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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGARDING GRANT
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation's mission
2 is to work with local farmers, ranchers, and aquaculture groups
3 to acquire land and infrastructure to facilitate the development
4 of a multi-crop agricultural industry in Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture aims to sponsor and
7 develop programs that promote the growth, sustainability, and
8 protection of Hawai'i's agriculture industry; and

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10 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan
11 identifies and outlines the goals and initiatives for achieving
12 sustainability milestones through the 2020-2030 decade of
13 action; and

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15 WHEREAS, the increase of local food production for local
16 consumption by 2030 is identified as a goal of the plan through
17 the Aloha challenge; and

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19 WHEREAS, the increase of food production may require that
20 more land be available for agricultural projects, and more labor
21 be available to support the production and distribution of
22 products; and

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24 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture
25 provides a multitude of grant program opportunities to improve
26 the development and performance of agricultural organizations
27 across the United States; and

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29 WHEREAS, these United States Department of Agriculture
30 grants have the opportunity to provide funding and aid to local



1 farmers and ranchers to promote their continued growth and
2 performance in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
7 Agriculture is urged to collaborate with the Agribusiness
8 Development Corporation regarding grant funding opportunities
9 with the United States Department of Agriculture to provide more
10 support for local agricultural organizations or entities and
11 encourage the development of a sustainable agricultural industry
12 in Hawaii; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
16 Board of Agriculture and Chairperson of the Board of Directors
17 of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

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OFFERED BY:

