

ACT 117

H.B. NO. 1280

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agriculture.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 163D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The board of directors of the corporation shall consist of eleven voting members, of whom eight shall be appointed by the governor [for staggered terms]. These eight members shall be selected on the basis of their knowledge, experience, and proven expertise in small and large businesses within the agricultural industry,

agricultural economics, banking, real estate, finance, promotion, marketing, and management. Of these eight members, [four shall be selected by the senate president and four shall be selected by the speaker of the house of representatives; provided that two] one shall be from the city and county of Honolulu, [two] one shall be from the county of Hawaii, [two] one shall be from the county of Maui, [and two] one shall be from the county of Kauai., and four shall be appointed at-large. The director of business, economic development, and tourism; the chairperson of the board of agriculture; and the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources, or their designated representatives, shall be ex-officio, voting members of the board. All members shall continue in office until their respective successors have been appointed and qualified. The board shall annually elect its chairperson from among its members; provided that the chairperson shall not be an ex-officio member.”

SECTION 2. Section 163D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The corporation shall develop, promote, assist, and market export crops and other crops for local markets [approved by the board of agriculture].”

SECTION 3. Act 176, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998, is amended by amending section 19 to read as follows:

“SECTION 19. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1998; provided that section 5 shall take effect on [July 1, 1999.] July 1, 2001.”

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1999-2000 for the expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the agribusiness development corporation board.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 1999; provided that:

- (1) Section 1 shall be repealed on June 30, 2001; and
- (2) Section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 1999.

(Approved June 25, 1999.)