Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 26, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB390 SD2 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCENTIVES.

ACT 153 (19)

Sincerely,

David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCENTIVES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables is an integral part of a healthy diet and central to the prevention of obesity and chronic disease. The legislature also finds that every community should have access to fresh and healthy dietary options, but the high cost of fresh produce often makes that difficult. This challenge is felt acutely by participants in the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program, a low-income population that struggles to afford healthy food.

The legislature further finds that through the national double up food bucks program, Hawaii has the opportunity to expand access to healthy foods for low-income residents who are eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits. Currently implemented in more than twenty states, the double up food bucks program provides matching federal grant moneys to state programs that incentivize the use of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits for the purchase of fresh
produce. Provided by both the United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and the United States Department of Agriculture's food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program, these federal matching funds increase access to healthy dietary options while also invigorating local economies and addressing food insecurity.

The purpose of this Act is to require the department of agriculture to develop and administer a Hawaii healthy food incentive program promoting the purchase of Hawaii-grown fruits and vegetables by beneficiaries of the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

SECTION 2. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§141- Hawaii healthy food incentive program; rules.
(a) There is established a Hawaii healthy food incentive program for beneficiaries of the supplemental nutrition assistance program, to be developed and administered by the department of agriculture.
(b) Participants in the Hawaii healthy food incentive program who are beneficiaries of the supplemental nutrition
assistance program shall receive a dollar-for-dollar match of up to $10 per visit, per day, to be used exclusively for the purchase of Hawaii-grown fresh fruits and vegetables at a farmers' market, farm stand, mobile market, community-supported agriculture site, grocery store, or other direct food retailer that participates in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

(c) The department of agriculture may consult and cooperate with private organizations to develop and implement rules to administer the Hawaii healthy food incentive program.

(d) For the purposes of this section, "farmers' market" shall have the same meaning as in section 205-2(d)(15)(D)."

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for administration of the Hawaii healthy food incentive program and to provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.
The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

APPROVED this 26 day of JUN, 2019

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
S.B. No. 390, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAIʻI

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaiʻi, Regular Session of 2019.

[Signature]
President of the Senate

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Clerk of the Senate
SB No. 390, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date:  April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.

Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives