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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO EXAMINE EXISTING LAWS RELATED TO THE SUGAR AND PINEAPPLE INDUSTRIES AND DETERMINE WHETHER UPDATES SHOULD BE MADE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF DIVERSIFIED CROPS.

1 WHEREAS, the downsizing of the sugar and pineapple  
2 industries presented an unprecedented opportunity for the  
3 conversion of agriculture into a dynamic growth industry; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the State is able to use public agricultural lands  
6 to enhance the local economy, provide employment opportunities,  
7 decrease reliance on imported agricultural products, and provide  
8 more sources of locally grown food for residents; and  
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10 WHEREAS, a valuable inventory of supporting infrastructure  
11 including irrigation systems, roads, drainage systems,  
12 processing facilities, workshops, and warehouses that are still  
13 largely underutilized was left vacant by the downsizing of the  
14 sugar and pineapple industries; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation was  
17 established in 1994 to facilitate and provide direction for the  
18 transition of Hawaii's agriculture industry from a dominance of  
19 sugar and pineapple to one composed of a diversity of different  
20 crops; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation is tasked  
23 with coordinating and administering programs to assist  
24 agricultural enterprises to facilitate the transition of  
25 agricultural infrastructure from plantation operations into  
26 other agricultural enterprises, increasing local production of  
27 agricultural products for local consumption, reducing the  
28 State's reliance on imported agricultural products, and  
29 increasing access to farmland and related infrastructure for  
30 small local farmers and cooperatives; now, therefore,  
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# H.R. NO. 174

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2023, that the Department of Agriculture is requested  
4 to examine existing laws related to the sugar and pineapple  
5 industries and determine whether updates should be made for the  
6 utilization of diversified crops; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
9 is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
10 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
11 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
12 the Regular Session of 2024; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
16 Agriculture and Executive Director of the Agribusiness  
17 Development Corporation.  
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OFFERED BY:



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