

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

706

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1561

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1561 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget for Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Kekaha Agriculture Association, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Beck's Superior Hybrids, Larry Jefts Farms, LLC, Bayer, and Kohala Mountain Fish Company supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting all sums relating to the appropriation amounts and position ceiling;
- (2) Adding provisions requiring the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of ADC, with the option to conduct a financial audit;

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- (3) Adding provisions requiring ADC to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature, and post on its website, that includes information on ADC lands relating to the number of lots and lot sizes, including lots for specialty farm products; lots under lease or vacant; and specified information for approved lease sales or transfers;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2150, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1561, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1561, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture,



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RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>HB 1561</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>AGR, FIN</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>2-13-19</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>AGR Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. <b>CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)</b>	✓			
2. <b>DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)</b>	✓			
3. <b>CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida</b>	✓			
4. <b>CACHOLA, Romy M.</b>	✓			
5. <b>HOLT, Daniel</b>				X
6. <b>ONISHI, Richard H.K.</b>	✓			
7. <b>PERRUSO, Amy A.</b>	✓			
8. <b>OKIMOTO, Val</b>	✓			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>Lyn DeCorte</i>				
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