
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 department of transportation are
8 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 A second proposed facility will be located in Honolulu
6 harbor at a site to be determined by the department of
7 transportation and department of agriculture. Funding is needed
8 for the initial planning studies, which include but are not
9 limited to selection of a location, environmental branding,
10 marketing studies, and initial design of the facility.

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



1 Facilities are also required to process, consolidate,
2 deconsolidate, and distribute Hawaii-grown high risk commodities
3 throughout the State as part of the department of agriculture's
4 import replacement program. The Hawaii-grown high risk
5 commodities that will be targeted by the facilities are leafy
6 green vegetables such as Myrtaceae. Imported high risk
7 commodities such as peppers and strawberries, which have the
8 potential to be grown in Hawaii should be addressed as well.

9 Improvements to an existing facility, the Kamuela Vacuum
10 Cooling Plant, will enable the continued inspection, production,
11 and consolidation of agricultural commodities from the Waimea
12 region of the island of Hawaii. The Kamuela Vacuum Cooling
13 Plant is decades old and the cooling equipment requires
14 replacement. The Waimea area is the major producer of Hawaii-
15 grown leafy green vegetables and peppers.

16 Improving the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant and creating a
17 deconsolidation facility and marketplace at Honolulu harbor
18 facilitates the main objectives of the department of agriculture
19 to attain biosecurity needs by decreasing the high amounts of
20 produce, particularly leafy greens, imported into the State. By
21 growing more produce in the State and creating facilities that
22 can handle the increased local produce production, the State



1 will effectively manage the significant risks created by
2 importation of produce that have high percentages of
3 infestation, the presence of unknown pests, and the percentage
4 of shipments that require treatment or destruction.

5 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the director of
6 finance to issue general obligation bonds for:

- 7 (1) The design, planning, and construction of biosecurity
8 facilities at Kawaihae harbor, Honolulu international
9 airport, and Kona international airport;
- 10 (2) A replacement chamber for the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling
11 Plant; and
- 12 (3) The planning and preliminary design of the Honolulu
13 harbor deconsolidation and Hawaii-grown marketplace
14 facilities.

15 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
16 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum or so much thereof
18 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2012-2013
19 for:

- 20 A. Honolulu international airport, Oahu
21 Plans, design, and construction of a
22 biosecurity facility.



1 Total funding \$

2 B. Kona international airport at
3 Keahole, Hawaii
4 Plans, design, and construction of a
5 biosecurity facility.

6 Total funding \$

7 C. Kawaihae harbor, Hawaii
8 Plans, design, and construction of a
9 biosecurity facility.

10 Total funding \$

11 D. Honolulu harbor, Oahu
12 Planning and preliminary design of a
13 deconsolidation facility and
14 marketplace.

15 Total funding \$

16 E. Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant, Hawaii
17 Replacement chambers.

18 Total funding \$

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

21 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
22 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at



1 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
2 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
3 unencumbered as of June 30, 2014, shall lapse as of that date.

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

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



Report Title:

Agriculture; Biosecurity; General Obligation Bonds

Description:

Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds for 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.
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