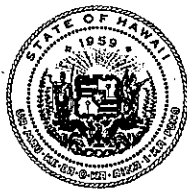


SB 169

RELATING TO CARGO INSPECTIONS.

Establishes a pilot program to use dogs to inspect incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and explosives, after the cargo has been transported from the harbors.

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Senate Bill No. 169, which proposes that the Departments of Defense and Transportation develop a pilot three year program to inspect incoming cargo at off-site facilities for illegal fireworks and explosives. While the Department of Transportation understands the reasons underlying this bill, it does not support the DOT's involvement for the following reasons.

The mission of the DOT Harbors Division is to ensure the flow of cargo. The DOT focus is to increase the capacity of cargo operations throughout the harbors system. The requirement to conduct inspections for illegal fireworks and explosives at off-site facilities detracts from its objectives.

Furthermore, with the attention of the Administration to start the development of the harbors and create jobs that will benefit the economy, the pilot project to inspect for illegal fireworks and explosives, while important, takes away resources that should be given higher consideration and priority.

We ask for your consideration of the Harbors Division's efforts to stimulate the economy in deferring action on this bill.

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Chair Espero, Chair English, and Committee Members:

I am Major General Darryll Wong, Interim Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing testimony on Senate Bill 169.

We support the intent of the proposed bill which is to develop and implement a three-year pilot program to use dogs to inspect incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and explosives smuggled into the State so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities established in the Executive Biennium Budget Request.

We recommend that the language of the proposed bill be revised in SECTION 4 to read: There is appropriated out of the federal funds received under the Port Security Grant program the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the same sum or so much thereof as be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to establish and administer the pilot program established by this Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 169. Do you have any questions?