
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 was:

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 the marketing analysis to direct
12 agricultural industry evolution; and

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

16 One of the responsibilities the legislature tasked this new
17 and dynamic entity with was to create the Hawaii agribusiness
18 plan. The plan's purpose was 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 the
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 including
20 but not be limited to individuals from the department
21 of agriculture, the agribusiness development
22 corporation, the University of Hawaii college of



1 tropical agriculture and human resources, the Hawaii
2 Farm Bureau Federation, and county farm bureaus, as
3 well as organizations of individual farmers and
4 ranchers, as 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 (4) Produce a report of its findings and recommendations,
9 and any proposed legislation; and

10 (5) Submit its report to the legislature at least twenty
11 days before the convening of the 2007 regular session.

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



SB3078, SD2

REPORT Title:

LRB Study; Agricultural Development Corporation

Description:

Requests LRB to conduct a study to identify elements for the Hawaii agribusiness plan and to submit the LRB's findings and recommendations to the legislature. (SD2)

