
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 in light of the
2 State's geographical isolation and the numerous cargo containers
3 arriving by air, it is imperative that the State broaden its
4 authority to inspect incoming cargo to safeguard airport
5 facilities, air passengers, and Hawaii residents against
6 dangerous cargo arriving in the State.

7 The purpose of this Act is to enhance inspections of
8 incoming air cargo containers.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 261, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§261- Air cargo container inspections. (a) In
13 addition to any other powers provided by law, the department
14 may:

15 (1) Inspect any incoming air cargo container to detect and
16 confiscate any material constituting a threat directly
17 or indirectly to the security of life or property in



1 the State, including explosives, invasive plant and
2 animal species, and illegal drugs;

3 (2) Collaborate with any federal, state, or county agency
4 to effectuate air cargo container inspections under
5 this section; and

6 (3) Assess and collect a reasonable fee upon any article
7 of air cargo for the cost of conducting inspections
8 under this section.

9 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
10 91 necessary to implement this section."

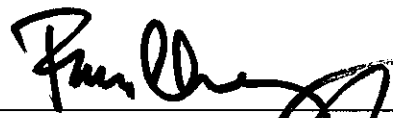
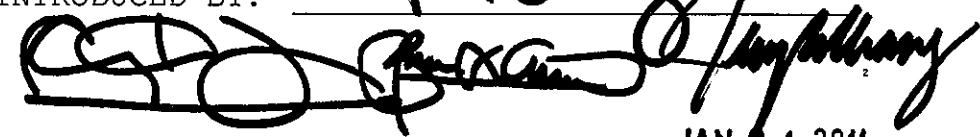
11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the airport
12 revenue fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may
13 be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the same sum or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013
15 for permanent full-time equivalent (FTE) air cargo
16 inspector positions.

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

19 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY: 




H.B. NO. 970

Report Title:

DOT; Air Cargo Container Inspections; Fee

Description:

Authorizes DOT to conduct incoming air cargo container inspections to detect and confiscate material posing a threat to the State and to assess a fee on air cargo to cover the costs of inspections.

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