
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The efficient and secure movement of
2 agricultural commodities--whether imported into the State,
3 exported out of the State, or transported between the islands of
4 the State--is key to the long-term viability of Hawaii's
5 agriculture industry. Inefficiencies in cargo transportation
6 increase the cost of goods and raise the risk of spoilage and
7 loss. Consumers and retailers demand safe food products;
8 farmers and wholesalers follow food-safety guidelines and
9 regulations. The transportation of agricultural commodities
10 from producer to consumer cannot be the weak link in the system.

11 The inspection and proper treatment of incoming and
12 outgoing commodities reduce the probability of the introduction
13 of new pests to Hawaii's agricultural industry and reduce the
14 likelihood of a quarantine on Hawaii's exported goods. In
15 addition, export commodities need to be inspected by the United
16 States Department of Agriculture or state department of
17 agriculture to meet the applicable domestic or foreign
18 quarantine or restriction.



1 Currently, there are only two pathways for introduced
2 species to arrive in the State: air and sea transportation. Air
3 transportation has been proven to be the highest risk pathway,
4 transporting introduced species, invasive species and pests,
5 various illegal plants and animals, and a higher quantity of
6 non-native pests, which are more likely to become established in
7 our islands. Each year, eighty per cent of the insects
8 intercepted by inspectors are at Hawaii's airports.

9 The legislature finds that the Federal Aviation
10 Administration is moving toward a sustainable airport concept
11 that implements sustainable principles as part of airport
12 planning, the core principles of which are:

- 13 (1) Protecting the environment;
- 14 (2) Maintaining high and stable levels of economic growth;
- 15 and
- 16 (3) Social progress that recognizes all stakeholders'
17 needs.

18 This program makes these issues a core objective of the airport
19 and not a secondary concern.

20 The purpose of this Act is to initiate and continue the
21 implementation of biosecurity facilities at Hawaii's ports and
22 applicable off-port locations. These facilities would be in



1 accord with section 150A-53(2) and (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 which directs the department of agriculture to:

3 "(2) Establish, operate, or participate in operating port-
4 of-entry facilities where multiple government agencies
5 may inspect, quarantine, fumigate, disinfect, destroy,
6 or exclude as appropriate, articles that may harbor
7 pests or exclude articles that are prohibited or
8 restricted without a permit, with the goals of:

9 (A) Performing inspections in an efficient,
10 effective, and expeditious manner for the
11 government agencies involved and for cargo
12 owners, carriers, and importers; and

13 (B) Providing for the proper and safe storage and
14 handling of cargo, especially agricultural and
15 food commodities, awaiting inspection;

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17 (4) Collaborate with relevant government agencies,
18 agricultural commodity importers, and other persons to
19 examine and develop joint integrated systems to better
20 implement the biosecurity program[.]"



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 206J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§206J- Biosecurity and inspection facilities. The
5 department of agriculture is authorized to reimburse in full the
6 department of transportation and the Aloha Tower development
7 corporation, as applicable, for the design and construction of
8 biosecurity and inspection facilities and appropriate rent for
9 the use of space for the facilities."

10 SECTION 3. Chapter 261, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§261- Biosecurity and inspection facilities. The
14 department of agriculture is authorized to reimburse in full the
15 department of transportation for the design and construction of
16 biosecurity and inspection facilities and appropriate rent for
17 the use of space for the facilities."

18 SECTION 4. Chapter 266, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
20 and to read as follows:

21 "§266- Biosecurity and inspection facilities. The
22 department of agriculture is authorized to reimburse in full the



1 department of transportation for the design and construction of
2 biosecurity and inspection facilities and appropriate rent for
3 the use of space for the facilities."

4 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2012-2013 for the department of agriculture to reimburse in
9 full the department of transportation and the Aloha Tower
10 development corporation, as applicable, for their assistance and
11 support to the department of agriculture in establishing
12 biosecurity and inspection facilities at the location described
13 in section 2 and at the facilities under the department of
14 transportation's purview pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of this
15 Act.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Biosecurity and Inspection Facilities

Description:

Authorizes the department of agriculture to reimburse in full the department of transportation and the Aloha Tower development corporation for the design and construction of biosecurity and inspection facilities at the Aloha Tower complex. Authorizes the DOA to reimburse in full the DOT for the design and construction of biosecurity and inspection facilities at airports and harbors. (SD1)

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