
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. One of the missions of the department of
2 business, economic development, and tourism is to promote
3 industrial development and economic diversification by
4 supporting existing and emerging industries, increasing exports
5 of Hawaii products, and expanding Hawaii's participation in
6 global trade and commerce. The department has prepared a
7 statewide comprehensive economic development strategy. The
8 strategy's report for the island of Hawaii found that, because
9 of the island's strong orientation toward diversified
10 agriculture, development of a central marketing facility for
11 collection, consolidation, packing, and shipping of products
12 continues to be a priority. As a means of achieving this
13 priority, agricultural exporters have expressed interest in
14 utilizing the relatively unused foreign trade zone no. 9 located
15 in Hilo.

16 The legislature also recognizes that agriculture is and has
17 been a major economic driver of the county of Hawaii. To
18 preserve this economic driver and increase its value, the



1 department of business, economic development, and tourism, in
2 collaboration with the department of agriculture, should perform
3 planning, and economic impact and feasibility studies, for one
4 or more facilities on the island of Hawaii for quarantine
5 inspection, quarantine treatment, deconsolidation, and
6 consolidation of agricultural commodities for both import and
7 export.

8 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of
9 business, economic development, and tourism, in collaboration
10 with the department of agriculture to:

11 (1) Perform planning and feasibility studies for one or
12 more quarantine inspection, quarantine treatment,
13 deconsolidation, and consolidation facilities on the
14 island of Hawaii; and

15 (2) Perform a marketing and economic impact analysis for
16 one or more of the facilities.

17 SECTION 2. (a) The department of business, economic
18 development, and tourism, in collaboration with the department
19 of agriculture, is authorized to:

20 (1) Perform planning and feasibility studies for one or
21 more quarantine inspection, quarantine treatment,



1 deconsolidation, and consolidation facilities on the
2 island of Hawaii; and

3 (2) Perform a marketing and economic impact analysis for
4 one or more of the facilities.

5 (b) The studies and analysis shall include, in addition to
6 foreign trade zone no. 9 in Hilo, the following alternative
7 locations:

8 (1) The land parcel managed by the department of business,
9 economic development, and tourism currently housing
10 the foreign trade zone neighboring the Hilo
11 International Airport; and

12 (2) On the west side of the island, the Kawaihae Harbor
13 area that is proposed for biosecurity facilities by
14 the department of transportation, harbors division.

15 SECTION 3. The department of business, economic
16 development, and tourism shall submit a report to the
17 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the regular session of 2015 on the status of the planning and
19 feasibility study, and marketing and economic analysis, for one
20 or more facilities on the island of Hawaii to be used for
21 quarantine inspection, quarantine treatment, deconsolidation,
22 and consolidation of incoming and outgoing agricultural



1 commodities. The report shall also contain recommendations and
2 propose necessary legislation, if any, to achieve the purpose of
3 this Act.

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
7 planning, marketing, and economic analysis for one or more
8 facilities on the island of Hawaii to be used for quarantine
9 inspection, quarantine treatment, deconsolidation, and
10 consolidation of incoming and outgoing agricultural commodities.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
13 this Act.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.
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H.B. NO. 2468

Report Title:

Agricultural Quarantine Facility; Studies; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes DBEDT, in collaboration with DOA, to perform studies and analysis relating to establishing facilities on the Island of Hawaii for quarantine inspection and treatment and handling incoming and outgoing commodities. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2014.

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