

JAN 20 2023

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. Chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§163D- Startup agriculture businesses and farms special

5 fund. (a) There is established the startup agriculture
6 business and farms special fund into which shall be deposited:

7 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature to the fund;

8 (2) All contributions from public or private partners;

9 (3) All interest earned on or accrued to moneys deposited
10 in the special fund; and

11 (4) Any other moneys made available to the special fund
12 from other sources.

13 (b) Moneys in the fund shall be expended by the
14 development corporation to provide seed capital for and venture
15 capital investments in private sector projects for startup
16 agricultural businesses and farms; provided that each project



1 shall not be provided with more than \$ _____ in funds from
2 the special fund.

3 (c) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
4 91 to administer the special fund.

5 **§163D- Value added startups special fund.** (a) There
6 is established the value added special fund into which shall be
7 deposited:

8 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature to the fund;

9 (2) All contributions from public or private partners;

10 (3) All interest earned on or accrued to moneys deposited
11 in the special fund; and

12 (4) Any other moneys made available to the special fund
13 from other sources.

14 (b) Moneys in the fund shall be expended by the
15 development corporation to provide seed capital for and venture
16 capital investments in private sector projects for value added
17 startups; provided that each project shall not be provided with
18 more than \$ _____ in funds from the special fund.

19 (c) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
20 91 to administer the special fund."



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2024-2025 for deposit into the startup agriculture business and
6 farms special fund.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the startup
8 agriculture business and farms special fund the sum of \$
9 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024
10 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
11 fiscal year 2024-2025 for seed capital for and venture capital
12 investments in private sector projects for startup agricultural
13 businesses and farms.

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

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2024-2025 for deposit into the value added startups special
21 fund.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the value added
 2 startups special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof
 3 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum
 4 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025
 5 for seed capital for and venture capital investments in private
 6 sector projects for value added startups.

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

9 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 825

Report Title:

Startup; Venture Capital; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the startup agriculture business and farms special fund to provide seed capital for and venture capital investments in private sector projects for startup agricultural businesses and farms. Establishes the value added startups special fund to provide seed capital for and venture capital investments in private sector projects for value added startups. Appropriates moneys.

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