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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, each year, over one
2 hundred thousand containers are shipped into the State from the
3 continental United States. Only a small fraction of these
4 containers, however, are inspected by government officials or
5 agencies. Matson and Horizon shipping companies have reported
6 that only about five per cent of their shipping containers are
7 inspected, which means items such as aerial fireworks, crystal
8 methamphetamine, guns, and other contraband have a greater
9 likelihood of being smuggled into the State.

10 All containers from foreign ports, on the other hand, are
11 inspected by government agencies and all domestic agriculture
12 cargo from the mainland is also inspected for invasive species.

13 The purpose of this Act is to develop a plan to increase
14 the random inspection rate of domestic cargo from five per cent
15 to ten per cent by January 1, 2013, and to twenty-five per cent
16 by January 1, 2015.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The state departments of defense and
2 transportation shall meet with federal, state, and private
3 agencies and organizations involved with shipping cargo into the
4 State, to develop a plan to increase the random inspection rates
5 of incoming domestic cargo in order to detect and remove illegal
6 contraband smuggled into the State.

7 (b) The plan shall include:

8 (1) A time frame to increase the random cargo inspection
9 rate from five per cent to ten per cent by January 1,
10 2013, and to twenty-five per cent by January 1, 2015;
11 and

12 (2) Estimated costs of the resources needed to implement
13 the plan, such as personnel, contraband inspection
14 dogs, high technology equipment, and other necessary
15 resources to fulfill the purposes of this Act.

16 (c) The state department of transportation shall act as
17 the lead agency with respect to submitting a report to the
18 legislature, including its findings, recommendations, and any
19 suggested legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the
20 convening of the 2011 regular session of the legislature.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Cargo Inspection; DOD; DOT

Description:

Requires the state departments of defense and transportation to develop a plan to increase the random inspection rate of incoming cargo into the State to 10% by 1/1/13 and to 25% by 1/1/15. Also requires a report to the legislature.

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