THE SENATE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. ¹⁶⁵⁷ S.D. 2 H.D. 1

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 b	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:	
3	"(a)	Except as otherwise limited by this chapter, the	
4	corporati	on 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 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 the corporation makes a
10		determination that the property is necessary for the
11		corporation's immediate or future use.
		Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any
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12 13		real property acquired by condemnation shall not
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13 14	[(7)]	real property acquired by condemnation shall not thereafter be transferred or taken for any other
13 14 15	[-(7) -]	real property acquired by condemnation shall not thereafter be transferred or taken for any other public use without the consent of the corporation;
13 14 15 16	[-(7) -]	<pre>real property acquired by condemnation shall not thereafter be transferred or taken for any other public use without the consent of the corporation; (8) By itself, or in partnership with qualified</pre>
13 14 15 16 17	[(7)]	<pre>real property acquired by condemnation shall not thereafter be transferred or taken for any other public use without the consent of the corporation; (8) By itself, or in partnership with qualified persons, acquire, construct, reconstruct,</pre>

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1		convey, exchange, lease, or otherwise dispose of, or
2		encumber any project;
3	[-(8)]	(9) In cooperation with the department of
4		agriculture, pursuant to chapter 167, or otherwise
5		through direct investment or coventure with a
6		professional investor or enterprise or any other
7		person, or otherwise, to acquire, construct, operate,
8		and maintain water facilities for conveying,
9		distributing, and transmitting water for irrigation
10		and agricultural uses at rates or charges determined
11		by the corporation; provided that:
12		(A) This chapter shall not be construed to permit or
13		allow the department of agriculture or [any]
14		agribusiness development corporation to:
15		(i) Amend or modify rights or entitlements to
16		water as provided for by article XI,
17		section 7, of the Constitution of the State
18		of Hawaii, or the Hawaiian Homes Commission
19		Act, 1920, as amended, and chapter 168;
20		(ii) Diminish or abridge the traditional and
21		customary rights of ahupuaa tenants who

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

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1		any of its projects, on the terms and conditions it
2		deems advisable;
3	[(12)]	(13) Provide advisory, consultative, training, and
4		educational services, technical assistance, and advice
5		to any person, partnership, or corporation, either
6		public or private, in order to carry out the purposes
7		of this chapter, and engage the services of
8		consultants on a contractual basis for rendering
9		professional and technical assistance and advice;
10	[(13)]	(14) Procure insurance against any loss in connection
11		with its property and other assets and operations in
12		[such] amounts and from [such] insurers as it deems
13		desirable;
14	[-(14)-]	(15) Accept gifts or grants in any form from any
15		public agency or any other source; and
16	[(15)]	(16) Do all things necessary or proper to carry out
17		the purposes of this chapter."
18	SECT	ION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
20	SECT	ION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

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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, under certain conditions. Prohibits any real property acquired by the Corporation by condemnation from subsequently being transferred or taken for any other public use without the Corporation's consent. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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