request
25 from the food and nutrition services of the United States
26 department of agriculture to provide, for purposes of state
27 administration of the supplemental food and nutrition program, a
28 modification to the eligible foods as defined in 7 C.F.R. §271.2
29 to only include healthy food based on necessary nutrition for
30 good health, including but not limited to healthy grains, dairy,
31 meat, eggs, peanut butter and nuts, pasta, rice, legumes, and
32 fruits and vegetables.

33 Sec. 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. The following takes
34 effect on the date the department of health and human services
35 receives federal approval to modify eligible foods for purposes

1 of state administration of the supplemental food and nutrition
2 program as specified under this Act, if federal approval is
3 received:

4 The section of this Act making a supplemental appropriation to
5 the department of health and human services to provide grants to
6 support the double up food bucks program.

7 EXPLANATION

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

10 This bill relates to eligible foods for the supplemental
11 nutrition assistance program (SNAP) and double up food bucks
12 program.

13 The bill makes a \$1 million supplemental appropriation from
14 the general fund of the state to the department of health and
15 human services (HHS) for fiscal year 2025-2026, in addition
16 to any other funding appropriated for such purpose for the
17 same fiscal year, to provide grants to support the double up
18 food bucks program administered by the Iowa healthiest state
19 initiative to make fresh fruits and vegetables sold at farmers
20 markets, grocery stores, and other participating locations
21 accessible to individuals and families who reside in this state
22 and receive assistance through SNAP. The bill requires a double
23 up food bucks program grant recipient to provide at least a
24 dollar-for-dollar match of the grant assistance.

25 The bill requires HHS to request a waiver from the United
26 States department of agriculture, food and nutrition service to
27 provide that the eligible foods under state administration of
28 SNAP only include healthy food based on necessary nutrition for
29 good health, including but not limited to healthy grains, dairy,
30 meat, eggs, peanut butter and nuts, pasta, rice, legumes, and
31 fruits and vegetables.

32 The supplemental appropriation for the double up food bucks
33 program takes effect on the date HHS receives federal approval of
34 the SNAP waiver, if the waiver is approved.