

JAN 20 2012

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii faces unique
2 transportation issues, particularly in the movement of
3 agricultural commodities and livestock. According to a report
4 entitled "The Demand for Interisland Shipping and the Impact of
5 Shipping Costs on Hawaii Agricultural Production", prepared for
6 the agribusiness development corporation in 2008, nearly 68 per
7 cent of Hawaii residents and visitors reside on Oahu, but Oahu
8 accounts for only 5.4 per cent of the total state farm land.
9 Hawaii island has 13.6 per cent of the State's total de facto
10 population but its farm acreage is twelve times as large as that
11 on Oahu. Due to the disparity between population centers and
12 agricultural production, transport of agricultural products
13 between the islands is an important part of the economy and
14 shipping costs represent a significant part of the cost of
15 living. In addition, the interisland transport of livestock and
16 produce is highly dependent on ocean shipping; shipping by ocean
17 only accounts for over 57 per cent of the mode of shipping for
18 livestock.



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1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
 2 agribusiness development corporation for the operation of a boat
 3 or ferry to assist with interisland shipping of livestock and
 4 produce.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
 8 the operation of a boat or ferry to assist with interisland
 9 shipping of livestock and produce.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness
 11 development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Interisland Shipping;
Appropriation

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