A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

| 1 | SECTION 1. The legislature finds that over the last |
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| 2 | several decades, the State and the private sector have searched |
| 3 | for ways to reduce or eliminate food and solid waste products, |
| 4 | construction waste, and recycling materials. The agribusiness |
| 5 | development corporation is currently involved in a public- |
| 6 | private partnership to develop a zero waste conversion process |
| 7 | on the island of Hawaii converting papaya waste into fuel and |
| 8 | animal feed. The zero waste process utilizes every state of the |
| 9 | papaya plant, from seed to fruit, to reduce the amount of food |
| 10 | waste that is delivered to landfills while producing renewable |
| 11 | bioenergy fuel. |
| 12 | The legislature further finds that livestock feed costs for |
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- 13 feed shipped to Hawaii for local agriculturalists and
- 14 aquaculturalists often exceed sixty per cent of overall
- 15 livestock production costs in Hawaii. The agribusiness
- 16 development corporation seeks to broaden its waste-reduction and
- 17 recycling projects by partnering with a viable and qualified

- 1 entity to establish a livestock feed mill operation using waste
- 2 materials, such as unusable macadamia nut fruit and shells, and
- 3 converting the unusable parts and byproducts into aquaculture
- 4 and livestock feed. This process has shown great promise in
- 5 farm trials. The agribusiness development corporation will
- 6 assist with the development of the plans and design of the
- 7 operation, and will purchase the equipment to convert and
- 8 process the waste materials. The project partners will be
- 9 required to have adequate warehouse space to house the equipment
- 10 and be required to provide the labor for the manufacture and
- 11 sale of the resulting product.
- 12 The purpose of this Act is to further the State's goals of
- 13 reducing waste, reducing livestock production costs, and
- 14 producing animal livestock feed within the State to enable
- 15 agriculture and aquaculture operations in the State to thrive by
- 16 funding the planning, designing, and constructing of a livestock
- 17 feed mill.
- 18 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
- 19 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much
- 20 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
- 21 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2018-2019

- 1 for the purpose of planning, designing, and constructing a
- 2 livestock feed mill.
- 3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness
- 4 development corporation for the purpose of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
- 6 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
- 7 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
- 8 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
- 9 unencumbered as of June 30, 2020, shall lapse as of that date.
- 10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Livestock Feed Mill Operation; Appropriation; GO Bonds

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for the planning, designing, and constructing of a livestock feed mill. (SD1)

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