

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 12 2025**RE: S.B. No. 1325  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 1325 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to include  
agricultural tourism in the definition of "enterprise" to  
authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to financially  
support farming businesses engaged in agricultural tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
Tourism; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Farm Bureau;  
Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and Hawaii  
Food+ Policy.

Your Committee finds that agritourism is a distinctive,  
growing industry in the State that merges agriculture with tourism  
and offers visitors unique experiences while supporting local  
production. The Hawaii Revised Statutes does not currently define  
"agricultural tourism", creating ambiguity and gaps in support  
services. By defining the term and including it in the definition  
of "enterprise", this measure grants the Agribusiness Development  
Corporation with the authority to provide financial and strategic  
support to farming businesses engaged in agritourism.

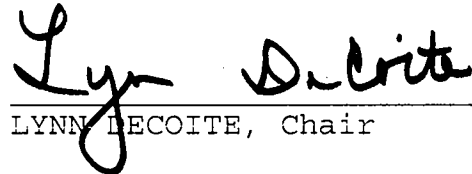


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1325, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1325, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development and Tourism,

  
LYNN DECOITE, Chair



**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Economic Development and Tourism**  
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