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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO START A FARM  
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, activities on Agribusiness Development Corporation  
2 lands must meet the current standards for agriculture and food  
3 safety best practices; and  
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5 WHEREAS, farmers vary greatly in terms of fiscal resources,  
6 farming experience, business acumen, and English language  
7 skills; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation lacks the  
10 resources necessary for constant oversight and vigilance to  
11 manage a diverse population of farmers; and  
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13 WHEREAS, farmers may not be aware that compliance is  
14 required with federal programs that ensure public health on  
15 Agribusiness Development Corporation lands, including:  
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17 (1) United States Department of Agriculture Good  
18 Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Practices;  
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20 (2) United States Food and Drug Administration's Food  
21 Safety Modernization Act;  
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23 (3) Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection  
24 Act; and  
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26 (4) United States Environmental Protection Agency's  
27 Agricultural Worker Protection Standard; now,  
28 therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,  
32 that the Agribusiness Development Corporation is urged to  
33 establish a farm apprenticeship program that creates an  
34 efficient and effective framework or model to manage farming  
35 operations through a sublease structure in which a lead farmer  
36 is responsible for the actions of the farmer's lessees; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the farm apprenticeship program should:

- (1) Include the establishment of the lead farmer as a single point of contact with whom the Agribusiness Development Corporation will communicate to improve fiscal management and communication;
- (2) Be a replicable model for expanded production;
- (3) Ensure compliance with applicable best practice programs;
- (4) Coordinate crop selection and rotation to ensure optimal production; and
- (5) Develop proficiency and competence among sublessees who may move into a lead farmer position on another parcel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is urged to support the lead and lessee farmers in the farm apprenticeship program with extension services that focus on technical and workforce development issues, including outreach and training; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation and Dean of the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

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