

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2206

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2169
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 2169 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire by condemnation any real property or interest in real property, under certain conditions; and
- (2) Prohibit 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the inability to assemble, protect, or access land and infrastructure necessary for viable food



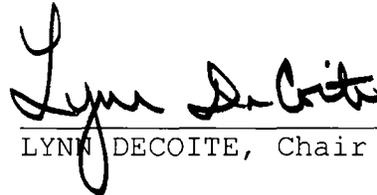
production is one of the most persistent challenges facing the State's agricultural sector. In certain circumstances, issues such as fragmented ownership, long-term vacancy, or unresolved access issues can delay or prevent the Agribusiness Development Corporation's development of essential agricultural infrastructure that serves a clear public purpose. This measure empowers the Agribusiness Development Corporation to address critical barriers to agricultural land access, infrastructure development, and food production through eminent domain authority, subject to legal safeguards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2169, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2169, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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