
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii faces unique
2 transportation issues, particularly in the movement of
3 agricultural commodities and livestock. According to a report
4 entitled "The Demand for Interisland Shipping and the Impact of
5 Shipping Costs on Hawaii Agricultural Production", prepared for
6 the agribusiness development corporation in 2008, nearly 68 per
7 cent of Hawaii residents and visitors reside on Oahu, but Oahu
8 accounts for only 5.4 per cent of the total state farm land.
9 Hawaii island has 13.6 per cent of the State's total de facto
10 population but its farm acreage is twelve times as large as that
11 on Oahu. Due to the disparity between population centers and
12 agricultural production, transport of agricultural products
13 between the islands is an important part of the economy and
14 shipping costs represent a significant part of the cost of
15 living. In addition, the interisland transport of livestock and
16 produce is highly dependent on ocean shipping; shipping by ocean
17 alone accounts for over 57 per cent of the mode of shipping for
18 livestock.



1 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the agribusiness
2 development corporation to implement the recommendations of "The
3 Demand for Interisland Shipping and the Impact of Shipping Costs
4 on Hawaii Agricultural Production" report, prepared on behalf of
5 the agribusiness development corporation in 2008.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The agribusiness development corporation
7 is authorized to implement the recommendations contained in "The
8 Demand for Interisland Shipping and the Impact of Shipping Costs
9 on Hawaii Agricultural Production" report, prepared on behalf of
10 the agribusiness development corporation in 2008. In
11 implementing the recommendations of the report, the agribusiness
12 development corporation may enter into public-private
13 partnerships with private transportation carriers.

14 (b) The agribusiness development corporation shall report
15 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
16 convening of the regular session of 2013 on the status of
17 implementation pursuant to subsection (a).

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Interisland Shipping

Description:

Authorizes the agribusiness development corporation to implement the recommendations of "The Demand for Interisland Shipping and the Impact of Shipping Costs on Hawaii Agricultural Production" report, prepared for the agribusiness development corporation in 2008. Requires the agribusiness development corporation to report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2013. (SD1)

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