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Rep Dillon's Senior Food Benefits Bill Clears the Environment Committee

Rep Pat Dillon (D-New Haven), co-sponsor of legislation to expand food benefits for seniors, hailed its passage in the General Assembly's Environment Committee. Dillon serves on the committee, and nutrition is a key priority.

The proposal, [HB 5734](#), would establish a minimum voucher amount of \$21 to senior citizens participating in the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Senior Nutrition Program. At the October 2014 meeting of the New Haven Commission on Aging, Rep. Dillon heard concerns from constituents about increasing food prices and submitted proposed legislation that became the basis of the current bill.

“I heard directly from New Haven seniors that they are very concerned about food prices,” Rep. Dillon said. “Food benefits are not keeping up with food prices. In a difficult budget year, we would need to add dollars so seniors will be served. But adoption by the Environment Committee is an important step.”



Rep. Dillon at the Oct. 2014 meeting of the New Haven Commission on Aging