
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 (ADC). The purpose of ADC was:
- 4 (1) To administer an aggressive and dynamic agribusiness
5 development program;
 - 6 (2) To coordinate and administer programs to assist
7 agricultural enterprises to facilitate the transition
8 of agricultural infrastructure from plantation
9 operations into other agricultural enterprises;
 - 10 (3) To carry on the marketing analysis to direct
11 agricultural industry evolution; and
 - 12 (4) To provide the leadership for the development,
13 financing, improvement, or enhancement of agricultural
14 enterprises.

15 One of the responsibilities the legislature tasked this new
16 and dynamic entity with was to create the Hawaii agribusiness
17 plan. The plan's purpose was to define and establish goals,
18 objectives, policies, and priority guidelines for ADC's



1 agribusiness development strategy. However, this plan was never
2 created.

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

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

- 13 (1) Identify the government agencies, public and private
14 organizations, and individuals that are stakeholders
15 that directly benefit from agribusiness development
16 corporation (ADC);
- 17 (2) Convene a working group of the stakeholders in the
18 agricultural industry, which shall include but not be
19 limited to individuals from the department of
20 agriculture, ADC, the University of Hawaii college of
21 tropical agriculture and human resources, the Hawaii



- 1 Farm Bureau Federation, and county farm bureaus, as
2 well as individual farmers and ranchers;
- 3 (3) Organize working group meetings and facilitate
4 discussions and suggestions to improve ADC, identify
5 the necessary elements for developing the Hawaii
6 agribusiness plan, and evaluate the transfers proposed
7 in the original S.B. No. 3078;
- 8 (4) Produce a report of its findings and recommendations,
9 as well as the working group's findings and
10 recommendations; and
- 11 (5) Submit its report to the legislature at least twenty
12 days before the convening of the 2007 regular session.
- 13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

LRB; Agricultural Development Corporation; Working Group

Description:

Requests LRB to conduct a study and convene a working group to identify elements for the Hawaii agribusiness plan and to submit the LRB's and the working group's findings and recommendations to the legislature. (SD1)

