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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§163D- Grants. (a) There is established a grant  
5 program to be administered by the corporation to provide  
6 financial support for agriculture-related improvements to  
7 existing and emerging farms and agribusiness operations.

8           (b) Applications for grants by qualified persons shall  
9 include the name of the requesting organization or individual;  
10 the public purpose for the grant; the service to be supported by  
11 the grant; the target group; and the cost and budget of the  
12 service. Applications shall be filed with accompanying  
13 documentation of project cost as may be required by the  
14 corporation for projects developed within the immediately  
15 preceding fiscal quarter and shall represent reasonable  
16 projections of project costs for the period in which the project  
17 is anticipated to commence; provided that the applicant shall:



- 1        (1) Comply with applicable federal and state laws
- 2            prohibiting discrimination against any person on the
- 3            basis of race, color, national origin, religion,
- 4            creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
- 5        (2) Have applied for or received all applicable licenses
- 6            or permits;
- 7        (3) Indemnify and save harmless the State and its
- 8            officers, agents, and employees from and against any
- 9            and all claims arising out of or resulting from
- 10           activities carried out or projects undertaken with
- 11           funds provided under this section, and procure
- 12           sufficient insurance to provide this indemnification
- 13           if requested to do so by the corporation; and
- 14        (4) Implement any of the following:
- 15           (A) Agriculture-related projects on an existing farm
- 16           or agribusiness operation;
- 17           (B) Plans to modernize or expand an existing farm or
- 18           agribusiness operation;
- 19           (C) Agriculture-related equipment modification or
- 20           replacement;



1           (D) Programs designed to develop new markets or  
2           products; or  
3           (E) Farmer and agriculture-related advisory,  
4           consultative, training, and educational services,  
5           technical assistance, and advice to any person,  
6           partnership, or corporation either public or  
7           private.

8           (c) Upon award of a grant under this section, the  
9           applicant shall submit quarterly reports to the corporation of  
10           expenditures made during the quarter and in the aggregate.  
11           Quarterly reports shall identify the particular project cost  
12           expended and shall be submitted at the end of each of the  
13           applicant's fiscal quarters.

14           (d) The grant may not exceed a total of \$100,000 per  
15           qualified person or entity per year."

16           SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Grants

**Description:**

Establishes a grant program to provide financial support for agriculture-related improvements to existing and emerging farms and agribusiness operations. (SD1)

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