
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REVIEW FEDERAL LAWS PERTAINING TO THE STATE INSPECTION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ARRIVING INTO THE STATE OF HAWAII FROM INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS, THE EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES WITHOUT INSPECTION, AND THE USE OF AIRPORT REVENUES FOR AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Islands are a unique ecosystem and
2 environment, home to countless numbers of native plants and
3 animals found nowhere else in the world; and
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5 WHEREAS, this unique ecosystem and environment helps to
6 draw visitors to the Islands, supporting Hawaii's economy and
7 financial infrastructure; and
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9 WHEREAS, the uniqueness of Hawaii ecosystems also leads to
10 high environmental susceptibility to alien pests and invasive
11 species; and
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13 WHEREAS, these alien pests and invasive species have
14 already taken a toll on Hawaii's agricultural industry, natural
15 environment, economy, and public health, and affected the
16 quality of life of both residents and visitors alike; and
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18 WHEREAS, once established, introduced alien pests and
19 invasive species are extremely difficult to eradicate, costing
20 the State millions in damages and control costs; and
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22 WHEREAS, air transportation has been shown to be the route
23 by which many alien pests and invasive species are introduced
24 into Hawaii; and



1 WHEREAS, the State does not have the current authority to
2 inspect incoming commodities arriving from international
3 destinations; and
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5 WHEREAS, without further mitigating efforts, alien pests
6 and invasive species will continue to pose an extreme danger to
7 Hawaii's agriculture, environment, economy, public health, and
8 quality of life; and
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10 WHEREAS, increased pest infestations will considerably
11 limit the expansion of Hawaii's agricultural industry, thereby
12 increasing State reliance on imported food and slowing Hawaii's
13 self-sustainability efforts; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii-grown commodities undergo rigorous
16 inspection requirements pursuant to United States Department of
17 Agriculture quarantine laws, as well as various stringent state
18 laws, such as California agriculture industry laws and
19 practices; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration has disallowed
22 the use of airport revenue to fund the State's agricultural
23 inspection services and facilities; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2013, that the President of the United States and the
28 United States Congress are requested to review the impact of
29 federal laws on the inspection of incoming international
30 commodities into Hawaii, including a review of laws pertaining
31 to the mandatory inspection of agricultural goods exported from
32 Hawaii to the continental United States; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's Congressional
35 delegation work with the Federal Aviation Administration to
36 allow the use of airport revenues to fund agricultural
37 inspection services and facilities; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,

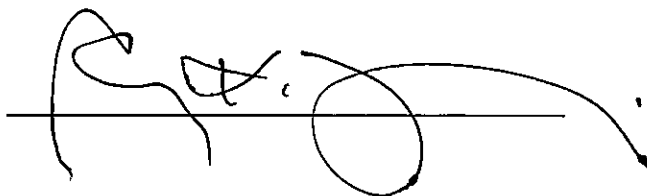


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1 Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and the
2 members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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