
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 (1) Identify food and emerging crops;
12 (2) Identify resources and technologies to sustain food
13 crops and new agricultural industries; and
14 (3) Establish an educational program to prepare and
15 produce successful agricultural entrepreneurs and a
16 knowledgeable workforce.

17 SECTION 2. (a) The agribusiness development corporation
18 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 shall submit
14 a report of its findings, including a summary of its data and
15 program, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
16 the convening of the regular session of 2015.

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

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



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

4 SECTION 4. The agribusiness development corporation and
5 department of agriculture shall coordinate and provide technical
6 support to farmers to:

7 (1) Identify food and emerging crops that are especially
8 suited to a particular area, to optimize diversified
9 agricultural production on state lands; and

10 (2) Support and cultivate successful agricultural
11 businesses.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525.



Report Title:

Agribusiness Development Corporation

Description:

Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation 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 and Department of Agriculture to coordinate and provide technical support to farmers to identify emerging and promising crops and support and cultivate successful agricultural businesses. Effective July 1, 2525. (SB2400 HD2)

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