

Senator Luz Escamilla proposes the following substitute bill:

FOOD SECURITY AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

House Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses food security in the state.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

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

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



26 [53B-18-1702](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

27 [53B-18-1703](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

31 **Part 17. Food Security Council**

32 **53B-18-1701. Definitions.**

33 As used in this part:

34 (1) "Council" means the Food Security Council created in Section [53B-18-1702](#).

35 (2) "Food security" means access to sufficient, affordable, safe, and nutritious food that
36 meets an individual's food preferences and dietary needs.

37 (3) "SNAP-Ed program" means the nutrition education component of the federal
38 "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" under Title 7, U.S.C. Chapter 51, Supplemental
39 Nutrition Assistance Program.

40 (4) "State superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction
41 appointed under Section [53E-3-301](#).

42 (5) "Utah food product" means a food product that is produced in the state.

43 Section 2. Section **53B-18-1702** is enacted to read:

44 **53B-18-1702. Creation of Food Security Council -- Members.**

45 (1) There is created at Utah State University the Food Security Council.

46 (2) The council is composed of the following 15 members:

47 (a) the executive director of the Department of Health and Human Services or the
48 executive director's designee;

49 (b) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the executive
50 director's designee;

51 (c) the state superintendent or the state superintendent's designee;

52 (d) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

53 (e) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food or the commissioner's
54 designee; and

55 (f) the following members appointed by the chair of the council:

56 (i) one member who represents the Utah State University Extension Service;

- 57 (ii) one member who represents the Utah State University Expanded Food and
58 Nutrition Education Program;
- 59 (iii) one member who represents the Utah Women, Infants, and Children Program
60 administered under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1786;
- 61 (iv) one member who represents the Utah SNAP-Ed program;
- 62 (v) one member who represents a food assistance organization;
- 63 (vi) one member who represents an advocacy group that addresses federal nutrition
64 programs;
- 65 (vii) one member who represents an organization that promotes healthy eating and
66 active lifestyles in the state;
- 67 (viii) one member who represents an organization that provides refugee resettlement
68 services in the state;
- 69 (ix) one member who represents the Utah Farm Bureau Federation; and
- 70 (x) one member who represents a tribal government in the state.
- 71 (3) (a) A member described in Subsection (2)(d) shall serve a term of two years.
- 72 (b) If a vacancy occurs for a member described in Subsection (2)(d), the chair of the
73 council shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the member's term.
- 74 (c) A member may serve more than one term.
- 75 (4) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service.
- 76 (5) The council shall elect a chair from the council's members, who shall serve a
77 two-year term.
- 78 (6) (a) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum of the council.
- 79 (b) The action by a majority of the members of a quorum constitutes the action of the
80 council.
- 81 (7) The Utah State University Hunger Solutions Institute shall provide staff support to
82 the council.

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

84 **53B-18-1703. Duties of Food Security Council -- Reporting.**

85 (1) The council shall:

- 86 (a) develop statewide goals and messaging related to food security and nutrition
87 education;

88 (b) coordinate statewide efforts to address food security;
 89 (c) ensure that any state programs receiving federal funds from the United States
 90 Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service provide consistent and coordinated
 91 nutrition education messaging;

92 (d) promote programs and activities that contribute to healthy eating and active
 93 lifestyles;

94 (e) promote programs and activities that advance Utah food products; and

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

97 (2) On or before October 1 of each year, the council shall prepare and submit an annual
 98 written report to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee, the
 99 Education Interim Committee, and the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment
 100 Interim Committee that contains:

101 (a) a description of the council's operations, activities, programs, and services; and

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

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

106 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

107 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
 108 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
 109 fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
 110 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
 111 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

112 ITEM 1

113 To Utah State University -- Cooperative Extension

114 From General Fund \$75,000

115 Schedule of Programs:

116 Cooperative Extension \$75,000

117 The Legislature intends that the appropriation under this item be used for expenses
 118 relating to the Food Security Council created in Section [53B-18-1702](#).