

REGULAR CALENDAR

April 12, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs to which was referred SB 403-FN-A,

AN ACT re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Dennis Acton

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs
Bill Number:	SB 403-FN-A
Title:	re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.
Date:	April 12, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill reestablishes the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (known as WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program. The program enables thousands of low income NH children enrolled in the program to obtain a one-time \$30 credit per child to purchase fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets around the state. The amount of the credit is partially funded by federal grants and would require an appropriation of \$300,000 at the state level to provide this benefit and to operate the program. Among the numerous benefits of this legislation include the ability to educate low income families on the availability of nutritious, locally grown produce, to develop healthy eating habits within a population that has struggled with obtaining nutritious food, and to help expand the market for our local farmers while lessening the need to ship produce thousands of miles. This bill is a small but very meaningful way to develop local food production and help citizens develop healthy eating habits that will benefit them for a lifetime.

Vote 14-7.

Rep. Dennis Acton
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

SB 403-FN-A, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Dennis Acton for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill reestablishes the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (known as WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program. The program enables thousands of low income NH children enrolled in the program to obtain a one-time \$30 credit per child to purchase fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets around the state. The amount of the credit is partially funded by federal grants and would require an appropriation of \$300,000 at the state level to provide this benefit and to operate the program. Among the numerous benefits of this legislation include the ability to educate low income families on the availability of nutritious, locally grown produce, to develop healthy eating habits within a population that has struggled with obtaining nutritious food, and to help expand the market for our local farmers while lessening the need to ship produce thousands of miles. This bill is a small but very meaningful way to develop local food production and help citizens develop healthy eating habits that will benefit them for a lifetime. **Vote 14-7.**

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The Minority of the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs to which was referred SB 403-FN-A,

AN ACT re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the recommendation that the bill be REFERRED FOR INTERIM STUDY.

Rep. Erica Layon

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

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Recommendation:	REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The minority believes that there are likely better and more New Hampshire- specific ways to get locally grown vegetables on the plates of young children and their mothers. Giving a \$30 credit for produce at farmers markets doesn't address our greater issue of imperfect food not reaching our hungry residents. Further, committee members expressed concern that our farmers may end up having trouble redeeming the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funds based upon experience with paper WIC systems in the past. With Interim Study, this summer could provide a working lab to move food wasted today for non-health reasons onto tables and to find the roadblocks or fast lanes of the current system to address in legislation in the next session.

Rep. Erica Layon
FOR THE MINORITY

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Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # SB403-FN

TITLE: AN ACT re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.

DATE: 4/12/2022

LOB ROOM: 205-7

MOTION:

ITL

Moved by Rep. Layon Seconded by Rep. Kofalt Vote: 6-15

MOTION:

OTP

Moved by Rep. Acton Seconded by Rep. Shapiro Vote: 14-7

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

Minority Report? Yes If yes, author, Rep: Layon Motion Interim Study

Respectfully submitted: baf

Rep. Beth Folsom, Clerk

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2022 SESSION

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

Bill #: SB403 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 4/12/2022

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Pearson, Mark A. Chairman			
Layon, Erica J. Vice Chairman	Y		
McMahon, Charles E.			
Acton, Dennis F.			
Gay, Betty I.			
Cushman, Leah P. Rep. Mooney	Y		
Folsom, Beth A. Clerk	Y		
Kelsey, Niki Rep. Boehm	Y		
King, Bill C.	Y		
Kofalt, Jim	Y		
DeLemus, Susan	Y		
Weber, Lucy M.		N	
Mackay, James R.		N	
Snow, Kendall A.		N	
Knirk, Jerry L.		N	
Salloway, Jeffrey C.		N	
Cannon, Gerri D.		N	
Nutter-Upham, Frances E.		N	
Schapiro, Joe		N	
Woods, Gary L.		N	
Merchant, Gary Rep. Query		N	
TOTAL VOTE:	6	15	

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Pearson, Mark A. Chairman	Y		
Layon, Erica J. Vice Chairman		N	
McMahon, Charles E.	Y		
Acton, Dennis F.	Y		
Gay, Betty I.	Y		
Cushman, Leah P. Rep. Mooney		N	
Folsom, Beth A. Clerk		N	
Kelsey, Niki Rep. Boehm		N	
King, Bill C.		N	
Kofalt, Jim		N	
DeLemus, Susan		N	
Weber, Lucy M.	Y		
Mackay, James R.	Y		
Snow, Kendall A.	Y		
Knirk, Jerry L.	Y		
Salloway, Jeffrey C.	Y		
Cannon, Gerri D.	Y		
Nutter-Upham, Frances E.	Y		
Schapiro, Joe	Y		
Woods, Gary L.	Y		
Merchant, Gary Rep. Query	Y		
TOTAL VOTE:	14	7	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING on Bill # SB403

BILL TITLE: AN ACT re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmer's Market Nutritional Program.

DATE: 4/12/2022

ROOM: LOB 205-207

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 12:40pm

Time Adjourned: 1:21pm

Committee Members: Reps. M. Pearson, Layon, Folsom, Acton, McMahon, Cushman, Kelsey, Gay, B. King, Kofalt, MacKay, DeLemus, Weber, Knirk, Nutter-Upham, Salloway, Snow, Cannon, Schapiro, Woods and Merchant,

TESTIMONY

Sen Whitley

Supplies food locally through farmer's market, good policy – WIC Farmers, 100% match of Federal dollars, this is WIC not SNAP, Farmer's are throwing away remaining product.

Ben Cornwell, NH Food Bank – supports

Tax dollars going to foreign countries who grow produce, there is extensive training on what can and can not be sold

Dellie Champaign, Save the Children Action Network - supports

Melissa Reep Testimony

Tiffany Dodier, NH Hunger Solutions – supports

Handouts, Testimony & Flyer

Lissa Sirors, DHHS supports

WIC – 9,000 children get \$30 additional funding, every year

Rep Jess Edwards – opposes

“Non-Lapsing” line 12 – defer to finance
Inflationary by definition

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Beth Folsom, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill SB403 on 2022-04-12

Support: 105 Oppose: 2 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Birdsell, Senator Regina	Hampstead, NH regina.birdsell@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Senate District 19	Support	No	No	4/4/2022 3:50 PM
Ricciardi, Senator Denise	Bedford, NH denise.ricciardi@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Senate District 19	Support	No	No	4/4/2022 3:51 PM
Hennessey, Erin	Senate District 1, NH peter.oneill@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	4/5/2022 10:34 AM
Bradley, Jeb	SD3, NH jeb.bradley@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	SD3	Support	No	No	4/6/2022 9:43 AM
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McKinney, Dawn	Concord, NH dmckinney@nhla.org	A Lobbyist	NH Legal Assistance	Support	No	No	4/8/2022 3:27 PM
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Dear Chairman Pearson and Members of the committee:

Please find attached testimony for DHHS on SB403, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

The Department will be at the hearing this morning to provide testimony and to answer any questions that the committee might have regarding our testimony.

Best regards,

Abby Rogers

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April 12, 2022

The Honorable Mark Pearson, Chair
House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 205
Concord, NH 03301

RE: New Futures Support of SB403 - re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Dear Chairman Pearson and Honorable Members of the Committee:

New Futures appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in support of SB 403. New Futures is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates, educates, and collaborates to improve the health and wellness of all New Hampshire residents. As New Hampshire's authorized Kids Count organization, New Futures also advocates for data-based policies that support Granite State families.

New Futures supports SB 403 because re-establishing The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers will help to address food insecurity by enabling low-income families to access additional fresh fruits and vegetables. When low-income mothers have access to fresh local, produce, they can help their children to eat healthier and support family farmers with their purchasing power. Research has shown that the impact of certain adversity, including poverty, in early childhood negatively impacts lifelong health outcome and increases state costs. The WIC Farmers market benefit program helps compact the negative health and life impacts of poverty¹

For these reasons, New Futures urges the committee to vote SB 403 Ought to Pass.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Woitkowski, Esq.
Kids Count Policy Director

¹ Families where caregivers can meet basic needs of food, shelter, and health services for children is a protective factor against the impacts of ACES- <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/riskprotectivefactors.html>

Melissa Proulx

I wholeheartedly support this bill, which would help families access nutritious foods while also benefiting small businesses, our local economy, and even the environment, when you consider the farming practices of small local farms that sell at farmers markets compared to large factory farms. This would be an excellent way to support the wellbeing of low-income families, including growing children who especially need access to healthy food, while also raising awareness and attendance of New Hampshire's wonderful farmer's markets, which are a wonderful, community-bolstering summertime excursion that brings people outside and brings people together.

Charles Rhoades

As a former executive director of an agency that administered the WIC program, I strongly support this bill. Helping mothers and children in need obtain the healthiest foods available, those grown locally right here in New Hampshire, this bill deserves your full support.

Edith Couchman

I would like to add my name to the many advocating on behalf of this important bill which will help improve the health of food insecure children and women by providing better access to fresh, nutritious, local produce. It will also help small scale NH farmers and bring more federal dollars into the state's agricultural economy. The latter is important if we're to build more regional food self reliance and climate resilience.

Kenneth Dolkart

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Taken from the following passage of [Stave 1](#) (Marley's Ghost) of [A Christmas Carol](#):

I cannot express the eloquence in support of those who need our assistance better than Charles Dickens. Unlike some, I do not think "parents should be responsible for feeding their own children" if they are unable to, for whatever reason! Let's have a little compassion, even if it's not Christmas.

Please vote to support SB 403 - FN - A

Maureen Ellermann

Concord

"At this festive season of the year, Mr. Scrooge," said the gentleman, taking up a pen, "it is more than usually desirable that we should make some slight provision for the Poor and destitute, who suffer greatly at the present time. [Many thousands are in want of common necessities; hundreds of thousands are in want of common comforts](#), sir."

"Are there no prisons?" asked Scrooge.

*"Plenty of prisons," said the gentleman, laying down the pen again.
"And the Union workhouses?" demanded Scrooge. "Are they still in operation?"*

"They are. Still," returned the gentleman, "I wish I could say they were not."

*"The Treadmill and the Poor Law are in full vigor, then?" said Scrooge.
"Both very busy, sir."*

"Oh! I was afraid, from what you said at first, that something had occurred to stop them in their useful course," said Scrooge. "I'm very glad to hear it."

"Under the impression that they scarcely furnish Christian cheer of mind or body to the multitude," returned the gentleman, "a few of us are endeavoring to raise a fund to buy the Poor some meat and drink, and means of warmth. We choose this time, because [it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices](#). What shall I put you down for?"

"Nothing!" Scrooge replied.

"You wish to be anonymous?"

"I wish to be left alone," said Scrooge. "Since you ask me what I wish, gentlemen, that is my answer. I don't make merry myself at Christmas and I can't afford to make idle people merry. I help to support the establishments I have mentioned—they cost enough; and those who are badly off must go there."

"Many can't go there; and many would rather die."

"**If they would rather die,**" said Scrooge, "**they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population.** Besides—excuse me—I don't know that."

"But you might know it," observed the gentleman.

"It's not my business," Scrooge returned. "It's enough for a man to understand his own business, and not to interfere with other people's. Mine occupies me constantly. Good afternoon, gentlemen!"

Seeing clearly that it would be useless to pursue their point, the gentlemen withdrew. Scrooge resumed his labors with an improved opinion of himself, and in a more facetious temper than was usual with him.



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April 12, 2022

Representative Mark Pearson, Chair
House of Representatives
Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: SB 403-FN-A, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Dear Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair and Members of the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee:

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) is in support of re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)- Farmers Market Nutrition Program. This bill will allow an estimated 9,000 low income children ages 1-4, enrolled in the New Hampshire WIC Nutrition Program to receive a one-time thirty dollar (\$30) benefit to redeem for fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables at NH farmers markets. NH DHHS was approved to implement the WIC Farmers Market Program and awarded a grant of \$129,160 in Federal Fiscal Year 2022. While this award will allow the state to re-establish the program, it requires a 30% match on the administrative dollars and does not provide adequate food funding to issue every child enrolled in the public health WIC nutrition program a one-time \$30 benefit. The federal award alone only provides enough funding for a one-time benefit of \$10 to each child, whereas Senate Bill 403 will provide up to a \$30 benefit for each child, ages 1-4, thus increasing access to fresh, local healthy fruits and vegetables and further supporting New Hampshire's farmers.

The Farmers Market Nutrition Program was established by Congress in 1992 to provide fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs through farmers' markets to WIC participants, and to expand awareness, use of, and sales at farmers' markets. Eligible WIC participants are issued a one-time summer coupon to redeem at local farmers markets; if the coupon is not redeemed, the funds are not expended. The coupons are used to buy fresh local produce from NH farmers at farmer's markets, which increases our dependence on local produce while supporting NH farmers. The farmers then submit the redeemed FMNP coupons for reimbursement. NH WIC anticipates participation in the Program from 39 farmers markets and more than 100 NH farmers, covering all ten counties.

The WIC Nutrition Program, administered by the NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services contracts with four local agencies in the community to provide specific healthy foods, nutrition and health education as well as referrals for healthcare and social services across the state. The WIC Program is a federally funded discretionary program with more than 40 years of success and evidence based health outcomes, yielding healthier infants, school ready children and full term pregnancies. New Hampshire WIC currently serves almost 10,000 low-income households making up just under 9,000 children ages 1 to 4. The WIC Programs' income guidelines allow a household to be eligible if their income is at or below 185% Federal Poverty Level.

The re-establishment of the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program will allow children access to local, fresh fruits and vegetables grown by local NH farmers. To help children and families develop healthy eating habits, it is important to provide plenty of vegetables and fruits¹. The WIC Program normally offers \$9 a month, per child, for purchasing fruits and vegetables at an authorized grocery store (not authorized to be redeemed at a farmers market).

The re-establishment of the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program will provide fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs through NH farmers' markets to WIC participants, and expand awareness, use of, and sales at NH farmers' markets.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach me at 603-271-0571 or via email at Lissa.Sirois@dhhs.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia M Tilley". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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¹ 1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Strategies to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases: The CDC Guide to Strategies to Increase the Consumption of Fruits and Vegetables. U.S Department of Health and Human Services.



Save the Children

Action Network™

April 12, 2022

Dear Chairman Pearson and honorable members of the committee,

At Save the Children Action Network, we believe all children deserve a strong start. Since 2014 we have worked in partnership with community volunteers, policy advocates, and state legislators to improve outcomes for children in the Granite State. That is why I offer this testimony in strong support of SB 403 which allows WIC families to access healthy foods at farmers markets. This policy not only benefits families but also NH's local farmers, and I encourage the committee to recommend Ought to Pass.

In my work with families and providers it is often reported that at-risk children in New Hampshire have limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Allowing families to pursue a farm to table option lays a foundation for future healthy choices. Healthy choices lead to an overall healthy populace with minimal poor health outcomes. This is a win for consumers and the overall economy of NH.

We know that 15,108 NH families rely on WIC benefits. Adding fresh fruits and vegetables to their meals is a common sense approach to mitigate illness and disease. Our children deserve a healthy start.

Save the Children Action Network hopes you will join us in supporting SB 403. This smart piece of legislation is an investment in the future of our children, our local economy, and our state.

Sincerely,

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April 12, 2022

Representative Mark Pearson, Chair
House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: SB 403-FN-A, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Dear Representative Pearson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tiffany Dodier, and I am the Community Engagement Director speaking on behalf of NH Hunger Solutions, a non-profit that seeks to end hunger in NH. Part of my role is to coordinate the NH Food Access Coalition, a statewide group composed of nonprofits, research institutions, medical organizations, state agencies, and businesses across NH's food system. Since the outset of the pandemic, this group has advocated for policies that improve access to nutritious food for all New Hampshire's people.

Today we submit this testimony on behalf of our partners to state our strong support of Senate Bill 403, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program. This bill supports an evidence-based strategy to connect more women and young children to fresh, locally grown produce while supporting our farmers and bolstering local economies.

A large part of my day-to-day work includes collaborating with organizations across the state to address hunger in NH. The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this work more than ever. It is because of the increased connectedness of NH organizations working to end hunger that we know this is the right time to re-establish the WIC FMNP. We now have the infrastructure in the state to support the administration thanks to programs like Granite State Market Match, which you will hear testimony about today as a viable model for the WIC FMNP. We have a growing list of over 200 partners in all corners of the state where we endeavor to support the development of local food access coalitions. These coalitions make possible widespread campaigns to promote the use of WIC FMNP and education about the importance of eating fresh and eating local to our individual health and the health of our local economy.

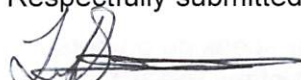
This bill is important now because increasing numbers of our neighbors report having trouble securing adequate nutrition, over 55,000 NH adults as of February. Relatedly, The U.S. Department of Labor just reported an over 6% rise in food costs in the last 12 months - this calls for measures that keep fresh produce affordable for our most vulnerable people. This bill does that while also helping NH farmers.

As a registered dietitian, I know the importance of fresh produce intake to young children and pregnant women for optimal growth and development. We also know earlier exposure to fresh fruits and vegetables leads to greater consumption as older children, thus contributing to overall health in our children and less strain on our healthcare system. We have the infrastructure to support the administration of a WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and should take advantage of that.

A final point to remember is what is known as the multiplier effect. Every federal dollar spent on food purchases, through WIC or SNAP, for example, has been shown to generate at least \$1.50 in local economic activity. NH residents purchase food from farmers, who use that money to support their business by purchasing supplies from others, and so on.

This bill represents a thoughtful, conservative and innovative investment in the health of our mothers and children, and local farms and farmers, as well. I urge the Committee to recommend SB403 ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,



Tiffany Dodier, MPH, MS, RD
NH Hunger Solutions
Community Engagement Director

SUPPORT

SB403 re-establishing the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program



WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

SB 403

WHAT IS IT?

- This program provides coupons to WIC participants* to buy fresh, unprepared, locally grown fruits and vegetables from state agency approved farmers, farmers' markets or roadside stands (1)
- Federal funds support 100 percent of the food costs and 70 percent of the administrative costs of the program



WHAT WILL IT DO?

- The bill appropriates \$300,000 for administration and enhancement of the WIC FMNP, providing an additional \$30 benefit to be used at farmers' markets
- The state match will draw down federal funds determined annually from federal budget appropriations
- The bill will improve the awareness, use of, and sales at farmers' markets

WHY NOW?

- Farmers' market infrastructure now exists in the state to support the program administration
- There is now increased interest among farmers and recipients in the program
- Dept of Labor just reported an over 6% rise in food costs in last 12 months - this calls for helping people stretch their benefit dollars and this does so locally while helping farmers
- Allowing federal nutrition program participants to spend dollars at farmers' markets may be one way to increase market share for farmers by connecting them to new customers

(1) WIC is a federally funded nutrition program for *pregnant and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5 that has been shown to not only improve their health of women, infants and children but does so cost effectively.

BENEFITS TO NH



Benefits farmers and communities



Benefits the local economy with \$1.50 activity for every \$1 spent



Benefits NH women and children with improved diets and health

SB 403-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2962

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SENATE BILL ***403-FN-A***

AN ACT re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

SPONSORS: Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. Myler, Merr. 10; Rep. Wazir, Merr. 17; Rep. Luneau, Merr. 10; Rep. Deshaies, Carr. 6

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill re-establishes the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC Farmers Market Nutrition
2 Program. Amend RSA 132 by inserting after section 12-e the following new section:

3 132:12-f WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. There is established in the department of
4 health and human services the New Hampshire Farmers' Market Nutrition Program for participants
5 in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The
6 program shall distribute food instruments to eligible WIC participants to redeem for locally grown
7 fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs at authorized New Hampshire farmers' markets in compliance
8 with 7 C.F.R. 248 that are redeemable only at designated New Hampshire farmers' markets. The
9 commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A to implement this program.

10 2 Appropriation; WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. There is hereby appropriated to the
11 department of health and human services the sum of \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30,
12 2023, which shall be nonlapsing, for the purpose of funding the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition
13 Program in RSA 132:12-f. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any
14 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

15 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

**SB 403-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
 AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Potential matching federal funds			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes a NH farmer's market program for participants in the women, infants, and children (WIC) nutrition program. The program will supply locally grown fresh produce to WIC participants through the distribution of vouchers redeemable at designated NH farmers' markets. The bill contains a nonlapsing general fund appropriation of \$300,000 for this purpose in FY23. The Department of Health and Human Services states that the program may be eligible for matching funds, but has not identified the percentage match that it expects to receive. With respect to utilization, the Department states the appropriation and possible federal match could be used to provide a \$30 one-time benefit to the estimated 11,977 low-income women and children enrolled in the WIC program.

The Department anticipates needing a 0.25 full-time equivalent (FTE) Program Assistant II position (labor grade 15) in order to administer the new program. The pro-rated cost of this position, including benefits and miscellaneous expenses, is estimated at \$17,000 in FY23, \$17,800 in FY24, and \$18,500 in FY25.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Health and Human Services