

ACT 206

H.B. NO. 2793

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agriculture.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that with the decline of large-scale sugar operations in Hawaii, there is great need for the revitalization and diversification of agriculture. In recognition of this need, the agribusiness development corporation (ADC) was established in 1994 to assist in this purpose.

By Act 117, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999, the legislature appropriated \$400,000 for ADC, with the intent that these funds be used for the planning, design, and construction of an agricultural subdivision in the Hamakua district on the island of Hawaii, which was one of the areas severely affected by the decline of the sugar industry. However, this appropriation has not yet been utilized for this purpose and these funds are now in danger of lapsing. Therefore, the legislature finds it necessary to extend the appropriation to June 30, 2001, which will allow ADC to expend any heretofore unencumbered funds without having to make a new appropriation.

The purpose of this Act is to:

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- (1) Carry over to fiscal year 2000-2001, any unexpended or unencumbered funds at the close of fiscal year 1999-2000, for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the ADC board; and
- (2) Allow the use of such funds for grants for the development of an agricultural subdivision in the Hamakua district on the island of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 117, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999, is amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

“SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1999-2000 for the expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the agribusiness development corporation board[.]; provided that:

- (1) Any unexpended or unencumbered funds at the close of fiscal year 1999-2000 may be expended or encumbered during fiscal year 2000-2001, and shall not lapse until June 30, 2001; and
- (2) The agribusiness development corporation may use \$250,000 for grants for the development of an agricultural subdivision in the Hamakua district on the island of Hawaii.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.’’

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2000.

(Approved June 14, 2000.)