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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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 the State; 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 Hawaii's agriculture industry; and

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

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

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

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

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28 WHEREAS, these United States Department of Agriculture  
29 grants have the opportunity to provide funding and aid to local  
30 farmers and ranchers to promote their continued growth and  
31 performance in the State; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
3 that the Department of Agriculture is urged to collaborate with  
4 the Agribusiness Development Corporation regarding grant funding  
5 opportunities with the United States Department of Agriculture  
6 to provide more support for local agricultural organizations or  
7 entities and encourage the development of a sustainable  
8 agricultural industry in the State; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
12 Agriculture and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the  
13 Agribusiness Development Corporation.

