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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that environmental  
2 concerns are more pressing than ever before and the State should  
3 lead by example in terms of moving toward a more environmentally  
4 sustainable future. The legislature finds that an effective way  
5 to increase environmental sustainability is to diminish the need  
6 for landfills by diverting select municipal solid waste, glass,  
7 and food and green waste from landfills to produce compost,  
8 animal feed, building materials, and energy. The legislature  
9 further finds that to continue the march toward long-term  
10 environmental sustainability, the State should explore how  
11 private businesses can leverage new technology to efficiently  
12 process waste streams into usable forms.

13           The purpose of this Act is to authorize the agribusiness  
14 development corporation to enter into contracts with private  
15 businesses to remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and  
16 food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other



1 business sectors, including agriculture, construction, and  
2 energy production.

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

6 "§163D- Municipal solid waste diversion. The  
7 corporation may enter into contracts with private businesses to  
8 remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green  
9 waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors,  
10 including agriculture, construction, and energy production;  
11 provided that any contract shall benefit agricultural and  
12 agriculture-related projects. The corporation may adopt rules  
13 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to carry out the purposes of  
14 this section."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Environment; Waste Diversion; Agribusiness Development Corporation

**Description:**

Authorizes the agribusiness development corporation to enter into contracts with private businesses to remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors, including agriculture, construction, and energy production; provided the contracts benefit agricultural and agriculture-related projects.  
(Proposed SD1)

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