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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 SECTION 1. Section 163D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by 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



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 by condemnation pursuant to chapter 101 any  
7 real property, including fixtures and improvements, or  
8 any interest in real property, for the purposes of  
9 this chapter; provided that:

10 (A) The corporation makes a determination that the  
11 property is necessary for the corporation's  
12 immediate or future use; and

13 (B) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,  
14 real property acquired by condemnation shall not  
15 thereafter be transferred or taken for any other  
16 public use without the consent of the  
17 corporation;

18 ~~(7)~~ (8) By itself, or in partnership with qualified  
19 persons, acquire, construct, reconstruct,  
20 rehabilitate, improve, alter, or repair any  
21 infrastructure or accessory facilities in connection



1 with any project; own, hold, sell, assign, transfer,  
2 convey, exchange, lease, or otherwise dispose of, or  
3 encumber any project;

4 [~~(8)~~] (9) In cooperation with the department of  
5 agriculture, pursuant to chapter 167, or otherwise  
6 through direct investment or coventure with a  
7 professional investor or enterprise or any other  
8 person, or otherwise, to acquire, construct, operate,  
9 and maintain water facilities for conveying,  
10 distributing, and transmitting water for irrigation  
11 and agricultural uses at rates or charges determined  
12 by the corporation; provided that:

13 (A) This chapter shall not be construed to permit or  
14 allow the department of agriculture or [~~any~~]  
15 agribusiness development corporation to:

16 (i) Amend or modify rights or entitlements to  
17 water as provided for by article XI,  
18 section 7, of the Constitution of the State  
19 of Hawaii, or the Hawaiian Homes Commission  
20 Act, 1920, as amended, and chapter 168;



- 1           (ii) Diminish or abridge the traditional and  
2           customary rights of ahupuaa tenants who  
3           inhabited the Hawaiian Islands [~~prior to~~  
4           before 1778 under sections 1-1 and 7-1; and  
5           (iii) Impair, abridge, or terminate the legal  
6           rights or interests to water and its uses,  
7           whether by lease, easement, or other means,  
8           [~~which~~] that are possessed or held by  
9           organizations whose primary purpose is to  
10          benefit people of Hawaiian ancestry; and  
11          (B) All usage of water shall be in accordance with  
12          chapter 174C and other applicable laws in the  
13          State;  
14          [~~(9)~~] (10) Receive, examine, and determine the  
15          acceptability of applications of qualified persons  
16          for allowances or grants for the development of new  
17          crops and agricultural products, the expansion of  
18          established agricultural enterprises, and the altering  
19          of existing agricultural enterprises;  
20          [~~(10)~~] (11) Coordinate its activities with any federal or  
21          state farm credit programs;



1       ~~(11)~~ (12) Grant options to purchase any project or to  
2               renew any lease entered into by it in connection with  
3               any of its projects, on the terms and conditions it  
4               deems advisable;

5       ~~(12)~~ (13) Provide advisory, consultative, training, and  
6               educational services, technical assistance, and advice  
7               to any person, partnership, or corporation, either  
8               public or private, in order to carry out the purposes  
9               of this chapter, and engage the services of  
10              consultants on a contractual basis for rendering  
11              professional and technical assistance and advice;

12       ~~(13)~~ (14) Procure insurance against any loss in connection  
13              with its property and other assets and operations in  
14              ~~such~~ amounts and from ~~such~~ insurers as it deems  
15              desirable;

16       ~~(14)~~ (15) Accept gifts or grants in any form from any  
17              public agency or any other source; and

18       ~~(15)~~ (16) Do all things necessary or proper to carry out  
19              the purposes of this chapter."

20           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

ADC; Real Property; Condemnation; Eminent Domain; Public Use

**Description:**

Authorizes the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire by condemnation any real property or interest in real property for the purposes of Chapter 163D, HRS. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to make a determination that the property is necessary for the corporation's immediate or future use. Prohibits real property acquired by condemnation from being subsequently transferred or taken for any other public use without the consent of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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