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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1       SECTION 1. Chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2       amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3       and to read as follows:

4       "§163D-       Grants. (a) There is established in the  
5       corporation a grant program to be administered by the  
6       corporation to provide financial support for agriculture-related  
7       improvements to existing and emerging farms and agribusiness  
8       operations; provided that priority shall be given to applicants  
9       seeking grants related to food production.

10       (b) Applications for grants by qualified persons shall  
11       include the name of the requesting organization or individual;  
12       the public purpose for the grant; the service to be supported by  
13       the grant; the target group; and the cost of the grant and the  
14       budget. Applications shall be filed with accompanying  
15       documentation of project cost as may be required by the  
16       corporation for projects developed within the immediately  
17       preceding fiscal quarter and shall represent reasonable



1 projections of project costs for the period in which the project  
2 is anticipated to commence; provided that the applicant shall:

3 (1) Comply with applicable federal and state laws  
4 prohibiting discrimination against any person on the  
5 basis of race, color, national origin, religion,  
6 creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;

7 (2) Have applied for or received all applicable licenses  
8 or permits;

9 (3) Indemnify and save harmless the State and its  
10 officers, agents, and employees from and against any  
11 and all claims arising out of or resulting from  
12 activities carried out or projects undertaken with  
13 funds provided hereunder, and procure sufficient  
14 insurance to provide this indemnification if requested  
15 to do so by the corporation; and

16 (4) Implement any of the following:

17 (A) Agriculture-related projects on an existing farm  
18 or agribusiness operation;

19 (B) Plans to modernize or expand an existing farm or  
20 agribusiness operation;



1           (C) Agriculture-related equipment modification or  
2           replacement;

3           (D) Programs designed to develop new markets or  
4           products; or

5           (E) Farmer and agriculture-related advisory,  
6           consultative, training, and educational services,  
7           technical assistance, and advice to any person,  
8           partnership, or corporation either public or  
9           private.

10          (c) Upon award of a grant under this section, the  
11          applicant shall submit quarterly reports to the corporation of  
12          expenditures made during the quarter and in the aggregate.  
13          Quarterly reports shall identify the particular project cost  
14          expended and shall be submitted at the end of each of the  
15          applicant's fiscal quarters.

16          (d) Funds shall be disbursed within ninety days after  
17          approval by the corporation to the qualified person for the  
18          project costs.

19          (e) The corporation shall submit an annual report on the  
20          grant program to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
21          to the convening of each regular session."



- 1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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**Report Title:**

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Grants

**Description:**

Establishes a grant program within chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide financial support for agriculture-related improvements to existing and emerging farms and agribusiness operations with priority given to grants related to food production. Requires the ADC to submit an annual report to the legislature on the grant program. (SD1)

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