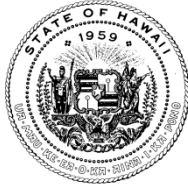


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H.B. 2426, H.D. 1, S.D. 1
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 2426, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, which will provide general obligation bonds to the Department of Agriculture to further assist their infrastructure and facility requirements to bolster our biosecurity and help prevent the introduction of new invasive species at Hawaii's airports and harbors that might be harmful to Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
9:05 A.M.
ROOM 211**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2426 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY**

Chairperson Ige and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2426 HD1 SD1. This bill will provide \$1,000,000 for infrastructure and facilities at Hawaii's airports and harbors to bolster our biosecurity and prevent the introduction of new invasive species to Hawaii. The Department of Agriculture (DOA) supports this measure.

Regulation of the movement of commodities through our airports and harbors to monitor for invasive species is a vast responsibility that requires the coordination of various departments including, but not limited to: the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), the Department of Health (DOH), and federal partners such as the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Ports of entry and exit such as our airports and harbors are in dire need of state of the art facilities that can serve as central points where all of these agencies can collaborate and consolidate their efforts.

Currently, a multi-agency response is being coordinated through the Hawaii Invasive Species Council. Called Mamalu Poepoe, this initiative is pooling the expertise and resources of DOT, DLNR, DOH, and DOA to increase screening at our airports and



ports to stop the spread of invasive species before they can be established in our islands. DOT has already committed \$300,000 to this effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2426 HOUSE DRAFT 1 SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

House Bill 2426, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, proposes to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for the planning, design, and construction of biosecurity facilities at points of entry. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

As an island state, Hawaii is particularly vulnerable to impacts from invasive species. Enhanced biosecurity at points of entry into the State, as well as airports and harbors used for intrastate travel between islands, remains a priority for minimizing the introduction and establishment of new pest species. The Department supports this measure and suggests that with regard to commodity inspection facilities, an emphasis be placed on the development of facilities that house both state and federal inspectors, to facilitate information sharing and cooperation between agencies.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
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**TESTIMONY ON HB 2426, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO BIOSECURITY**

Room 225
2:45 PM

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,832 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

Hawaii Farm Bureau stands in strong support of HB 2426, HD1, SD1, providing an appropriation for biosecurity facilities at harbors and ports.

Facilities at ports and harbors are a critical component of Hawaii's Biosecurity Plan. HRS 266-21.5 articulates the role of the Department of Transportation:

<p>[\$266-21.5] Biosecurity, inspection, and cargo support facilities. (a) The department of transportation shall provide space at commercial harbors for biosecurity and inspection facilities and to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of maritime cargo through the commercial harbors.</p> <p>(b) The department and department of agriculture shall plan, design, and construct biosecurity, inspection, consolidation, deconsolidation, and treatment facilities for use by the department of agriculture to enhance the efficient and safe movement of imported and exported marine cargo, to include food [safety] and food security guidelines and standards. [L 2011, c 202, §3]</p>
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Biosecurity facility design in ports and harbors that allow safe and timely inspections and efficient movement of cargo are vital to the agriculture economy. We strongly support funding for biosecurity as part of an ongoing process to improve the state's ports and harbors to implement the Hawaii Biosecurity Plan.

Please support HB 2426 HD1, SD1, providing the for planning, design, and construction of biosecurity facilities.

Thank you.



HB2426, HD1, SD1 – Testimony WAM – Senate Committee March 25, 2014

Submitted by: Scott I. Murray, President – Able Freight Services, Inc.

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

Able Freight Services Inc. has been involved with the State of Hawaii’s Department of Transportation (HDOT) and the Department of Agriculture (HDOA) since 2007 to operate Biosecurity facilities (in general), and to assist with the Biosecurity program to safeguard Hawaii from any invasive species. Able Freight fully supports the intent of HB2426, HD1, SD1 and supports the Biosecurity program that includes an integrated system of on-port Biosecurity and/or transitional facilities and off-port transitional facilities, pursuant to HRS Chapter 150A-53 (4 & 5). Both Biosecurity and transitional facilities should house proper cold storage for inbound perishable cargo with an inspection area for the HDOA -Quarantine inspectors, treatment equipment, and office space.

It is imperative that the cold chain be maintained with the perishable cargo being either containerized or specially wrapped to prohibit any release of any invasive species and supporting and promoting all FDA required food and safety requirements.

To achieve the Biosecurity goals and objectives, Able Freight requests that the legislature revise HB2426 to amend the Hawaii Revised Statutes §150A-53 to insure that our efforts and resources to assist the HDOA in implementing an efficient and effective Biosecurity program which allows importers to meet the FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY requirements are not impeded now and in the future. In addition, during our sessions with Chairperson Enright, he agrees that transitional facilities shall continue as under past Administrations.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the HRS be amended to read, addition **underlined & bold**:

[§150A-53] General actions to achieve objectives. To achieve the objectives of the biosecurity program, the department shall plan for and, within available legislative appropriations, implement the following:

- (1) Work with government agencies and agricultural commodity exporters of other states and countries to establish pre-entry inspection programs under which inbound cargo into the State is inspected at the ports of departure or other points outside the State;
- (2) Establish, operate, or participate in operating port-of-entry facilities where multiple government agencies may inspect, quarantine, fumigate, disinfect, destroy, or exclude as appropriate, articles that may harbor pests or exclude articles that are prohibited or restricted without a permit, with the goals of:
 - (A) Performing inspections in an efficient, effective, and expeditious manner for the government agencies involved and for cargo owners, carriers, and importers; ~~and~~
 - (B) Providing for the proper and safe storage and handling of cargo, especially agricultural and food commodities, awaiting inspection; and
 - (C) **establishing or participating in private/public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection, with on-port and off-port facilities, such as but not limited to: inspection, transitional, consolidation and deconsolidation, and treatments.**



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It is not feasible for there to be just ONE Biosecurity Facility at the Honolulu International Airport. At the HDOA's task force meeting on Tuesday the 18th of February, 2014 Mr. Scott Enright said "NOTHING has been decided" and "they are about 2 months before making any decisions and also that before a decision is made this task force will be informed". He stated that currently they are debating on having Hawaiian Airlines on one side of the airport(EWA), Pacific Air on the other side (Diamond Head) and a possible third biosecurity facility in the old Northwest building(Center of airport). He does NOT think it will be run by the HDOA but rather a third party.

Able Freight would like verbiage added to this bill and others that are related to the Biosecurity program that would permit an entity such as Able Freight, a freight forwarder, to become a Biosecurity facility on the Honolulu International or as a "Transitional Biosecurity facility" located off the actual airport in Honolulu and on the various Outer-islands. The costs of operating this type of facility is very costly unless the entity's business already encompasses the many facets of the Biosecurity facility for its' daily on-going business dealings. The basis of Able Freight's business already requires that we handle perishable cargo while simultaneously adhering to the principles of a Biosecurity facility and food safety regulations by the FDA and other institutions while maintaining the cold chain and integrity of the perishable products.

In fact, Able Freight's biosecurity and/or transitional facilities will actually **SAVE** the State of Hawaii money while accomplishing the objective of preventing the introduction of invasive species.

Able Freight is here to assist the State of Hawaii and the HDOA with implementing its Biosecurity program. My concern is that even though the bills regarding Biosecurity do not specifically deny Able Freight the opportunity, they do not give us the right. I request an addendum to this HB2426, HD1, SD1 with this addition; "companies in the transportation sector and freight forwarders that are currently transporting and handling perishable cargo business be allowed to operate a Biosecurity facility on the airport or off the airport as a Biosecurity/transitional and use funds as set aside by the State for this purpose."

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this important matter.

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March 25, 2014

Honorable David Ige, Chair
Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB 2426 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO BIOSECURITY – SUPPORT THE INTENT
Conference Room 211 – 9:05 AM

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii* (ACH), which is made up of 21 signatory air carriers that underwrite the State Airport System appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony supporting the intent of HB 2426 HD1 SD1.

This measure appropriates funds for the planning, design and construction of biosecurity facilities at harbors and airports throughout the state. Biosecurity is fundamental to the protection of the economy, environment, and health of our community, and the ACH supports policy and standards that seek to minimize the impact of pests and invasive plants and animals.

Questions have been raised regarding the biosecurity facilities at airports. The ACH believes a multi-facility approach to biosecurity is necessary in order to decrease exposure to the elements and increase operational efficiency. We would appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Blaine Miyasato
ACH Co-chair

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ACH Co-chair

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 2426 HD1 SD1 Relating to Biosecurity
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 9:05AM, Room 211

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 2426 HD1 SD1 and its proposed funding to the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for planning, design and construction for biosecurity facilities at harbors and airports.

Invasive weeds, insects, diseases, snakes, and other pests are one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's economy, agriculture, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of its people. With favorable conditions and limited competition, non-native species arrive in the Hawaiian islands to find an easy environment in which to thrive. Indeed, the colonization rate of introduced insects and mites in Hawai'i has been estimated at 500 times the rate of the continental United States.

Evidence from Hawai'i and around the world shows that preventing new pest establishment is exponentially more economical than eradicating a pest or, even worse, controlling it indefinitely once it becomes established. The HDOA has developed a multi-faceted Biosecurity Program in an effort to enhance invasive species prevention at air and sea ports with more inspectors, enhanced inspection systems and technologies, improved inspection facilities, and agreements with importers and producers for improved sanitary protocols. Having properly designed and controlled facilities for consolidation, inspection and, if necessary, treatment of cargo is essential to an effective biosecurity strategy, as well as to the efficient movement of goods into and out of the islands.

We also hope that providing the necessary and critical support for HDOA's Biosecurity Program and proper inspection and quarantine facilities at ports of entry will be additive and not prevent the Legislature, the Administration and partners from also devoting appropriate attention and funding to the full range of pest issues across the islands. Therefore, we respectfully ask that this Committee and the Legislature also take a comprehensive approach of providing significant and consistent funding to address the full range of invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, research and outreach priorities across the state. The Hawai'i Invasive Species Council is the appropriate multi-agency venue for this broader effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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