

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2022RE: H.B. No. 2418
H.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2418, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the focus, scope, and management of the Agribusiness Development Corporation;
- (2) Appropriate funds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation for a consultant and account and for security on Agribusiness Development Corporation property; and
- (3) Repeal the requirement that all agricultural projects, development plans, and facility programs developed by the Agribusiness Development Corporation be approved by the Board of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawai'i Seed, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Kauai Women's Caucus, Pesticide Action Network, Restore the Commons, Lapa'au Farm LLC, Free Access Coalition, and twenty-four individuals. Your Committee received



testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawai'i Food+ Policy.

Your Committee finds that the Agribusiness Development Corporation plays a crucial role in the development and expansion of Hawaii's agricultural industry. With the State's goal of achieving increased food self-sufficiency, the Agribusiness Development Corporation is more important than ever. However, it is essential that the Agribusiness Development Corporation's focus align with the State's local food production objectives. This measure revises the Agribusiness Development Corporation's focus and removes certain requirements for the Corporation to obtain Board of Agriculture approval. This measure also provides appropriations to allow the Agribusiness Development Corporation to retain services for consulting, accounting, and security.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2418, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB2418 HD2	AEN, WAM	03/14/22

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	4	—	—	1

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Clarence K. Nishihara

Distribution:
Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod
File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy

*Only one measure per Record of Votes