

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BENEFIT, EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to sections 91-3 and 92-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human Services (DHS) will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to and compilation of rules chapter 17-663, Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), of the Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division, for the purpose of program expansion.

A brief description of the proposed rule amendment is listed below.

§17-663-169 Verification requirements. Deletes the requirement for net income to be at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty limit for Hawaii.

A public hearing will be held on:

Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

This will be a virtual event using Microsoft Teams.

There are two ways to participate in the public hearing: virtually online via the internet or by telephone conference call, or by written testimony. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and present relevant information to state their views relative to the proposed rules either orally or in writing for the department to consider.

Virtually online via Internet or Telephone Conference Call: Persons may present live video/oral testimony via internet or telephone during the virtual online public hearing. To participate, you will need either a computer with internet access, video camera and microphone, or a telephone. **To attend, please email your request at least 48 hours prior to the hearing date above to: bessd_fsp_mailbox@dhs.hawaii.gov, to receive the weblink to attend the virtual hearing via video conference call through Microsoft Teams. Please include your email address, full name, and telephone number. A confirmation will be sent to you with instructions, the meeting link, and the call-in telephone number.**

Written Testimony: Should written testimony be presented, one (1) copy shall be made available to the presiding officer at the public hearing or within seven (7) days before the hearing to:

Department of Human Services
Attn: Scott Nakasone
Benefit, Employment & Support Services Division
1010 Richards Street, Suite 512
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

If written testimony would be provided without attending the public hearing, written testimony must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

A copy of the proposed rules will be available via the DHS website at <http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/admin-rules-2/proposed-rules/> or by calling (808) 586-5720 during regular business days and hours, Monday through Friday excluding state holidays, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to request a copy at NO COST to any interested person, or by writing to:

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If you need any auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Office at (808) 586-5720 or bessd_fsp_mailbox@dhs.hawaii.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

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