
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. In
15 addition, export commodities need to be inspected by the United
16 States Department of Agriculture or state department of
17 agriculture to meet the applicable domestic or foreign
18 quarantine or restriction.



1 Currently, there are only two pathways for introduced
2 species to arrive in the State: air and sea transportation. Air
3 transportation has been proven to be the highest risk pathway,
4 transporting introduced species, invasive species and pests,
5 various illegal plants and animals, and a higher quantity of
6 non-native pests, which are more likely to become established in
7 our islands. Each year, eighty per cent of the insects
8 intercepted by inspectors are at Hawaii's airports.

9 The legislature finds that the Federal Aviation
10 Administration is moving toward a sustainable airport concept
11 that implements sustainable principles as part of airport
12 planning, the core principles of which are:

- 13 (1) Protecting the environment;
14 (2) Maintaining high and stable levels of economic growth;
15 and
16 (3) Social progress that recognizes all stakeholders'
17 needs.

18 This program makes these issues a core objective of the airport
19 and not a secondary concern.

20 The purpose of this Act is to initiate and continue the
21 implementation of biosecurity facilities at Hawaii's ports and
22 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 Hawaii's 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. (a) The
15 department shall provide space and other infrastructure at
16 Honolulu International Airport, Hilo International Airport, Kona
17 International Airport at Keahole, Kahului Airport, and Lihue
18 Airport for biosecurity and inspection facilities to provide for
19 the inspection, consolidation, deconsolidation, and treatment of
20 imported and exported agriculture and other inspected
21 commodities to meet the various needs of each island and to



1 facilitate the safe movement of enplaned and deplaned air cargo
2 through the airport.

3 (b) The department shall design, construct, and operate
4 the biosecurity and inspection facilities at the airports and
5 coordinate with other departments in the planning, design, and
6 operation of these facilities to ensure the effectiveness and
7 efficiency of their operation.

8 (c) The department may charge appropriate rent for the use
9 of the facilities."

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

13 "266- Biosecurity and inspection facilities. (a) The
14 department of transportation shall provide space, planning and
15 design support, and other infrastructure at Honolulu Harbor,
16 Hilo Harbor, Kawaihae Harbor, Kahului Harbor, and Nawiliwili
17 Harbor to the department of agriculture for biosecurity and
18 inspection facilities to provide for the inspection,
19 consolidation, deconsolidation, and treatment of agricultural
20 commodities to meet the various needs of each island's
21 agricultural industries.



1 (b) The department of transportation shall design,
2 construct, and operate the biosecurity and inspection facilities
3 at the harbors and coordinate with other departments in the
4 planning, design, and operation of these facilities to ensure
5 the effectiveness and efficiency of their operation.

6 (c) The department of transportation may charge
7 appropriate rent for the use of the facilities."

8 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
12 2012-2013 for the department of agriculture to reimburse in full
13 the department of transportation and the Aloha Tower development
14 corporation, as applicable, for their assistance and support to
15 the department of agriculture in establishing biosecurity and
16 inspection facilities at the locations described in sections 2,
17 3, and 4 of this Act.

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

20 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Biosecurity and Inspection Facilities

Description:

Establishes biosecurity and inspection facilities at major airports and harbors in the state to strengthen and support Hawaii's agricultural industry and protect Hawaii's environment from invasive species. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB1568 HD2)

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