
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The efficient and secure movement of
2 agricultural commodities--whether imported into the State,
3 exported out of the State, or transported between the islands of
4 the State--is key to the long-term viability of Hawaii's
5 agriculture industry. Inefficiencies in cargo transportation
6 increase the cost of goods and raise the risk of spoilage and
7 loss. Consumers and retailers demand safe food products;
8 farmers and wholesalers follow food-safety guidelines and
9 regulations. The transportation of agricultural commodities
10 from producer to consumer cannot be the weak link in the system.

11 The inspection and proper treatment of incoming and
12 outgoing commodities reduce the probability of the introduction
13 of new pests to Hawaii's agricultural industry and reduce the
14 likelihood of a quarantine on Hawaii's exported goods.

15 The purpose of this Act is to initiate and continue the
16 implementation of biosecurity facilities at Hawaii's ports and
17 applicable off-port locations. These facilities would be in



1 accord with section 150A-53(2) and (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 which directs the department of agriculture to:

3 "(2) *Establish, operate, or participate in operating port-*
4 *of-entry facilities where multiple government agencies*
5 *may inspect, quarantine, fumigate, disinfect, destroy,*
6 *or exclude as appropriate, articles that may harbor*
7 *pests or exclude articles that are prohibited or*
8 *restricted without a permit, with the goals of:*

9 (A) *Performing inspections in an efficient,*
10 *effective, and expeditious manner for the*
11 *government agencies involved and for cargo*
12 *owners, carriers, and importers; and*

13 (B) *Providing for the proper and safe storage and*
14 *handling of cargo, especially agricultural and*
15 *food commodities, awaiting inspection;*

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17 (4) *Collaborate with relevant government agencies,*
18 *agricultural commodity importers, and other persons to*
19 *examine and develop joint integrated systems to better*
20 *implement the biosecurity program."*



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 206J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "206J- Biosecurity and inspection facilities. The
5 development corporation shall provide space, planning and design
6 support, and other infrastructure at the Aloha Tower complex to
7 the department of agriculture for biosecurity and inspection
8 facilities to provide for the inspection, consolidation,
9 deconsolidation, and treatment of agricultural commodities to
10 meet the various needs of the agricultural industry."

11 SECTION 3. Chapter 261, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
13 and to read as follows:

14 "261- Biosecurity and inspection facilities. The
15 department shall provide space, planning and design support, and
16 other infrastructure at Honolulu International Airport, Hilo
17 International Airport, Kona International Airport at Keahole,
18 Kahului Airport, and Lihue Airport to the department of
19 agriculture for biosecurity and inspection facilities to provide
20 for the inspection, consolidation, deconsolidation, and
21 treatment of agricultural commodities to meet the various needs
22 of each island's agricultural industries."



1 SECTION 4. Chapter 266, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "266- Biosecurity and inspection facilities. The
5 department of transportation shall provide space, planning and
6 design support, and other infrastructure at Honolulu Harbor,
7 Hilo Harbor, Kawaihae Harbor, Kahului Harbor, and Nawiliwili
8 Harbor to the department of agriculture for biosecurity and
9 inspection facilities to provide for the inspection,
10 consolidation, deconsolidation, and treatment of agricultural
11 commodities to meet the various needs of each island's
12 agricultural industries."

13 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
17 2012-2013 for the department of agriculture to reimburse in full
18 the department of transportation and the Aloha Tower development
19 corporation, as applicable, for their assistance and support to
20 the department of agriculture in establishing biosecurity and
21 inspection facilities at the locations described in sections 2,
22 3, and 4 of this Act.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Biosecurity and inspection facilities

Description:

To strengthen and support Hawaii's agricultural industry, establishes biosecurity and inspection facilities at major airports and harbors in the state. Effective July 1, 2050.
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