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S.B. NO. 169

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CARGO INSPECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that over ninety per cent
2 of the more than two hundred thousand shipping cargo containers
3 that arrive in Hawaii each year are from the continental United
4 States. Only a small fraction of these containers, however, are
5 inspected by government agencies. Shipping companies conduct
6 random checks of less than five per cent of incoming cargo
7 containers, and these inspections are mainly conducted to ensure
8 that senders of cargo have been properly charged. This lack of
9 sufficient cargo inspections means that there is ample
10 opportunity for illegal fireworks and explosives to be smuggled
11 into the State.

12 The legislature further finds that increased inspections
13 need to be carefully crafted to avoid delays and inefficiencies
14 in harbor operations that could impede commerce. One approach
15 is to use dogs to inspect cargo after they have been collected
16 by businesses, transported from the harbors, and unloaded off-
17 site.



1 The purpose of this Act is to increase random inspections
2 of incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and explosives by
3 establishing a pilot program using dogs to inspect cargo
4 shipments after they have been transported from the harbors.

5 SECTION 2. (a) The departments of defense and
6 transportation, in consultation with federal and state agencies
7 and private organizations involved with shipping cargo into the
8 State, shall develop and implement a three-year pilot program to
9 use dogs to inspect incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and
10 explosives smuggled into the State. The program shall begin no
11 later than January 31, 2012.

12 (b) The pilot program shall include the use of dogs to
13 inspect incoming cargo that, after arrival into the State, has
14 been transported from any shipping port to off-site facilities
15 that include:

16 (1) Freight forwarder warehouses and other facilities
17 where consolidated cargo transported from any shipping
18 port is segregated and prepared for delivery; and

19 (2) Other commercial facilities where cargo containers
20 transported from any shipping port are unloaded.

21 SECTION 3. No later than twenty days prior to the
22 convening of the 2013 regular session, the department of



1 transportation shall submit to the legislature a report on the
2 implementation of the pilot program established pursuant to this
3 Act. The report shall include findings and recommendations,
4 including costs expended to date, the estimated cost of
5 operating the program on a permanent basis, and any proposed
6 legislation.

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the federal funds
8 received under the homeland security grant program the sum of
9 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2011-2012 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to establish and administer
12 the pilot program established by this Act.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
14 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011, and
16 shall be repealed on June 30, 2014.

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Report Title:

Cargo Inspections; Pilot Program; Fireworks; Explosives

Description:

Establishes a pilot program to use dogs to inspect incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and explosives, after the cargo has been transported from the harbors.

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