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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT  
OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, AND THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
TO ASSIST MOLOKAI HOMESTEADERS AND FARMERS TO DIVERSIFY,  
INCREASE, AND PROMOTE THEIR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

1           WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation was  
2 established to make optimum use of the State's agricultural  
3 assets, including large tracts of land abandoned by the sugar  
4 and pineapple industries, and develop an aggressive and dynamic  
5 agricultural development program; and  
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7           WHEREAS, section 163D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides,  
8 in part, that the Agribusiness Development Corporation is "to  
9 carry on the marketing analysis to direct agricultural industry  
10 evolution, and to provide the leadership for the development,  
11 financing, improvement, or enhancement of agricultural  
12 enterprises"; and  
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14           WHEREAS, it was once projected that the central plains of  
15 Molokai, formerly covered by large tracts of pineapple acreage,  
16 had the potential to be the bread basket of the State, producing  
17 enough fresh produce to feed the entire State, thereby negating  
18 the need to import fresh produce; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the central plains of Molokai are serviced by the  
21 Molokai irrigation system, operated and maintained by the  
22 Department of Agriculture; and  
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24           WHEREAS, a very predominant portion of all farming  
25 activities on the Molokai central plains is undertaken by native  
26 Hawaiian homesteaders and farmers on Department of Hawaiian Home  
27 Lands property; and  
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29           WHEREAS, the primary charge of the Office of Hawaiian  
30 Affairs is the betterment of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; and  
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1           WHEREAS, a part of the duties and responsibilities of the  
2 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, as set forth in section 10-5, Hawaii  
3 Revised Statutes, is to provide grants and make available  
4 technical and financial assistance and advisory services for  
5 individuals, agencies, and private organizations for native  
6 Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs; now, therefore,

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8           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
10 of 2006, that the Agribusiness Development Corporation is  
11 requested to coordinate the efforts of the Department of  
12 Agriculture, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the  
13 Office of Hawaiian Affairs to assist the Department of Hawaiian  
14 Home Lands homesteaders and farmers on Molokai to diversify,  
15 increase, and promote their agricultural products; and

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17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development  
18 Corporation is requested to work with the Department of  
19 Agriculture to ensure that the Molokai irrigation system is in  
20 optimum operating condition and providing sufficient irrigation  
21 water to meet the requirements of the Molokai homesteaders and  
22 farmers; and

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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development  
25 Corporation is requested to work with the Department of Hawaiian  
26 Home Lands to make available additional arable lands in Molokai  
27 with sufficient irrigation water for native Hawaiian  
28 homesteaders and farmers; and

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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development  
31 Corporation is requested to work with the Office of Hawaiian  
32 Affairs to jointly establish programs that include grants and  
33 financial aid, technical assistance, and advisory services to  
34 assist the Molokai homesteaders and farmers to diversify,  
35 increase, and promote their agricultural products; and

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37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
39 Directors and the Executive Director of the Agribusiness  
40 Development Corporation, the Chairperson of the Board of  
41 Agriculture, the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission,



1 and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of  
2 Hawaiian Affairs.  
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