

**Amendment offered by Rep. Jill Tokuda****Amendment description**

The amendment prohibits this Act from taking effect until the Secretary of Agriculture, the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, the Administrator of the Economic Research Service, and relevant State agencies issue reports evaluating and certifying that changes to nutrition assistance programs will not result in a decrease in benefits to eligible individuals or reductions in participation due to changes to eligibility for individuals located in rural areas.

**AMENDMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_**  
**OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII**

Add at the end the following:

**1 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CONDITIONAL EFFECTIVENESS.**

2       Subtitle A, and the amendments made by subtitle A,  
3 shall only take effect upon the Secretary of Agriculture,  
4 the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, the  
5 Administrator of the Economic Research Service, and all  
6 State agencies (as defined in section 3 of the Food and  
7 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)) issuing reports  
8 evaluating and certifying that any changes made by sub-  
9 title A, or the amendments made by subtitle A, to the sup-  
10 plemental nutrition assistance program will not result in  
11 a decrease in benefits to eligible individuals or reductions  
12 in participation due to changes to eligibility for individuals  
13 located in rural areas in comparison to what would have  
14 occurred in the absence of subtitle A, and the amendments  
15 made by subtitle A.

