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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD INNOVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that supporting
2 innovation and expansion in various disciplines is critical to
3 the State's economy. According to the Hawaii state planning
4 act, supporting innovative work in the culinary arts,
5 value-added production, food production, and other areas, can
6 help diversify the State's economic base.

7 The legislature further finds that the food production and
8 food distribution industries are undergoing dramatic changes.
9 Emerging technology and social media offer new ways to develop
10 and promote products, reach new markets, and optimize sales.
11 Hawaii's food businesses have opportunities to support local
12 food security while also expanding into wider markets. It is
13 critical to the success of Hawaii's economic development and
14 food security goals to support the businesses that are helping
15 to grow the State's agriculture and food industries.

16 The legislature recognizes that a growing statewide network
17 exists in Hawaii that is doing innovative work in food



1 production and food systems. The Culinary Institute of the
2 Pacific, Wahiawa Value-added Product Development Center, Central
3 Oahu Agriculture and Food Hub, Maui Food Innovation Center,
4 Kekaha Food Innovation Center, and others are helping to support
5 Hawaii's agribusinesses and food entrepreneurs. The network is
6 also providing residents with marketable knowledge, skills, and
7 training in agriculture, food production, food distribution,
8 culinary arts, and other related fields. The legislature
9 believes these kinds of innovation networks benefit the State.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a food
11 and product innovation network office and food and product
12 innovation network advisory council to inform legislation and
13 provide a coordinated and strategic approach to food systems
14 innovation.

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

18 **§163D- _____ Food and product innovation network office;**
19 **established.** (a) There is established the food and product
20 innovation network office. The office shall be placed within
21 the agribusiness development corporation for administrative



1 purposes. The purpose of the food and product innovation
2 network office shall be to assist the State in achieving its
3 economic development and food security goals through food
4 systems innovation.

5 (b) The food and product innovation network office shall:

6 (1) Provide analysis, information, and planning to assist
7 the legislature, state agencies, and other relevant
8 stakeholders in developing policies to help meet the
9 State's economic development and food security goals;
10 and

11 (2) Coordinate and encourage cooperation among food system
12 innovation assets in each region across the State.

13 (c) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 each regular session, the food and product innovation network
15 office shall submit a report to the legislature including:

16 (1) A description of the food and product innovation
17 network office's activities in the preceding year and
18 the office's progress toward meeting the directives
19 established in subsection (b);

20 (2) An assessment of any progress Hawaii has made in
21 growing the agriculture industry, food industry, and



1 related industries, and in meeting the State's food
2 security goals; and

3 (3) Any proposed legislation.

4 **§163D- Food and product innovation network advisory**

5 **council.** (a) There is established a food and product
6 innovation network advisory council that shall serve in an
7 advisory capacity to the administrators of the food and product
8 innovation network office. The council shall consist of eleven
9 members, including seven appointed members and four ex officio,
10 voting members.

11 (b) The seven appointed members shall comprise:

12 (1) One member having experience in food production, food
13 distribution, or marketing, to be appointed by the
14 senate;

15 (2) One member having experience in food production, food
16 distribution, or marketing, to be appointed by the
17 house of representatives;

18 (3) One member of the university of Hawaii board of
19 regents having experience in career training related
20 to agriculture, business, information systems, or



1 marketing, to be appointed by the chair of the board
2 of regents;

3 (4) One member of the board of education having experience
4 in curriculum development or instruction in
5 agriculture, information systems, or marketing, to be
6 appointed by the chair of the board of education;

7 (5) Three members of the workforce development council, to
8 be appointed by the council; provided that one member
9 shall represent management, one member shall represent
10 labor, and one member shall represent the public.

11 (c) The four ex officio, voting members shall comprise:

12 (1) The chairperson of the board of agriculture, or the
13 chairperson's designee;

14 (2) The director of business, economic development, and
15 tourism, or the director's designee;

16 (3) The executive director of the agribusiness development
17 corporation; and

18 (4) The executive director of the P-20 partnership for
19 education.

20 (d) Of the three members first appointed by each
21 appointing authority, one shall be appointed for two years, one



1 shall be appointed for three years, and one shall be appointed
2 for four years. The member appointed from the board of
3 education shall be appointed for the remainder of the member's
4 remaining term on the board of education. Upon the expiration
5 of the terms of the first members, their successors shall serve
6 for a term of four years. Vacancies shall be filled by the
7 appropriate appointing authority for the unexpired term.

8 (e) The council shall elect a chairperson and other
9 officers as the council deems necessary. Section 92-15 shall
10 apply. The members of the council shall serve without
11 compensation but shall be entitled to expenses for traveling
12 within the State to attend meetings of the council or when
13 engaged in business relating to the work of the council.

14 (f) The council shall provide recommendations and advice
15 to the food and product innovation network office on:

16 (1) Major international and national trends in food
17 production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution,
18 and marketing, and employment needs in these fields
19 that can be addressed locally;

20 (2) Critical steps and resources to take advantage of
21 specific, high-priority innovation measures;



- 1 (3) A framework for creating a public directory for
- 2 businesses involved in food production, distribution,
- 3 marketing, and education, including:
- 4 (A) Farmers and other producers;
- 5 (B) Manufacturers, including commercial kitchens;
- 6 (C) Processors;
- 7 (D) Exporters;
- 8 (E) Educators; and
- 9 (F) Food distribution and hubs;
- 10 (4) Any legislation needed to support food and product
- 11 innovation in the State."

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so

14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and

15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

16 year 2024-2025 for the food and product innovation network

17 office and food and product innovation network advisory council

18 established pursuant to this Act.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the agribusiness

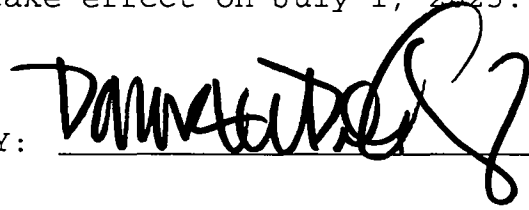
20 development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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S.B. NO. 1507

Report Title:

ADC; Economic Development; Food Security; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates moneys for a food and product innovation network office within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Establishes a food and product innovation network advisory council to advise the administrators of the food and product innovation network office.

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