

S .B. NO. 2933

JAN 27 2016

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEDERAL INSPECTION STATION AT KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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

1 SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general
2 obligation bonds of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000,000
3 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017
4 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
5 fiscal year 2017-2018 for a federal inspection station at Kona
6 International Airport at Keahole on the island of Hawaii, in
7 order to meet the requirements of title 19, United States Code
8 of Federal Regulations, part 162.

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

11 SECTION 2. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
12 on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Kona International Airport at Keahole, Inspection

Description:

Appropriates funds for a federal inspection station at Kona International Airport at Keahole.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation.

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEDERAL INSPECTION STATION AT KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

PURPOSE: To re-establish the airport security operations at Kona International Airport.

MEANS: General obligation bond.

JUSTIFICATION: The United States Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Borders Protection, requires a federal inspection station for all certificated United States of America airports designed as the first point of entry into the United States of America for all international arriving visitors pursuant to title 19, Code of Federal Regulations, section 162.6 which provides, "all persons, baggage, and merchandise arriving in the Customs territory of the United States from places outside thereof are liable to inspection by a Customs and Borders Protection officer." In addition, Customs and Borders Protection requires that each federal inspection station must meet their standards for design and construction under their airport technical design standards.

Impact on the public: International arriving visitors and returning United States of America citizens will benefit with the re-establishment of a federal inspection station at Kona International Airport at Keahole. A secondary federal inspection station in the State of Hawaii provides added resilience during a civil defense emergency, allows direct air freight for Hawaii Island exports and enhances a Hawaiian sense of place to the visitor experience. The establishment of a federal inspection station will provide international arrivals a choice of a first

point of entry into the United States at either Kona International Airport at Keahole or the Honolulu International Airport. Finally, the added feature of including a secondary federal inspection section will allow for additional international flights and reduce congestion at Honolulu International Airport.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
The department of transportation will be able to accommodate the increase of international visitors and returning United States of America citizens with direct international arriving flights at the Kona International Airport at Keahole, which will benefit Hawaii's economy, tourism industry and resilience in a civil defense emergency. The new facility will be the permanent place of employment for Federal, state and local agencies. The department estimates 71,000 more visitors and \$113 million in additional visitor spending.

GENERAL FUND: \$50,000,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: TRN-195.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Emergency Management, Hawaii Tourism Authority, Department of Budget and Finance

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016.