

STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):** 2150080
2. **Type of request:** Extension
3. **Statutory citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended
4. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.24
5. **State:** Hawaii
6. **Region:** WRO
7. **Regulatory requirements:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides that no able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) shall be eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received program benefits for more than 3 months during any 3-year period in which the individual was subject to but did not comply with the ABAWD work requirement. Section 6(o) also provides that, upon the request of the State agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of the 3-month ABAWD time limit for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.
8. **Description of alternative procedures:** The State of Hawaii is requesting to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) on Molokai Island from the SNAP time limit at 7 CFR 273.24.
9. **Justification for request:**
Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), areas may qualify for an ABAWD time limit waiver if they have insufficient jobs. To support this claim, states may submit evidence that an area has an average unemployment rate for a 24-month time period that is at least 20 percent above the national average for the same 24-month period. 7 CFR 273.24(f)(6) provides that States may define areas to be waived.

The Island of Molokai in the State of Hawaii is eligible for a waiver based on the island's average unemployment rate for the 24-month period of July 2016 through June 2018. The national average unemployment rate for this 24-month period was 4.4 percent; 20 percent above this was 5.3 percent. The island's unemployment rate for this period was 6.2 percent. These unemployment rates are calculated from data obtained from the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLRI),

since the national Bureau of Labor Statistics does not collect data for this island. The Hawaii DLRI collaborates with BLS to produce these estimates.¹

Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Data July 2016 through June 2018			
	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Molokai Island	3,750	60,050	6.2%
20% Above National Average Threshold	5.3%		

- 10. Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:**
This waiver will provide consistency for households and State agency operations in areas where unemployment remains higher than the national average.
- 11. Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable):**
The caseload for these areas, as of **September 1, 2018** represent **1.4%** of the caseload for the state. There are no quality control procedures involved.
- 12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:**
The State is requesting a one-year waiver, from December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019.
- 13. Proposed quality control review procedures:**
There are no special quality control procedures needed in conjunction with this waiver.
- 14. State agency submitting waiver request and State contact person:** Department of Human Services, Benefit, Employment and Support Services, SNAP Office, SNAP Administrator Pamela Higa.
- 15. Signature and title of requesting official:**



Title: Acting Benefit, Employment and Support Services Administrator
Email for transmission of response: SNakasone2@dhs.hawaii.gov

- 16. Date of request:** 10/03/18
- 17. State agency staff contact (name/email/telephone):** Pamela Higa/PHiga@dhs.hawaii.gov/808-586-5722

¹ The data used to support this request was downloaded from the Hawaii DLRI website: <https://www.hiwi.org/gsipub/index.asp?docid=417>.

18. Regional office contact person (*to be completed by FNS regional office*):

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**Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey
Original Data Value**

Series Id: LNU01000000, LNU030000000

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Series title (Unadj) Civilian Labor Force Level, (Unadj) Unemployment Level

Labor forc Civilian labor force, Unemployed

Type of da Number in thousands

Age: 16 years and over

Years: 2016 to 2018

<http://www.bls.gov/webapps/legacy/cpsatab1.htm>

National 24-Month Unemployment

Year	Month	Civilian labor		Unemployment		Unemployment rate
		force		Unemployment		
2016	Jan	157347		8309		5.3
2016	Feb	158279		8219		5.2
2016	Mar	158854		8116		5.1
2016	Apr	158488		7413		4.7
2016	May	158800		7207		4.5
2016	Jun	160135		8144		5.1
2016	Jul	160705		8267		5.1
2016	Aug	159800		7996		5.0
2016	Sep	159636		7658		4.8
2016	Oct	159783		7447		4.7
2016	Nov	159451		7066		4.4
2016	Dec	158968		7170		4.5
2017	Jan	158676		8149		5.1
2017	Feb	159482		7887		4.9
2017	Mar	159912		7284		4.6
2017	Apr	159817		6555		4.1
2017	May	159979		6572		4.1
2017	Jun	161337		7250		4.5
2017	Jul	161911		7441		4.6
2017	Aug	160863		7287		4.5
2017	Sep	161049		6556		4.1

Start date

End date

Jan-16
Feb-16
Mar-16
Apr-16
May-16
Jun-16
Jul-16
Aug-16
Sep-16
Dec-17
Jan-18
Feb-18
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Apr-18
May-18
Jun-18
Jul-18
Aug-18

2017	Oct	160465	6242	3.9
2017	Nov	160466	6286	3.9
2017	Dec	159880	6278	3.9
2018	Jan	160037	7189	4.5
2018	Feb	161494	7091	4.4
2018	Mar	161548	6671	4.1
2018	Apr	161280	5932	3.7
2018	May	161765	5756	3.6
2018	Jun	163277	6812	4.2
2018	Jul	163734	6730	4.1
2018	Aug	161909	6370	3.9

Average Civilian labor force	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (Rounded)	20% Above the National Average (Rounded)
3,834,083	176,799	4.6	5.5
3,836,773	175,679	4.6	5.5
3,839,988	174,551	4.5	5.4
3,842,682	173,106	4.5	5.4
3,845,474	171,625	4.5	5.4
3,848,439	170,174	4.4	5.3
3,851,581	168,842	4.4	5.3
3,854,610	167,305	4.3	5.2
3,856,719	165,679	4.3	5.1

AREAS IN HAWAII THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR WAIVERS ON THE BASIS OF

JUL 2016 - JUN 2018

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Step 1
Step 2
Step 3
Step 4

Please see worksheet entitled "Step 1" for monthly labor force numbers
 Please see worksheet entitled "Step 2" for 24-month labor force totals
 Please see worksheet entitled "Step 3" for monthly unemployed numbers
 Please see worksheet entitled "Step 4" for 24-month unemployed totals

	from Step 2 JUL 2016 - JUN 2018	from Step 4 JUL 2016 - JUN 2018	Step 5 JUL 2016 - JUN 2018
	Total labor force	Total number of unemployed	Average Unemployment Rate (unrounded) Unemployment Rate (4 decimal places)
U.S. National Average	3,851,581	168,842	0.0438 0.0525
Molokai Island	60,050	3,750	0.06245 0.0624

Data from Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Research and Statistics Office, LAUS Program, available at <https://www.hawaii.gov/dli/laus/>
 Data are rounded to the nearest 50.

	Step 6	Step 7
JUN 2018	JUL 2016 - JUN 2018	JUL 2016 - JUN 2018
Unemployment Rate (all places)	Average Unemployment Rate (multiply by 100)	Average Unemployment Rate (one decimal place)
	4.38	4.4
	5.25	5.3
	6.24	6.2

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Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey

Series Id: LNU01000000
Not Seasonally Adjusted
Series title: (Unadj) Civilian Labor Force Level
Labor force status: Civilian labor force
Type of data: Number in thousands
Age: 16 years and over

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Series Id	Year	Period	Value
LNU01000000	2016	M01	157347(1)
LNU01000000	2016	M02	158279
LNU01000000	2016	M03	158854
LNU01000000	2016	M04	158488
LNU01000000	2016	M05	158800
LNU01000000	2016	M06	160135
LNU01000000	2016	M07	160705
LNU01000000	2016	M08	159800
LNU01000000	2016	M09	159636
LNU01000000	2016	M10	159783
LNU01000000	2016	M11	159451
LNU01000000	2016	M12	158968
LNU01000000	2017	M01	158676(1)
LNU01000000	2017	M02	159482
LNU01000000	2017	M03	159912
LNU01000000	2017	M04	159817
LNU01000000	2017	M05	159979
LNU01000000	2017	M06	161337
LNU01000000	2017	M07	161911
LNU01000000	2017	M08	160863
LNU01000000	2017	M09	161049
LNU01000000	2017	M10	160465
LNU01000000	2017	M11	160466
LNU01000000	2017	M12	159880
LNU01000000	2018	M01	160037(1)
LNU01000000	2018	M02	161494
LNU01000000	2018	M03	161548
LNU01000000	2018	M04	161280
LNU01000000	2018	M05	161765
LNU01000000	2018	M06	163277
LNU01000000	2018	M07	163734
LNU01000000	2018	M08	161909

1 : Data affected by changes in population controls.

Series Id: LNU03000000
Not Seasonally Adjusted

Series title: (Unadj) Unemployment Level
Labor force status: Unemployed
Type of data: Number in thousands
Age: 16 years and over

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Series id	Year	Period	Value
LN003000000	2016	M01	8309
LN003000000	2016	M02	8219
LN003000000	2016	M03	8116
LN003000000	2016	M04	7413
LN003000000	2016	M05	7207
LN003000000	2016	M06	8144
LN003000000	2016	M07	8267
LN003000000	2016	M08	7996
LN003000000	2016	M09	7658
LN003000000	2016	M10	7447
LN003000000	2016	M11	7066
LN003000000	2016	M12	7170
LN003000000	2017	M01	8149
LN003000000	2017	M02	7887
LN003000000	2017	M03	7284
LN003000000	2017	M04	6555
LN003000000	2017	M05	6572
LN003000000	2017	M06	7250
LN003000000	2017	M07	7441
LN003000000	2017	M08	7287
LN003000000	2017	M09	6556
LN003000000	2017	M10	6242
LN003000000	2017	M11	6286
LN003000000	2017	M12	6278
LN003000000	2018	M01	7189
LN003000000	2018	M02	7091
LN003000000	2018	M03	6671
LN003000000	2018	M04	5932
LN003000000	2018	M05	5756
LN003000000	2018	M06	6812
LN003000000	2018	M07	6730
LN003000000	2018	M08	6370

Series Id: LN04000000
Not Seasonally Adjusted
Series title: (Unadj) Unemployment Rate
Labor force status: Unemployment rate
Type of data: Percent or rate
Age: 16 years and over

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Series id	Year	Period	Value
LN040000000	2016	M01	5.3
LN040000000	2016	M02	5.2
LN040000000	2016	M03	5.1
LN040000000	2016	M04	4.7
LN040000000	2016	M05	4.5
LN040000000	2016	M06	5.1
LN040000000	2016	M07	5.1
LN040000000	2016	M08	5.0
LN040000000	2016	M09	4.8
LN040000000	2016	M10	4.7
LN040000000	2016	M11	4.4
LN040000000	2016	M12	4.5
LN040000000	2017	M01	5.1
LN040000000	2017	M02	4.9

Series id	Year	Period	Value
LNUP4000000	2017	M03	4.6
LNUP4000000	2017	M04	4.1
LNUP4000000	2017	M05	4.1
LNUP4000000	2017	M06	4.5
LNUP4000000	2017	M07	4.6
LNUP4000000	2017	M08	4.5
LNUP4000000	2017	M09	4.1
LNUP4000000	2017	M10	3.9
LNUP4000000	2017	M11	3.9
LNUP4000000	2017	M12	3.9
LNUP4000000	2018	M01	4.5
LNUP4000000	2018	M02	4.4
LNUP4000000	2018	M03	4.1
LNUP4000000	2018	M04	3.7
LNUP4000000	2018	M05	3.6
LNUP4000000	2018	M06	4.2
LNUP4000000	2018	M07	4.1
LNUP4000000	2018	M08	3.9

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