

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD SUPPLY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that the number of
2 animal slaughterhouses in the State, and their respective
3 capacities, are limited. Notably, only one slaughterhouse on
4 Oahu currently slaughters hogs. If any slaughterhouse ceases
5 operations, or ceases to slaughter any particular type of
6 animal, the effects on Hawaii's food supply, market, businesses,
7 and consumers could be devastating. The legislature therefore
8 finds that the State should avert this potential outcome and
9 ensure a sustainable source of animal protein for Hawaii's
10 consumers.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

12 (1) Require the department of business, economic
13 development, and tourism, in collaboration with the
14 agribusiness development corporation, to identify
15 sites throughout the State that are suitable for the
16 development of slaughterhouses;



1 (2) Require the agribusiness development corporation to
2 plan, design, construct, and operate new animal
3 slaughterhouses throughout the State; and

4 (3) Appropriate moneys for slaughterhouse development.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
7 and to read as follows:

8 "§163D- Animal slaughterhouses. (a) The department of
9 business, economic development, and tourism, in collaboration
10 with the corporation, shall identify sites throughout the State
11 that, based on location, land usage, and available resources,
12 are suitable for the development of slaughterhouses.

13 (b) The corporation shall plan, design, construct, and
14 operate animal slaughterhouses at each site identified pursuant
15 to subsection (a).

16 (c) The corporation shall:

17 (1) Consider market conditions in determining the types
18 and sizes of animals that should be slaughtered at any
19 given time;

20 (2) Ensure that each slaughterhouse:



- 1 (A) Serves as a sustainable source of locally born
- 2 and raised animal protein; and
- 3 (B) Harvests or processes non-beef animals, including
- 4 hogs, sheep, and goats, for local food
- 5 production; and
- 6 (3) Comply with any requirements established by:
- 7 (A) The United States Department of Agriculture;
- 8 (B) The department of health; and
- 9 (C) Applicable law, including audit requirements."

10 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of

11 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and

12 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined

13 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the

14 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025

15 to be exceeded by \$, or per cent. The

16 reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are

17 that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve

18 the public interest and to meet the need provided for by this

19 Act.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general

21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
2 development of slaughterhouses throughout the State, as follows:

3	Plans	\$
4	Design	\$
5	Construction	\$
6	Equipment	\$
7	Total funding	\$200,000.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
10 this Act.

11 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
13 provided that sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall take effect on
14 July 1, 2024.

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S.B. NO. 2801

Report Title:

DBEDT; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Food; Market; Animals; Meats; Hogs; Sheep; Goats; Economy; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

Description:

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to identify sites throughout the State that are suitable for the development of slaughterhouses. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to plan, design, construct, and operate certain animal slaughterhouses throughout the State. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

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