

House Study Bill 216 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON NORDMAN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the double up food bucks program, the
2 supplemental nutrition assistance program, including a waiver
3 for eligible foods, and making an appropriation.
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.

25 1. The department of health and human services shall request
26 a waiver from the food and nutrition service of the United States
27 department of agriculture to provide that, for purposes of state
28 administration of the supplemental food and nutrition program,
29 eligible foods as defined in 7 C.F.R. §271.2 shall only include
30 items from the following categories:

- 31 a. Real eggs.
- 32 b. Real meat.
- 33 c. Real dairy.
- 34 d. Bread and grains.
- 35 e. All fruits and vegetables.

1 f. All cereals and hot cereals, including granola.

2 g. Peanut butter and nuts.

3 h. Pasta, rice, and legumes.

4 i. Any item as specified in the most current Iowa special
5 supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children
6 approved foods list published by the department of health and
7 human services.

8 2. All eligible foods may be fresh, frozen, canned,
9 preserved, made into spreads, or juiced.

10 3. For purposes of this section:

11 a. "Real dairy" means the products made from the lacteal
12 secretion of a cow, goat, or sheep such as milk, cheese, and
13 yogurt.

14 b. "Real eggs" means eggs laid by a bird such as a chicken,
15 and includes fresh eggs, dried egg mix, and pasteurized liquid
16 whole eggs.

17 c. "Real meat" means the muscle tissue from an animal such as
18 a cow, pig, or fish.

19 4. The department of health and human services shall
20 implement the waiver upon receipt of approval of the waiver.

21 Sec. 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. The following takes
22 effect on the date the department of health and human services
23 receives federal approval of the waiver request relating to
24 supplemental nutrition assistance program eligible foods as
25 specified under this Act, if the waiver is approved:

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

29 **EXPLANATION**

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

32 This bill relates to eligible foods for the supplemental
33 nutrition assistance program (SNAP) and double up food bucks
34 program.

35 The bill makes a \$1 million supplemental appropriation from

1 the general fund of the state to the department of health and
2 human services (HHS) for fiscal year 2025-2026, in addition
3 to any other funding appropriated for such purpose for the
4 same fiscal year, to provide grants to support the double up
5 food bucks program administered by the Iowa healthiest state
6 initiative to make fresh fruits and vegetables sold at farmers
7 markets, grocery stores, and other participating locations
8 accessible to individuals and families who reside in this state
9 and receive assistance through SNAP. The bill requires a double
10 up food bucks program grant recipient to provide at least a
11 dollar-for-dollar match of the grant assistance.

12 The bill requires HHS to request a waiver from the United
13 States department of agriculture, food and nutrition service
14 to provide that the eligible foods under state administration
15 of SNAP only include real eggs; real meat; real dairy; bread;
16 grains; all fruits and vegetables; all cereals and hot cereals;
17 including granola; peanut butter; nuts; pasta; rice; legumes; and
18 any item on the most current Iowa special supplemental nutrition
19 program for women, infants, and children approved food list
20 published by HHS. The bill provides that all eligible foods
21 may be fresh, frozen, canned, preserved, made into spreads, or
22 juiced. Upon receipt of approval of the waiver, HHS shall
23 implement the waiver.

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