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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 Act 264, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 1994, created the agribusiness development  
3 corporation. The purpose of the agribusiness development  
4 corporation is:

5           (1) To administer an aggressive and dynamic agribusiness  
6 development program;

7           (2) To coordinate and administer programs to assist  
8 agricultural enterprises to facilitate the transition  
9 of agricultural infrastructure from plantation  
10 operations into other agricultural enterprises;

11           (3) To carry on marketing analysis to direct agricultural  
12 industry evolution; and

13           (4) To provide leadership for the development, financing,  
14 improvement, or enhancement of agricultural  
15 enterprises.

16           One of the responsibilities the legislature tasked this new  
17 and dynamic entity with is to create the Hawaii agribusiness  
18 plan. The plan's purpose is to define and establish goals,



1 objectives, policies, and priority guidelines for the  
2 agribusiness development corporation's agribusiness development  
3 strategy. However, this plan was never created.

4 The legislature finds that this plan is of utmost  
5 importance, because it will help to guide the agribusiness  
6 development corporation and its board of directors in each  
7 program it administers. The purpose of this Act is to direct  
8 the legislative reference bureau to conduct a study to assist  
9 the agribusiness development corporation in identifying elements  
10 to be included in the Hawaii agribusiness plan.

11 SECTION 2. The legislative reference bureau shall conduct  
12 a study to identify elements that should be included in the  
13 Hawaii agribusiness plan. In developing its report, the  
14 legislative reference bureau shall:

15 (1) Identify the government agencies involved and  
16 stakeholders who may directly benefit from the  
17 agribusiness development corporation, including public  
18 and private organizations and individuals;

19 (2) Consult with these agencies and stakeholders,  
20 including but not be limited to individuals from the  
21 department of agriculture, agribusiness development  
22 corporation, University of Hawaii college of tropical



1 agriculture and human resources, Hawaii Farm Bureau  
2 Federation, and county farm bureaus, as well as  
3 organizations of individual farmers and ranchers, as  
4 feasible;

5 (3) Obtain suggestions to improve the agribusiness  
6 development corporation and identify the necessary  
7 elements for developing the Hawaii agribusiness plan;  
8 and

9 (4) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
10 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature  
11 at least twenty days prior to the convening of the  
12 regular session of 2007.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

SB3078, SD2, HD1, CD1

**Report Title:**

LRB Study; Agricultural Development Corporation

**Description:**

Directs LRB to conduct a study to identify elements for the Hawaii agribusiness plan. (CD1)

