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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:**

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

9       The legislature further finds that developing and  
10      establishing protocols to enhance the marketability of Hawaiian  
11      papayas can help grow the market. The establishment of a market  
12      standard will provide local farmers with good practices when  
13      growing and harvesting papaya.

14      The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
15      agribusiness development corporation to:

- 16           (1) Identify factors that affect the quality of local  
17           papayas; and



(2) Develop and establish protocols to enhance the  
marketability of Hawaiian papayas.

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 to  
identity factors that affect the quality of local papayas and to  
develop and establish protocols to enhance the marketability of  
Hawaiian papayas.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.



**Report Title:**

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Papaya; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the agribusiness development corporation to identify factors that affect the quality of local papaya and to develop and establish protocols to enhance the marketability of Hawaiian papayas. (SD1)

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