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# 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;

16           . . . .

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".

21       SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
22       general obligation bonds in the sum of \$                    or so much

1 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
2 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2011-2012  
3 for the department of transportation to design and construct  
4 biosecurity and inspection facilities for the department of  
5 agriculture at airports and harbors.

6 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital  
7 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
8 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
9 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
10 unencumbered as of June 30, 2014, shall lapse as of that date.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2117.



**Report Title:**

Biosecurity and Inspection Facilities

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of an unspecified sum of general obligation bonds for the department of transportation to design and construct biosecurity and inspection facilities for the department of agriculture at airports and harbors. Effective 7/1/2117. (SD2)

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