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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the down-sizing of  
2 the sugar and pineapple industries are leaving vast acres of  
3 arable land, irrigation water, and agricultural infrastructure  
4 available for new and more diverse agricultural ventures. To  
5 meet this challenge, the legislature created the agribusiness  
6 development corporation.

7           The purpose of this Act is to direct the office of planning  
8 to create an action plan to:

9           (1) Transfer many of the responsibilities of the board of  
10           agriculture and the department of agriculture to the  
11           agribusiness development corporation and to the  
12           department of business, economic development, and  
13           tourism; and

14           (2) Transfer the agribusiness development corporation from  
15           the department of agriculture to the department of  
16           business, economic development, and tourism for  
17           administrative purposes.



1 SECTION 2. The office of planning is directed to develop  
2 an action plan for the transfer of the following  
3 responsibilities:

4 (1) From the board of agriculture and the department of  
5 agriculture to the agribusiness development  
6 corporation:

7 (A) The development and management of irrigation  
8 systems, pursuant to chapter 167, Hawaii Revised  
9 Statutes;

10 (B) The development and management of irrigation and  
11 water utilization projects, pursuant to chapter  
12 168, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

13 (C) The development and management of agricultural  
14 parks, pursuant to chapter 166, Hawaii Revised  
15 Statutes;

16 (D) The development and management of non-  
17 agricultural park land, pursuant to chapter 166E,  
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes;

19 (E) The operation of the agricultural loan programs,  
20 pursuant to chapter 155, Hawaii Revised Statutes;



1 (F) The agricultural processing, grading, and  
2 standards responsibilities, pursuant to chapters  
3 145 and 147, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

4 (G) The implementation and oversight of the Milk  
5 Control Act and the Hawaii Meat Inspection Act,  
6 pursuant to chapters 157 and 159, Hawaii Revised  
7 Statutes, respectively; and

8 (2) From the board of agriculture and department of  
9 agriculture to the department of business, economic  
10 development, and tourism, all advertising and  
11 marketing responsibilities, pursuant to chapter 148,  
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 SECTION 3. The office of planning shall include in the  
14 action plan the transfer of the agribusiness development  
15 corporation from the department of agriculture to the department  
16 of business, economic development, and tourism for  
17 administrative purposes.

18 SECTION 4. The office of planning shall submit the action  
19 plan set forth in sections 2 and 3, along with any proposed  
20 legislation necessary to implement the action plan, to the  
21 legislature not less than twenty days before the convening of  
22 the regular session of 2007.



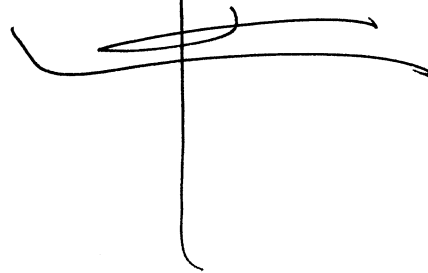
1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; Agricultural Development Corporation

**Description:**

Requires Office of Planning to develop action plan to: (1) transfer responsibilities relating to agricultural irrigation development and management, agricultural parks, agricultural loan programs, and agricultural processing from DOA to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC); (2) transfer responsibilities for agricultural marketing from DOA to DBEDT; and (3) place ADC under DBEDT for administrative purposes.

