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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 26, 2025)

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:

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

33 2. Upon receipt of federal approval as described in
34 subsection 1, the healthy food based on necessary nutrition for
35 good health standards shall not be rescinded without enacting

1 legislation.

2 Sec. 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. The following takes
3 effect on the date the department of health and human services
4 receives federal approval to modify eligible foods for purposes
5 of state administration of the supplemental food and nutrition
6 program as specified under this Act, if federal approval is
7 received:

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

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