
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION FACILITIES
AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Under section 150A-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 the department of agriculture is authorized to establish
3 biosecurity facilities to improve the inspection of commodities
4 at the various ports of entry and in climate controlled
5 facilities to maintain the quality of perishable commodities.
6 In addition, under Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, the
7 department of agriculture and the department of transportation
8 are authorized to plan, design, and construct biosecurity,
9 inspection, consolidation, and deconsolidation facilities to
10 enhance the movement of imported and exported marine cargo at
11 commercial harbors. Act 202 also states that the department of
12 transportation shall collaborate with relevant agencies,
13 including, the department of agriculture on biosecurity,
14 inspection, and cargo support facilities at the airports.

15 The department of transportation has provided a location at
16 Kawaihae harbor for construction of a biosecurity and inspection
17 facility, and as a part of the department of transportation's



1 short-term development plan for Kawaihae harbor. Funding is
2 needed to enable the departments to work toward an efficient and
3 cost-effective plan for the design and construction of the
4 short-term facility at Kawaihae harbor.

5 The department of transportation has also provided
6 locations for biosecurity facilities at Kona international
7 airport at Keahole and at Honolulu international airport.
8 However, the department of agriculture requires funding to plan,
9 design, and construct biosecurity facilities at these locations.
10 The facility at Honolulu international airport is a high
11 priority since ninety per cent or more of the air cargo that
12 enters the State is transported through that airport. Air cargo
13 is the highest risk pathway, as it transports the most viable
14 invasive species into the State, as well as the majority of
15 smuggled restricted or prohibited plants and animals.

16 Facilities are also required to process, consolidate,
17 deconsolidate, and distribute Hawaii-grown high risk commodities
18 throughout the State as part of the department of agriculture's
19 import replacement program. The Hawaii-grown high risk
20 commodities that will be targeted by the facilities are leafy
21 green vegetables such as Myrtaceae. Imported high risk



1 commodities such as peppers and strawberries, which have the
2 potential to be grown in Hawaii should be addressed as well.

3 Improvements to an existing facility, the Kamuela Vacuum
4 Cooling Plant, will enable the continued production and
5 consolidation of agricultural commodities from the Waimea region
6 of the island of Hawaii. The Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant is
7 decades old and the cooling equipment requires replacement. The
8 Waimea area is the major producer of Hawaii-grown leafy green
9 vegetables and peppers.

10 The second facility is a proposed deconsolidation facility
11 and marketplace at Honolulu harbor. The Honolulu harbor
12 facility is needed to provide a marketplace for local
13 agriculture products, including products from neighbor islands,
14 and to minimize the impact of any changes to Young Brothers'
15 handling and transportation of less-than-container-load cargo.

16 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for:

- 17 (1) Biosecurity facilities at Kawaihae harbor, Honolulu
18 international airport, and Kona international airport;
19 (2) The Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant; and
20 (3) The Honolulu harbor deconsolidation and buy Hawaii-
21 grown marketplace facilities.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the agricultural
2 development and food security special fund the sum of
3 \$17,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
4 year 2012-2013 to finance the following projects:

5 A. Honolulu international airport, Oahu
6 Plans, design, and construction of a
7 biosecurity facility.
8 Total funding \$10,000,000

9 B. Kona international airport at Keahole, Hawaii
10 Plans, design, and construction of a
11 biosecurity facility.
12 Total funding \$2,500,000

13 C. Kawaihae harbor, Hawaii
14 Plans, design, and construction of a
15 biosecurity facility.
16 Total funding \$2,500,000

17 D. Honolulu harbor, Oahu
18 Plans, design, and construction of a
19 deconsolidation facility and marketplace.
20 Total funding \$1,000,000



1 E. Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant, Hawaii
2 Replacement chambers
3 Total funding \$1,000,000

4 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
5 department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. The department of agriculture and the
7 department of transportation shall submit a report to the
8 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
9 the 2013 regular session on the status of the projects funded by
10 the appropriation contained in this Act. The report shall also
11 contain recommendations for further legislation, if any,
12 necessary to achieve the purpose of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on February 1, 2050.



Report Title:

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Description:

Makes an appropriation to establish agricultural inspection biosecurity facilities and related infrastructure at the Honolulu International Airport, Kona International Airport, Kawaihae Harbor, Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant, and Honolulu Harbor. Effective February 1, 2050. (HB1941 HD1)

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