



# Food Security Council

August 31, 2023

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Healthy People. **Healthy Communities.**

# Agenda

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# Welcome

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Director, DHEC



# Introductions

Department on  
Aging

Department of  
Agriculture

Department of  
Education

Department of  
Health and  
Environmental  
Control

Department of  
Social Services

Department of  
Health and Human  
Services

Clemson University  
Public Service and  
Agriculture (PSA)

SC State University  
Public Service  
Activities (PSA)



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# Vision

**The Honorable Thomas C. Alexander**  
President of the South Carolina Senate

# Purpose + Proviso Review

## **As established in Proviso 34.70 of H.4300, the Council shall:**

- Examine state agency programs addressing food insecurity in SC through monetary benefits or meal services covering infants through senior citizens.
- Identify gaps in service, especially for most vulnerable populations; and
- Make recommendations on improvements to existing services and additional programs.

## **Proviso deliverable:**

- Report of recommendations submitted to legislature by January 31, 2024.

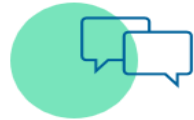
# Proposed Timeline



## Convene Council + Establish Goals

**August 2023**

Review proviso requirements, establish goals, and determine timeline.



## Inventory + Other Resources Feedback

**September 2023**

Each agency to provide feedback on current state of existing services, and any other relevant information. DHEC to provide document.



## Draft Recommendations

**October 2023**

Council discusses and drafts recommendations.



## Final Recommendations + Draft Report

**November 2023**

Council votes on final recommendations. DHEC begins drafting report.



## Final Review

**December 2023**

Each agency provides final feedback on draft report. DHEC will incorporate and finalize report.



## Final Report Submitted to Legislature

**January 2024**

Report containing final recommendations submitted by January 31, 2024.



# Next Steps

**Following meeting** – DHEC to share agency inventory for review and feedback

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** – inventory feedback and other relevant information and resources due to DHEC

**September 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>** – proposed next meeting





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