
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. To maximize agricultural production, the
2 legislature finds that Hawaii must create a coordinated plan to
3 provide research, educational opportunities, services, and
4 resources to assist new and existing agricultural businesses to
5 thrive and grow. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to
6 reduce imported foods and satisfy the goals of the *Increased*
7 *Food Security and Food Self-Sufficiency Strategy*, adopted by the
8 office of planning and implemented by the department of
9 agriculture, and to enhance Hawaii's diversified agricultural
10 industry. The program established pursuant to this Act will
11 identify food and emerging crops, identify resources and
12 technologies to sustain food crops and new agricultural
13 industries, and establish an educational program to prepare and
14 produce successful agricultural entrepreneurs and a
15 knowledgeable workforce.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The agribusiness development corporation
17 and University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and
18 human resources shall:



- 1 (1) Identify food and emerging crops that can be grown on
2 lands owned by the agribusiness development
3 corporation;
- 4 (2) Identify the resources needed to sustain identified
5 emerging and food crops, including:
- 6 (A) Necessary acreage to sustain packaging and
7 processing operations and other facilities;
- 8 (B) The number of growers required; and
9 (C) The number of producers required; and
- 10 (3) Design and establish a program to prepare and inspire
11 an agricultural workforce with the proper skillset and
12 motivation to become successful growers and producers.
- 13 (b) The agribusiness development corporation and
14 University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human
15 resources shall submit a report of their findings, including a
16 summary of their data and program, to the legislature no later
17 than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2015 regular
18 session.

19 SECTION 3. The agribusiness development corporation and
20 the department of agriculture shall develop a coordinated
21 strategy:



1 (1) To lease state agricultural lands in a manner that
2 will provide opportunities for food and emerging crops
3 to maximize production in a cost-efficient manner; and

4 (2) For the use of state lands, facilities, and
5 infrastructure to support food and emerging crops and
6 to maximize agricultural development.

7 SECTION 4. The agribusiness development corporation,
8 department of agriculture, and University of Hawaii college of
9 tropical agriculture and human resources shall coordinate and
10 provide technical support to farmers to:

11 (1) Identify food and emerging crops that are particularly
12 suited to a particular area, to optimize diversified
13 agricultural production on state lands; and

14 (2) Support and cultivate successful agricultural
15 businesses.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon approval.



Report Title:

Agribusiness Development Corporation; College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

Description:

Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to design a program that identifies emerging crops and productive uses for lands managed by the Agribusiness Development Corporation and helps prepare a workforce to cultivate these lands. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation and the Department of Agriculture to develop a coordinated land management strategy to promote diversified agriculture, support emerging and specialty crops, and maximize agricultural development. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Department of Agriculture, and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to coordinate and provide technical support to farmers to identify emerging and promising crops and support and cultivate successful agricultural businesses. (HD1)

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented to the
House Committee on Higher Education
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 2:34 pm

by

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SB 2400 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2400 SD2 HD1.

We support this interagency planning activity and will assist to the best of our abilities. We see a strong role for CTAHR in providing extension services to tenants as well as conducting relevant research to maximize the potential of this agricultural resource for the people of Hawai'i.

As no funding is provided for planning or implementation in SB 2400 SD2 HD1, we note that our ability to implement any additional or special assistance programs for the lands managed by the Agricultural Development Corporation and the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, beyond the support and training that we provide to all agricultural producers in the State of Hawai'i, will be dependent upon acquiring the personnel and resources required for such implementation.

We are pleased to participate in this important planning effort.



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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
HIGHER EDUCATION

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2:34 p.m.
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SENATE BILL NO. 2400, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Choy, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2400, SD2, HD1. The purpose of this bill is to create new economic opportunities, and to sustain and enhance Hawaii's diversified agriculture industry through agribusiness development. In coordination with College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources extension services, this program could potentially help farmers discover microclimate crops for each region and pinpoint how much yield is needed to process each crop into value-added products. By identifying individual niche crops, essentially, this program will provided farmers with long-term career opportunities. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) supports the intent of this bill.

ADC mission is to acquire, and manage in partnership with farmers, ranchers, and aquaculture groups, selected high-value lands, water systems, and infrastructure

for commercial agricultural use and to direct research into areas that will lead to the development of new crops, markets, and lower production costs.

The recent acquisition of 1,723-acres of Galbraith land in Wahiawa, ADC has been overwhelmed by interested farmers and ranchers seeking land for agricultural operations. A coordinated plan to provide research, educational opportunities, services and resources to assist new and existing agricultural businesses to thrive and grow will be helpful to building a sustainable farming system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TESTIMONY ON SB 2400, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 309
2:34 PM

Aloha Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,832 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF supports SB 2400, SD2, HD1, which creates a partnership between the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) and the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to develop a new farmer program. This measure also directs the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) and ADC to develop a coordinated strategy for state leases for all size farmers and to maximize the use of the State's agricultural assets to support new and specialty crops.

We applaud the initiative taken by the introducers of this bill to provide research, including crop, market and human resource capacity, educational opportunities, services, and other resources to assist new and existing agricultural businesses to thrive and grow.

CTAHR has a century-long history of supporting agriculture in Hawaii, caring for the environment and enhancing and sustaining ecosystems. CTAHR's scientific community has been crucial to the development of the agricultural sector. We believe that CTAHR's mandate to engage in research, instruction, and outreach, plays a vital role in the success of Hawaii's agricultural industry.

We support this partnership between CTAHR, HDOA, and ADC which we believe will teach people interested in a farming and ranching career how to grow, raise, process, capital management, land management, and other components to successfully operate a farming or ranching business. If successful, this model can be applied and used on other agriculture regions throughout Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Comments: Farmers need to know the proper use of pesticides and the care required for different crops and conditions. This is especially true for immigrant farmers. We need to give farmers a better chance to succeed.

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