
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 over ninety per cent
2 of the more than two hundred thousand shipping cargo containers
3 that arrive in Hawaii each year are from the continental United
4 States. Only a small fraction of these containers, however, are
5 inspected by government agencies. Shipping companies conduct
6 random checks of less than five per cent of incoming cargo
7 containers, and these inspections are mainly conducted to ensure
8 that senders of cargo have been properly charged. The lack of
9 sufficient cargo inspections means that there is ample
10 opportunity for illegal fireworks and explosives to be smuggled
11 into the State.

12 The legislature further finds that increased inspections
13 need to be carefully crafted to avoid delays and inefficiencies
14 in harbor operations that could impede commerce. One approach
15 is to use dogs to inspect cargo after arrival at the harbors but
16 prior to pick-up.

17 The purpose of this Act is to increase random inspections
18 of incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and explosives by



1 establishing a pilot program using dogs to inspect cargo
2 shipments after arrival at the harbors.

3 SECTION 2. (a) The departments of defense and
4 transportation, in consultation with federal and state agencies
5 and private organizations involved with shipping cargo into the
6 State, may develop and implement a three-year pilot program to
7 use dogs to inspect incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and
8 explosives smuggled into the State. The program, if
9 implemented, shall begin no later than January 31, 2012.

10 (b) Any pilot program under subsection (a) shall include
11 the use of dogs to inspect incoming cargo that, after arrival
12 into the State, is to be transported from any harbor to:

13 (1) Freight forwarder warehouses and other facilities
14 where consolidated cargo transported from any state
15 harbor to the final destination is segregated and
16 prepared for delivery; and

17 (2) Other commercial facilities where cargo containers
18 transported from any state harbor are unloaded.

19 SECTION 3. If a pilot program is implemented pursuant to
20 this Act, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the 2013 regular session, the department of transportation shall
22 submit to the legislature a report on the implementation of the



1 pilot program established pursuant to this Act. The report
2 shall include findings and recommendations, including costs
3 expended to date, the estimated cost of operating the program on
4 a permanent basis, and any proposed legislation.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the federal funds
6 received under the homeland security grant program the sum of
7 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2011-2012 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
9 necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to establish and administer
10 a pilot program authorized by this Act.

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

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



Report Title:

Cargo Inspections; Pilot Program; Fireworks; Explosives

Description:

Permits the establishment of a pilot program to use dogs to inspect incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and explosives, before the cargo has been transported from the harbors. Effective July 1, 2011. (SB169 HD1)

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