

FOOD SECURITY AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses food security in the state.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the State Nutrition Action Coalition at Utah State University to coordinate state efforts in addressing food security; and
- ▶ describes the membership, duties, and reporting requirements of the State Nutrition Action Coalition.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

- ▶ to Utah State University -- Cooperative Extension, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, \$75,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

- 53B-18-1701**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 53B-18-1702**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 53B-18-1703**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-18-1701** is enacted to read:

Part 17. State Nutrition Action Coalition

53B-18-1701. Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (1) "Coalition" means the State Nutrition Action Coalition created in Section [53B-18-1702](#).
- (2) "Food security" means access to sufficient, affordable, safe, and nutritious food that meets an individual's food preferences and dietary needs.
- (3) "SNAP-Ed program" means the nutrition education component of the federal "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" under Title 7, U.S.C. Chapter 51, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- (4) "State superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction appointed under Section [53E-3-301](#).
- Section 2. Section **53B-18-1702** is enacted to read:
- 53B-18-1702. Creation of State Nutrition Action Coalition -- Members.**
- (1) There is created at Utah State University the State Nutrition Action Coalition.
- (2) The coalition is composed of the following 11 members:
- (a) the executive director of the Department of Health or the executive director's designee;
- (b) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the executive director's designee;
- (c) the state superintendent or the state superintendent's designee; and
- (d) the following members appointed by the chair of the coalition:
- (i) one member who represents the Utah State University Extension Service;
- (ii) one member who represents the Utah State University Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program;
- (iii) one member who represents the Utah Women, Infants, and Children Program administered under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1786;
- (iv) one member who represents the Utah SNAP-Ed program;

- 59 (v) one member who represents a food assistance organization;
- 60 (vi) one member who represents an advocacy group that addresses federal nutrition
- 61 programs;
- 62 (vii) one member who represents an organization that promotes healthy eating and
- 63 active lifestyles in the state; and
- 64 (viii) one member who represents an organization that provides refugee resettlement
- 65 services in the state.

- 66 (3) (a) A member described in Subsection (2)(d) shall serve a term of two years.
- 67 (b) If a vacancy occurs for a member described in Subsection (2)(d), the chair of the
- 68 coalition shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the member's term.

- 69 (c) A member may serve more than one term.

- 70 (4) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service.

- 71 (5) The coalition shall elect a chair from the coalition's members, who shall serve a
- 72 two-year term.

- 73 (6) (a) A majority of the members of the coalition constitutes a quorum of the
- 74 coalition.

- 75 (b) The action by a majority of the members of a quorum constitutes the action of the
- 76 coalition.

- 77 (7) The Utah State University Hunger Solutions Institute shall provide staff support to
- 78 the coalition.

79 Section 3. Section **53B-18-1703** is enacted to read:

80 **53B-18-1703. Duties of State Nutrition Action Coalition -- Reporting.**

- 81 (1) The coalition shall:

- 82 (a) examine the barriers to food security in the state;

- 83 (b) develop statewide goals and messaging related to food security and nutrition
- 84 education;

- 85 (c) coordinate statewide efforts to address food security;

- 86 (d) ensure that any state programs receiving federal funds from the United States
- 87 Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service provide consistent and coordinated
- 88 nutrition education messaging;

- 89 (e) promote programs and activities that contribute to healthy eating and active

90 lifestyles; and

91 (f) disseminate the statewide goals and messaging developed under Subsection (2) to
92 state agencies.

93 (2) On or before October 1 of each year, the coalition shall prepare and submit an
94 annual written report to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim
95 Committee and the Education Interim Committee that contains:

96 (a) a description of the coalition's operations, activities, programs, and services; and

97 (b) any recommendations on how the state should act to address issues relating to food
98 security.

99 (3) The coalition may accept gifts, grants, or donations from public or private sources
100 for purposes of carrying out the coalition's duties.

101 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

102 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
103 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
104 fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
105 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
106 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

107 ITEM 1

108 To Utah State University -- Cooperative Extension

109 From General Fund

\$75,000

110 Schedule of Programs:

111 Cooperative Extension

\$75,000

112 The Legislature intends that the appropriation under this item be used for expenses
113 relating to the State Nutrition Action Coalition created in Section [53B-18-1702](#).