

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1461

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21, 2025

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

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1657, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, 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 Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that increasing competition for land and water access has made it more challenging for farmers to sustain and expand agricultural operations, putting the future of local food production at risk. This measure enhances the Agribusiness Development Corporation's authority to acquire, protect, and manage agricultural lands, ensuring they remain designated for farming and support diversified agriculture. By strengthening land preservation efforts and securing vital resources, this measure helps promote long-term agricultural sustainability and food security in Hawaii.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB1657 (SD2 HD1)	Committee Referral: AGR, JHA, FIN	Date: 03/18/2025
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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)

JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.			✓	
TOTAL (11)				
	9	0	1	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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