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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the quality of local papaya needs improvement to flourish as an export. While the flavor and texture of local papaya is highly desired, shelf life is too short to export in high quantities. Major factors that may contribute to the poor quality of local papaya include the transportation of the product; treatment for fruit fly control; and handling, shipping, and storage of the product prior to distribution.

The legislature further finds that developing and establishing protocols to enhance the marketability of Hawaiian papayas can help to expand the market. The establishment of a market standard for Hawaiian papayas will encourage good practices when local farmers grow and harvest papaya.

The purpose of this part is to appropriate moneys to the agribusiness development corporation to fund the United States Department of Agriculture Pacific Basin Agricultural Research



Center's efforts to address the following concerns and issues of the Hawaii Papaya Industry Association:

(1) Identifying factors that affect the quality of local papayas;

(2) Developing and establishing protocols to enhance the marketability of Hawaiian papayas; and

(3) Working with the Hawaii Papaya Industry Association member exporters to follow the flow of fruit from Hawaii fields through the treatment and packing process to the customer to identify the problems and areas that need attention, improvement, and further research.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the agribusiness development corporation to fund the United States Department of Agriculture Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center's efforts to address the following concerns and issues of the Hawaii Papaya Industry Association:

(1) Identifying factors that affect the quality of local papayas;



1 (2) Developing and establishing protocols to enhance the  
2 marketability of Hawaiian papayas; and

3 (3) Working with the Hawaii Papaya Industry Association  
4 member exporters to follow the flow of fruit from  
5 Hawaii fields through the treatment and packing  
6 process to the customer, to identify the problems and  
7 areas that need attention, improvement, and further  
8 research.

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

11 PART II

12 SECTION 3. The agribusiness development corporation was  
13 established by chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which  
14 intended to create a vehicle and process to make optimal use of  
15 agricultural assets for the economic, environmental, and social  
16 benefit of the people of Hawaii. The chapter established a  
17 public corporation to administer an aggressive and dynamic  
18 agribusiness development program. Accordingly, the agribusiness  
19 development corporation has broad powers to meet its goals and  
20 objectives. The purpose of this part is to conduct a management  
21 and financial audit of the agribusiness development corporation.



4       The auditor shall submit a report of findings and  
5       recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
6       legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
7       the regular session of 2020.

**9** SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Papaya; Federal Pacific  
Basin Agricultural Research Center; Audit; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys to the Agribusiness Development Corporation  
(ADC) to fund the federal Pacific Basin Agricultural Research  
Center efforts to address issues and concerns of the Hawaii  
Papaya Industry Association. Requires the Auditor to conduct a  
management and financial audit of ADC. (SB3087 HD1)

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