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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 796)

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

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the double up food bucks program, the
- 2 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  
 3 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
 4 department of health and human services for the fiscal year  
 5 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, in addition  
 6 to any other funding appropriated for such purposes for the  
 7 same fiscal year, the following amount or so much thereof as is  
 8 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

9 To provide grants to support the double up food bucks  
 10 program administered by the Iowa healthiest state initiative  
 11 to make fresh fruits and vegetables sold at farmers markets,  
 12 grocery stores, and other participating locations accessible  
 13 to individuals and families who reside in this state and  
 14 receive assistance through the federal supplemental nutrition  
 15 assistance 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 —  
 24 ELIGIBLE FOODS. 1. The department of health and human  
 25 services shall request that the food and nutrition services of  
 26 the United States department of agriculture provide approval,  
 27 for purposes of state administration of the supplemental food  
 28 and nutrition program, for a modification to the eligible foods  
 29 as defined in 7 C.F.R. §271.2 to only include healthy foods  
 30 and beverages based on necessary nutrition for good health,  
 31 including but not limited to healthy grains, dairy, meat, eggs,  
 32 peanut butter and nuts, pasta, rice, legumes, and fruits and  
 33 vegetables.

34 2. Upon receipt of federal approval as described in  
 35 subsection 1, the healthy food based on necessary nutrition for

1 good health standards shall not be rescinded without enacting  
2 legislation.

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

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