
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that establishing a food
2 and product innovation network is critical to meeting the
3 State's agricultural and economic diversification goals. The
4 network will allow businesses in the State to capitalize
5 globally on the "made in Hawaii", "produced in Hawaii", or
6 "processed in Hawaii" brand; create world-class products; and
7 scale up production by providing the businesses with access to a
8 diverse suite of manufacturing equipment and industry expertise.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
10 statewide network of open-access food and value-added product
11 development facilities to enable businesses to scale up new
12 products from research and development to manufacturing and
13 commercialization.

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



1 "§163D- Food and product innovation network;
2 established. (a) There is established within the corporation
3 the food and product innovation network. The purpose of the
4 food and product innovation network shall be to:

5 (1) Allow businesses in the State to capitalize globally
6 on the "made in Hawaii", "produced in Hawaii", or
7 "processed in Hawaii" brand, pursuant to
8 section 486-119;

9 (2) Create world-class products; and

10 (3) Scale up production by providing the businesses with
11 access to a diverse suite of manufacturing equipment
12 and industry expertise.

13 (b) Partner members of the food and product innovation
14 network shall include:

15 (1) The department of education food and product
16 innovation center in Kekaha, on the island of Kauai;

17 (2) The foreign-trade zone facility in Hilo, on the island
18 of Hawaii;

19 (3) The university of Hawaii Maui college food innovation
20 center, on the island of Maui; and



1 (4) The university of Hawaii Leeward community college
2 value-added product development center in Wahiawa, on
3 the island of Oahu.

4 (c) The food and product innovation network shall:

5 (1) Offer a range of resources within the wider network to
6 support innovation and business development, including
7 courses and events relating to food and value-added
8 product development, entrepreneurship, marketing,
9 branding, business management, workforce development,
10 intellectual property protection, and other topics;

11 (2) Provide new product development support from
12 early-stage trials to commercialization by
13 establishing a network of facilities with equipment of
14 various scales, providing expert advice, and offering
15 resources tailored to the regional economies;

16 (3) Provide low-risk commercial production with
17 appropriate certifications for exporting products and
18 selling products locally;

19 (4) Provide recommendations on process optimization by
20 offering advice and networking, identifying and



1 testing equipment, planning trials, and analyzing
2 results;

3 (5) Increase exports by securing facilities and developing
4 compliance programs for off-shore markets; provided
5 that each county shall have no more than two food and
6 product innovation network facilities that produce
7 products labeled "made in Hawaii", "produced in
8 Hawaii", or "processed in Hawaii" pursuant to
9 section 486-119;

10 (6) Develop entrepreneurs to grow the State's economy; and

11 (7) Prepare businesses to scale up and achieve autonomous
12 business success and sustainability.

13 (d) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 each regular session, the corporation, on behalf of the food and
15 product innovation network, shall submit a report to the
16 legislature that includes:

17 (1) A description of the food and product innovation
18 network's activities and progress in the preceding
19 year, including the activities and progress of primary
20 members and partner members, in response to the
21 directives established pursuant to subsection (c);



1 (2) An assessment of any progress made in growing the
2 State's agriculture industry, food industry, and
3 related industries, and in meeting the State's food
4 security goals; and

5 (3) Any proposed legislation."

6 SECTION 3. Section 163D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately
8 inserted and to read as follows:

9 "Partner member" means an open-access food and value-added
10 product development facility that is part of the food and
11 product innovation network but is not managed or operated by the
12 corporation.

13 "Primary member" means an open-access food and value-added
14 product development facility that is part of the food and
15 product innovation network and is managed and operated by the
16 corporation."

17 SECTION 4. Section 163D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

19 "(b) The corporation shall [~~develop~~]:

20 (1) Develop, promote, assist, and market agricultural
21 products for local consumption, and shall promote and



1 assist in commercial export of agricultural
2 products[-]; and
3 (2) Oversee the food and product innovation network
4 pursuant to section 163D- ; provided that the
5 responsibilities and operations of each partner member
6 shall remain with the partner member."

7 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

ADC; Economic Development; Food and Product Innovation Network;
Food Security

Description:

Establishes a food and product innovation network within the
Agribusiness Development Corporation.

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