THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 836

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Section 163D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is			
2	amended b	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:			
3	"(a)	Except as otherwise limited by this chapter, the			
4	corporation may:				
5	(1)	Sue and be sued;			
6	(2)	Have a seal and alter the same at its pleasure;			
7	(3)	Make and alter bylaws for its organization and			
8		internal management;			
9	(4)	Adopt rules under chapter 91 necessary to effectuate			
10		this chapter in connection with its projects,			
11		operations, and properties;			
12	(5)	Make and execute contracts and all other instruments			
13		necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers			
14		and functions under this chapter;			
15	(6)	Acquire or contract to acquire by grant or purchase			
16		any real, personal, or mixed property or any interest			
17		therein for its immediate or future use for the			



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1		purposes of this chapter; own, hold, improve, and
2		rehabilitate any real, personal, or mixed property
3		acquired, and sell, assign, exchange, transfer,
4		convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of, or encumber
5		the same;
6	(7)	Acquire property by condemnation pursuant to chapter
7		<u>101;</u>
8	[(7)]	(8) By itself, or in partnership with qualified
9		persons, acquire, construct, reconstruct,
10		rehabilitate, improve, alter, or repair any
11		infrastructure or accessory facilities in connection
12		with any project; own, hold, sell, assign, transfer,
13		convey, exchange, lease, or otherwise dispose of, or
14		encumber any project;
15	[(8)]	(9) In cooperation with the department of
16		agriculture, pursuant to chapter 167, or otherwise
17		through direct investment or coventure with a
18		professional investor or enterprise or any other
19		person, or otherwise, to acquire, construct, operate,
20		and maintain water facilities for conveying,
21		distributing, and transmitting water for irrigation



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1	and agric	ultural uses at rates or charges determined
2	by the co	rporation; provided that:
3	(A) This	chapter shall not be construed to permit or
4	allo	w the department of agriculture or any
5	agri	business development corporation to:
6	(i)	Amend or modify rights or entitlements to
7		water as provided for by article XI, section
8		7, of the Constitution of the State of
9		Hawaii, or the Hawaiian Homes Commission
10		Act, 1920, as amended, and chapter 168;
11	(ii)	Diminish or abridge the traditional and
12		customary rights of ahupua`a tenants who
13		inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778
14		under sections 1-1 and 7-1; and
15	(iii)	Impair, abridge, or terminate the legal
16		rights or interests to water and its uses,
17		whether by lease, easement, or other means,
18		which are possessed or held by organizations
19		whose primary purpose is to benefit people
20		of Hawaiian ancestry; and

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1		(B) All usage of water shall be in accordance with	
2		chapter 174C and other applicable laws in the	
3		State;	
4	[(9)]	(10) Receive, examine, and determine the	
5		acceptability of applications of qualified persons	
6		for allowances or grants for the development of new	
7		crops and agricultural products, the expansion of	
8		established agricultural enterprises, and the altering	
9		of existing agricultural enterprises;	
10	[(10)]	(11) Coordinate its activities with any federal or	
11		state farm credit programs;	
12	[(11)]	(12) Grant options to purchase any project or to	
13		renew any lease entered into by it in connection with	
14		any of its projects, on the terms and conditions it	
15		deems advisable;	
16	[(12)]	(13) Provide advisory, consultative, training, and	
17		educational services, technical assistance, and advice	
18		to any person, partnership, or corporation, either	
19		public or private, in order to carry out the purposes	
20		of this chapter, and engage the services of	

1	consultants on a contractual basis for rendering
2	professional and technical assistance and advice;
3	[(13)] <u>(14)</u> Procure insurance against any loss in connection
4	with its property and other assets and operations in
5	such amounts and from such insurers as it deems
6	desirable;
7	[(14)] <u>(15)</u> Accept gifts or grants in any form from any
8	public agency or any other source; and
9	[(15)] <u>(16)</u> Do all things necessary or proper to carry out
10	the purposes of this chapter."
11	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
13	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
14	INTRODUCED BY: DUNAUTeleo



Report Title:

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Powers; Condemnation

Description:

Authorizes the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire property through condemnation.

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