

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

166

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1359  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 1359 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 require and appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture to conduct a management and financial audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from eleven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Office of the Auditor; Department of Agriculture; We Are One, Inc.; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Momilani Farm; and seventeen individuals.

Your Committee finds that auditing the Agribusiness Development Corporation would provide greater transparency to the public and help ensure that monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Agribusiness Development Corporation align with the regulations and parameters attached to those funds.

Your Committee notes that there is controversy over whether the Department of Agriculture or the State Auditor should conduct



the management and financial audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Ways and Means to consider the recommendations in the State Auditor's testimony.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for the Department of Agriculture to conduct a management and financial audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1359, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1359, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1359	AEN, WAM	02.04.2019		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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