

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1225

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1657
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 1657, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire by condemnation any real property or interest in real property, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that protecting agricultural land and water resources is critical to sustaining Hawaii's farming industry and ensuring long-term food security. Over time, securing land and water access for farmers has become increasingly difficult, threatening the viability of local agriculture. This measure strengthens Agribusiness Development Corporation's ability to preserve and expand agricultural lands, ensuring they remain dedicated to farming and are available to support diversified agriculture and long-term food production.

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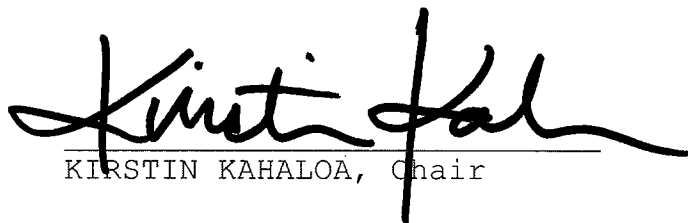


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1657, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1657, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture & Food
Systems,


KIRSTIN KAHALOĀ, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1657, SD2	Committee Referral: AGR, JHA, FIN	Date: 3/12/25
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:

Pass, unamended (as is)
 Pass, with amendments (HD)
 Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAHALOA, Kirstin (C)	✕			
2. KUSCH, Matthias (VC)	✕			
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✕			
4. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✕			
5. QUINLAN, Sean	✕			
6. WARD, Gene				✕
TOTAL (6)	5			1

The recommendation is:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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