
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to address the issue
2 of agriculture in Hawaii. More specifically, this Act includes
3 the following major amendments:

4 (1) Exempts aggregate bulk freight, cement bulk freight,
5 coal bulk freight, and liquid bulk freight from the
6 pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication service
7 fee;

8 (2) Clarifies and increases the purposes for which funds
9 may be expended from the pest inspection, quarantine,
10 and eradication fund;

11 (3) Requires the deposit of fees and fines relating to
12 agricultural inspections into the pest inspection,
13 quarantine, and eradication fund; and

14 (4) Repeals the permit revolving fund and microorganism
15 import certification revolving fund and transfers
16 moneys in those funds into the pest inspection,
17 quarantine, and eradication fund.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and read as follows:

4 "§150A- Failure to pay or remit the inspection,
5 quarantine, and eradication service fee; fines. (a) The
6 following fines shall be imposed for failure to pay, bill, or
7 remit the inspection, quarantine, and eradication service fee as
8 provided for in section 150A-5.3:

9 (1) A person responsible for paying the freight charges to
10 the transportation company who does not pay the fee
11 shall be assessed a fine of \$ for every one
12 thousand pounds of freight or part thereof; and

13 (2) A transportation company that does not:
14 (A) Bill the fee to the person responsible for paying
15 the freight charges to the transportation company
16 within fifteen days of the delivery of the
17 freight; or

18 (B) Remit the fee to the department within forty-five
19 days of collecting the fee from the person
20 responsible for paying the freight charges to the
21 transportation company,



1 shall pay a fine of \$ for every one thousand
2 pounds of freight or part thereof.

3 (b) All fines shall be paid to the department and
4 deposited into the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication
5 fund under section 150A-4.5."

6 SECTION 3. Section 150A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding four new definitions to be appropriately
8 inserted and to read:

9 "Aggregate bulk freight" means man-made, unpackaged, pre-
10 processed, inspected and certified, homogenous particulate
11 material used in construction, without mark or count, that is
12 usually free-flowing and bought and sold by weight or volume,
13 such as clean sand, gravel, crushed stone, slag, recycled
14 concrete, and geosynthetic aggregates.

15 "Cement bulk freight" means unpackaged, homogenous cement,
16 without mark or count, that is usually free-flowing and bought
17 and sold by weight or volume.

18 "Coal bulk freight" means unpackaged, homogenous coal,
19 without mark or count, that is usually free-flowing, bought and
20 sold by weight or volume, and used as a fuel.

21 "Liquid bulk freight" means unpackaged, homogenous liquid
22 goods, without mark or count, that are usually free-flowing and



1 bought and sold by weight or volume, such as oil, or other
2 complex mixture of petroleum hydrocarbons, bituminous liquids
3 such as asphalt, gasoline, and fuel oils."

4 SECTION 4. Section 150A-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§150A-4.5 Pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication
7 fund. (a) There is established in the state treasury the pest
8 inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund, into which shall
9 be deposited:

- 10 (1) Legislative appropriations for inspection, quarantine,
11 biosecurity, and eradication services;
- 12 (2) Service fees, charges, and penalties collected under
13 section 150A-5.3 [~~+~~] and section 150A-23;
- 14 (3) Fees imposed for services pursuant to this chapter or
15 rule adopted under this chapter;
- 16 (4) Fines for violations of this chapter;
- 17 [~~+3~~] (5) Federal funds received for biosecurity, pest
18 inspection, control, management, quarantine, and
19 eradication programs;
- 20 [~~+4~~] (6) Grants and gifts;
- 21 [~~+5~~] (7) All interest earned or accrued on moneys
22 deposited in the fund; and



1 [~~(6)~~] (8) Any other moneys made available to the fund.

2 (b) The moneys in the pest inspection, quarantine, and

3 eradication fund shall be expended by the department for the

4 operation of pest inspection, quarantine, eradication,

5 biosecurity, and monitoring programs, related facilities, [~~and~~]

6 training and education of inspectors and the agricultural

7 industry, permit and certificate holders, and the general

8 public, the execution of emergency remedial measures when pests

9 are detected in the course of inspection and quarantine

10 activities by the department [~~-~~], and for any other purposes

11 deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. In

12 addition, the moneys shall be expended to facilitate the

13 processing and issuance of permits and microorganism import

14 certificates and for the operations, activities, and monitoring

15 of permitted and certified plants, animals, and microorganisms."

16 SECTION 5. Section 150A-5.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

17 amended to read as follows:

18 "§150A-5.3 Inspection, quarantine, and eradication service

19 fee and charge. (a) There is imposed a fee for the inspection,

20 quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any

21 freight, including but not limited to marine commercial

22 container shipment, air freight, or any other means of



1 transporting freight, foreign or domestic, not including
2 aggregate bulk freight, cement bulk freight, coal bulk freight,
3 or liquid bulk freight, that is brought into the [~~State,~~] state.
4 The transportation company shall bill the fee to the person
5 responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation
6 company within fifteen days of the delivery of the freight. The
7 fee shall be paid by the person responsible for paying the
8 freight charges to the transportation company [~~, who~~] within
9 forty-five days of receipt of the bill. The transportation
10 company shall collect the fee from the person responsible and
11 forward the payment to the department at the port of
12 disembarkation[+] within forty-five days of receipt of the fee;
13 provided that the transportation company shall not be liable for
14 any fee that is not paid by the person responsible for paying
15 the freight charges to the transportation company.

16 The department shall deposit the fee into the pest
17 inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund under section 150A-
18 4.5.

19 (b) The fee shall be assessed and collected on the net
20 weight of the imported freight computed on the basis of 50 cents
21 for every one thousand pounds of freight brought into the
22 [~~State,~~] state, or part thereof."



1 SECTION 6. Section 150A-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§150A-21[+] Certification for shipment. The
4 department may certify as to the pest condition or post
5 treatment of shipments when officially required. Fees may be
6 charged for certificates in certain instances[-]; provided that
7 the fees shall be deposited into the pest inspection,
8 quarantine, and eradication fund."

9 SECTION 7. Section 150A-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "[+]§150A-23[+] Nursery stock certificate. The department
12 may issue and authorize the use of nursery stock certificates by
13 any shipper complying with its regulation for nursery
14 inspection. Shipments accompanied by these certificates may
15 move to other localities within the county or to other counties
16 without inspection at destination. Nursery stock certificates
17 may be issued for interstate shipments. Fees may be charged for
18 nursery certification[-] and shall be deposited into the pest
19 inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund. Nursery stock
20 certificates shall not be altered or misused.

21 The department may revoke or suspend the right to use any
22 nursery stock certificate which is issued to any person who



1 fails to comply with requirements for [~~their~~] use of the
2 certificate."

3 SECTION 8. Section 150A-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[~~+~~§150A-31[~~+~~]` Certificate for shipment. The department
6 may certify as to the pest condition of honey bee shipments when
7 health certificates are officially required. Fees to cover the
8 department's certification costs may be charged for health
9 certificates as provided by rule[~~-~~]; provided that the fees
10 shall be deposited into the pest inspection, quarantine, and
11 eradication fund. Health certificates shall not be altered or
12 misused."

13 SECTION 9. Section 150A-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) Fees may be assessed for the processing and issuance
16 of a certificate and for inspections related to the certificate,
17 as established by rule. Fees may vary according to the type of
18 certification issued and the costs incurred for inspections[~~-~~];
19 provided that the fees shall be deposited into the pest
20 inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund."

21 SECTION 10. Section 150A-6.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 repealed.

1 ~~["§150A-6.7 Permit revolving fund. (a) There is~~
2 ~~established in the state treasury a revolving fund to be known~~
3 ~~as the permit revolving fund to be administered by the~~
4 ~~department. The permit revolving fund shall consist of:~~

5 ~~(1) Legislative appropriations;~~
6 ~~(2) User fees as authorized by rule;~~
7 ~~(3) All interest earned on or accrued to moneys deposited~~
8 ~~in the permit revolving fund;~~
9 ~~(4) Grants and gifts; and~~
10 ~~(5) Any other moneys made available to the permit~~
11 ~~revolving fund from other sources.~~

12 ~~(b) The department shall expend moneys in the permit~~
13 ~~revolving fund to:~~

14 ~~(1) Facilitate the processing and issuance of permits;~~
15 ~~(2) Amend lists of creatures prohibited or allowed for~~
16 ~~import;~~
17 ~~(3) Comply with monitoring activities;~~
18 ~~(4) Train personnel, and provide educational workshops,~~
19 ~~materials, and equipment; and~~
20 ~~(5) For any other purpose deemed necessary to carry out~~
21 ~~the purposes of this part."]~~



1 SECTION 11. Section 150A-48, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 repealed.

3 ~~["§150A-48] Microorganism import certification revolving~~
4 ~~fund. (a) There is established in the state treasury the~~
5 ~~microorganism import certification revolving fund which shall be~~
6 ~~administered by the department for the purposes of this section.~~
7 ~~The microorganism import certification revolving fund shall~~
8 ~~consist of:~~

- 9 ~~(1) Legislative appropriations to the microorganism import~~
10 ~~certification revolving fund;~~
- 11 ~~(2) Certification and inspection fees, as authorized by~~
12 ~~rule;~~
- 13 ~~(3) All fines collected pursuant to this part;~~
- 14 ~~(4) Reimbursements for any costs paid by the department to~~
15 ~~remediate any impending danger or actual emergencies~~
16 ~~involving microorganisms imported pursuant to~~
17 ~~certificate;~~
- 18 ~~(5) All interest earned on or accrued to moneys deposited~~
19 ~~in the microorganism import certification revolving~~
20 ~~fund;~~
- 21 ~~(6) Grants and gifts to the microorganism import~~
22 ~~certification revolving fund; and~~



1 ~~(7) Any other moneys made available to the microorganism~~
2 ~~import certification revolving fund from other~~
3 ~~sources.~~

4 ~~(b) The balance in the microorganism import certification~~
5 ~~revolving fund shall not exceed \$500,000. All amounts in excess~~
6 ~~of \$500,000 shall be deposited to the credit of the state~~
7 ~~general fund.~~

8 ~~(c) The department shall expend moneys in the~~
9 ~~microorganism import certification revolving fund for the~~
10 ~~development, administration, and operation of the microorganism~~
11 ~~import certification program, including but not limited to~~
12 ~~personnel, training, materials and equipment, compliance~~
13 ~~monitoring activities, educational workshops for certified~~
14 ~~importers and applicants for certification, evaluation and~~
15 ~~remediation of impending threat or actual emergencies related to~~
16 ~~microorganisms imported pursuant to certificate, and for any~~
17 ~~other purpose deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this~~
18 ~~part.~~

19 ~~(d) The department may set fees, by rule, for educational~~
20 ~~workshops for certified importers or applicants for~~
21 ~~certification."]~~



1 SECTION 12. (a) The repeal of section 150A-6.7 and
2 section 150A-48, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not rescind any
3 fees authorized or imposed under those sections that would have
4 been deposited into the permit revolving fund or the
5 microorganism import certification revolving fund. From July 1,
6 2010, the fees under those sections shall be deposited into the
7 pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund.

8 (b) On July 1, 2010:

- 9 (1) All moneys in the permit revolving fund and
10 microorganism import certification revolving fund as
11 of June 30, 2010, shall be transferred to the pest
12 inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund;
- 13 (2) All unpaid obligations of the permit revolving fund
14 and microorganism import certification revolving fund
15 as of June 30, 2010, shall become payable from the
16 pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund; and
- 17 (3) The permit revolving fund and microorganism import
18 certification revolving fund shall cease to exist.

19 SECTION 13. (a) Between July 1, 2010, and September 30,
20 2010, the department of agriculture shall adopt new or amend
21 existing rules to impose or increase the fees authorized to be
22 charged under chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, without



1 regard to the public notice and public hearing requirements of
2 section 91-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the small business impact
3 review requirements of chapter 201M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or
4 the limit on fee increases under section 92-28, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes. The department shall set the fees at amounts intended
6 to generate, together with the inspection, quarantine, and
7 eradication service fee, sufficient revenues to pay the
8 operation and maintenance costs of implementing the agriculture
9 inspection and biosecurity programs of chapter 150A, Hawaii
10 Revised Statutes, and the central services and departmental
11 administrative expense assessments of section 36-27 and section
12 36-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 (b) If, by September 30, 2010, the department of
14 agriculture has not complied with subsection (a), then the fee
15 charged for each inspection or certification conducted under
16 authority of chapter 150A shall be as follows, effective October
17 1, 2010:

18 (1) A fee for inspection, safeguarding, witnessing
19 departure, witnessing treatment, or certification
20 requiring the services of personnel beyond regular
21 work hours, including pre-shift, post-shift, holidays,
22 or days off, and an additional fee shall be assessed,



1 which shall include applicable charges for overtime
2 wages, fixed charges for personnel services, and
3 meals;

4 (2) A fee for inspection during regular work hours
5 conducted away from the port or office shall be \$50
6 per hour plus mileage reimbursement;

7 (3) An annual fee for nursery certification shall be \$100;

8 (4) A fee for follow-up inspections required to correct
9 deficiencies found in a certification inspection or
10 inspections to remedy out-of-state rejections shall be
11 \$50 per hour plus mileage reimbursement;

12 (5) A fee for treatment or destruction of infested
13 commodities performed by the branch shall be \$50 per
14 parcel;

15 (6) A fee for the use of a quarantine house operated by
16 the branch shall be \$50 per room per month; and

17 (7) A storage fee of \$5 per day shall be charged for
18 commodities stored at any branch office, forty-eight
19 hours after written notification.

20 The fee shall be deposited into the pest inspection,
21 quarantine and eradication fund.



1 (c) Any subsequent amendments to the rules adopted or
2 amended pursuant to subsection (a) or the fees established under
3 subsection (b) shall be subject to all applicable provisions of
4 chapter 91, chapter 201M, and section 92-28, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes.

6 SECTION 14. There is appropriated out of the pest
7 inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund the sum of \$ or
8 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011,
9 and shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the
10 purposes of the fund.

11 SECTION 15. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Service Fee

Description:

Makes various amendments to the agricultural inspection and biosecurity laws, including the following: (1) Exempts aggregate bulk freight, cement bulk freight, coal bulk freight, and liquid bulk freight from the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Service fee; (2) Increases the purposes for expenditures from the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund; (3) Requires the deposit of fees and fines relating to agricultural inspections into the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund; and (4) Repeals the Permit Revolving Fund and Microorganism Import Certification Revolving Fund and transfers the moneys in those funds into the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund. (HB2294 HD2)

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