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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HALAULA AGRICULTURAL PARCEL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that strategic investment
2 in the State's agricultural sector, particularly in the north
3 Kohala district of Hawaii island, is necessary to revitalize the
4 State's agricultural industry. Despite north Kohala's fertile
5 land and abundant natural resources, the region has been
6 historically underserved, lacking the support required to
7 realize its agricultural potential. Consequently, the State
8 struggles with agricultural production and food security and
9 relies on imported goods. Investment in this region would
10 alleviate these challenges by revitalizing the agricultural
11 industry, creating employment opportunities, and improving food
12 self-sufficiency across the State.

13 The legislature further finds that the agribusiness
14 development corporation is uniquely positioned to oversee the
15 purchase, management, and responsible development of
16 agricultural lands in this region. The Halaula agricultural
17 parcel located in north Kohala offers significant potential for



1 agricultural development, including sustainable agricultural
2 practices, farming, livestock, and agroforestry. Authorizing
3 the agribusiness development corporation to purchase this
4 property will stimulate economic growth, support community
5 initiatives, and revitalize the rural economy in north Kohala.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
7 issuance of general obligation bonds to the agribusiness
8 development corporation to complete the purchase of the fee
9 simple interest in the Halaula agricultural parcel identified as
10 tax map key: (3) 5-3-7:15.

11 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
12 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$1,400,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
14 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2026-2027
15 for the purpose of financing the purchase of a parcel of land
16 for agricultural development identified as tax map key:
17 (3) 5-3-7:15.

18 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated in section 2 of this Act
19 shall be expended by the agribusiness development corporation
20 for the purposes of this Act.

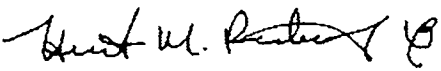


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1 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital
2 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
3 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
4 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
5 unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as of that date.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation for the purchase of the Halaula Agricultural Parcel for agricultural development.

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