
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 147-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§147-7 **Inspection and classification of agricultural**
4 **commodities; fees.** (a) The department may contract with the
5 United States Department of Agriculture for obtaining the
6 services of a supervising inspector employed by the federal
7 department and the establishment of a cooperative inspection
8 service with the United States government. The department, or
9 the supervising inspector[~~7~~] with the approval of the
10 department, may designate any competent employee or agent of the
11 department as an inspector to inspect or classify agricultural
12 commodities in accordance with rules of the department, and at
13 the time and places designated by the supervising inspector or
14 the department.

15 (b) The inspectors shall be authorized to inspect or
16 classify agricultural commodities at the request of persons
17 having a financial interest in the commodities [~~7, or as mandated~~
18 ~~by subsection (d),~~] and to ascertain and certify to the persons



1 the grade, classification, quality, condition, or origin of them
2 and other pertinent facts.

3 (c) The department may fix, assess, and collect or cause
4 to be collected fees for the services when they are performed by
5 employees of the department. The fees shall be on a uniform
6 basis and in an amount reasonably necessary to cover the cost of
7 inspection and the administration of this part; provided that
8 the department may prescribe a reasonable charge for traveling
9 expenses and extraordinary services when the performance of the
10 services involves unusual cost in their performance. No fee
11 shall be charged for an inspection unless the inspection was
12 requested by a person having a financial interest in the
13 inspected commodity [~~or the inspection was mandated by~~
14 ~~subsection (d).~~

15 ~~(d) All Hawaii grown green coffee beans shall be inspected~~
16 ~~and certified by the department for grade and origin unless~~
17 ~~otherwise specified by rules of the department].~~

18 [~~(e)~~] (d) The department may adopt rules establishing the
19 requirements, procedures, restrictions, and other criteria
20 necessary for establishing a program of self inspection and
21 certification of agricultural commodities."



1 SECTION 2. Section 147-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§147-23 Prohibited acts.** [~~(a)~~] No commercial exporter
4 shall ship any fresh or processed agricultural commodities to
5 points outside the State unless such products meet the quality,
6 condition, and labeling requirements of the rules adopted under
7 this part.

8 [~~(b) No Hawaii grown green coffee beans shall be shipped
9 outside the area of their geographic origin to any point within
10 the State or outside the State unless they have been inspected
11 and certified as required in section 147-7(d) or by rules
12 adopted under section [147-7(e)]. Areas of geographic origin
13 shall be defined by rules of the department.] "~~

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Agriculture; Inspection

Description:

Removes the requirement that all Hawaii-grown green coffee beans shall be inspected and certified by the Department of Agriculture unless otherwise specified by rules of the Department. Removes the requirement that no Hawaii-grown green coffee beans shall be shipped outside the area of their geographic origin unless they have been inspected by the Department of Agriculture. (HB280 HD1)

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