
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE CORPORATION'S EFFICIENCY AND PROGRAMS TO BETTER ADDRESS CURRENT AND FUTURE AGRICULTURAL ISSUES.

1 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation was
2 established by the Legislature in 1994 to facilitate the
3 transition of Hawaii's agriculture industry from the closure of
4 the sugar and pineapple plantations to a diversity of crops; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation is
7 administratively attached to the Department of Agriculture to
8 bridge the void between public and private sector to address
9 complex agricultural issues; and
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11 WHEREAS, the mission of the Agribusiness Development
12 Corporation is to partner with farmers, ranchers, and
13 aquaculture groups to acquire and manage high-value lands, water
14 systems and infrastructure for commercial agricultural use, and
15 to direct research into areas that will lead to the development
16 of new crops, markets, and lower production costs; and
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18 WHEREAS, since the inception of the Agribusiness
19 Development Corporation, Hawaii's agriculture industry has
20 evolved tremendously and new agribusiness operations and other
21 industries have recently been established on former plantation
22 lands; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation has the
25 ability to streamline the process of government to address
26 critical bottlenecks in various agricultural projects; and
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28 WHEREAS, there is a need to review and assess the
29 performance of the Agribusiness Development Corporation and
30 whether it is meeting the present and future needs of the
31 agricultural industry; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2011, that the Department of Agriculture is requested to
4 convene a working group to review the duties and
5 responsibilities of the Agribusiness Development Corporation and
6 makè recommendations regarding the Agribusiness Development
7 Corporation's programs and budget priorities; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consist of:

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11 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the
12 Chairperson's designee, who shall serve as the Chair;
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14 (2) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
15 Tourism, or the Director's designee;
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17 (3) The Dean of the University of Hawaii College of
18 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, or the
19 Dean's designee;
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21 (4) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Community
22 Development Authority, or the Executive Director's
23 designee;
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25 (5) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
26 Federation, or the Executive Director's designee;
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28 (6) One member who has experience in marketing of
29 agricultural products;
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31 (7) One member who has experience in agricultural loans
32 and financing;
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34 (8) One member who has experience in the transportation of
35 agricultural products; and
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37 (9) One member who has experience in agricultural
38 processing facilities; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
41 to review and assess the duties, responsibilities, and
42 performance of the Agribusiness Development Corporation; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group address and
 2 recommend improvements to programs that would increase and
 3 enhance the efficiency of the Agribusiness Development
 4 Corporation in addressing current and future agricultural
 5 issues; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
 8 is requested to report the working group's findings and
 9 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
 10 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
 13 Bureau is requested to assist the working group with drafting
 14 legislation, if any, that the working group deems necessary; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
 18 Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of
 19 the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Director of Business,
 20 Economic Development, and Tourism, Dean of the University of
 21 Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources,
 22 Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development
 23 Corporation, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
 24 Federation.

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