
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NOT TO INSPECT OR
RELEASE ANY AIRLINE CARGO OF AN AIRLINE THAT DOES NOT
REGULARLY PAY THE INSPECTION, QUARANTINE, AND ERADICATION
SERVICE FEE AND CHARGE FOR THAT CARGO.

1 WHEREAS, an invasive species is a harmful non-indigenous
2 plant, animal, insect, or disease agent that enters the State's
3 borders; and
4

5 WHEREAS, if left uncontrolled, invasive species can
6 devastate Hawaii's agricultural industry, natural environment,
7 economy, public health, and threaten the dwindling number of
8 endangered species in Hawaii; and
9

10 WHEREAS, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment,
11 and the United States Department of Interior, recognize the
12 devastation that invasive species can inflict on the
13 environment, Hawaii's national parks, and the State's endangered
14 species; and
15

16 WHEREAS, once established invasive species may hopefully be
17 controlled but often times cannot be eradicated; and
18

19 WHEREAS, without vigilant inspection of incoming cargo, the
20 public's health, safety, and welfare are at risk from the
21 introduction and establishment of invasive species; and
22

23 WHEREAS, the only two pathways for invasive species to
24 enter the State is by air or maritime transportation; and
25

26 WHEREAS, an invasive species inspection at a port-of-entry
27 is considered the best quarantine measure to reduce entry of
28 unwanted animals and plants into the State; and
29

30 WHEREAS, there is evidence that suggests that invasive
31 species introduced in the State by air transportation have a
32 stronger likelihood of survival than by any other means; and
33



1 WHEREAS, past and current air transport inspections have
2 found prohibited plants and animals, including snakes, piranha,
3 and rare and endangered orchids, fish, and coral; and
4

5 WHEREAS, some airlines are releasing imported cargo without
6 inspection; and
7

8 WHEREAS, dogs have been released by transportation
9 companies without inspection for public health issues such as
10 rabies; and
11

12 WHEREAS, section 150A-5.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
13 provides that a person responsible for paying freight charges to
14 the transportation company must pay an inspection fee of fifty
15 cents per one thousand pounds of freight to the transportation
16 company; and
17

18 WHEREAS, maritime transportation companies have been
19 attempting to collect the inspection fee and have forwarded the
20 payment to the State Department of Agriculture, but many
21 airlines transportation companies have not; and
22

23 WHEREAS, the community and state government feel that
24 interdicting non-native species is a priority and should be
25 required at all ports-of-entry; now, therefore,
26

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2010, that the Hawaii Department of Agriculture is urged not
30 to inspect or release any airline cargo of an airline that does
31 not regularly pay the inspection, quarantine, and eradication
32 service fee and charge for that cargo; and
33

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Department of
35 Agriculture is urged to cite and fine all airlines releasing
36 cargo that has not been inspected to the extent permitted by
37 section 150A-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
38

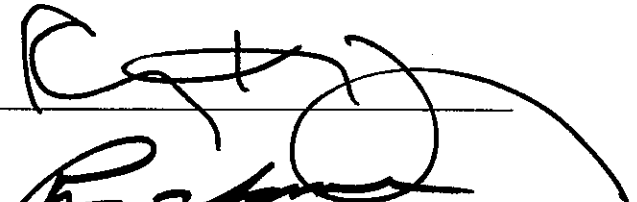


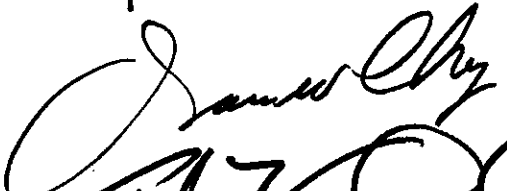
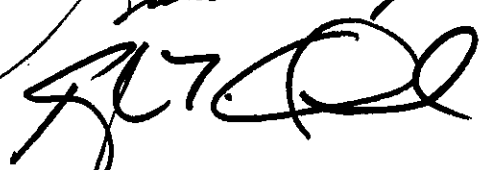

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
41 Transportation, the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, the
42 members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the Airline
43



1 Committee of Hawaii, and the Administrator of the Federal
2 Aviation Administration, Honolulu District Office.

3
4
5

OFFERED BY:



Janice Wadley




Cindy Evans
Jyle B. Berg

MAR 10 2010

