
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERISLAND MOVEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the interisland
2 spread of invasive species is harmful to agriculture, native
3 biota, public health, and the economic well-being of the State.
4 Further, the legislature finds that these pests continue to move
5 to new areas within the State through varied transportation
6 methods and on various agricultural and non-agricultural
7 commodities, which may or may not be subject to inspection for
8 pests or subject to treatment. The legislature further finds
9 that the plant quarantine branch of the department of
10 agriculture is a critical component in meeting the threat of
11 invasive species entering Hawaii and spreading throughout Hawaii
12 through the State's ports of entry.

13 To more effectively mitigate the spread of invasive
14 species, the Hawaii invasive species council and the biosecurity
15 program of the department of agriculture should use their
16 strengths and resources more efficiently. The Hawaii invasive
17 species council should direct the invasive species committees to



1 focus their resources on reducing invasive species in non-
2 agricultural areas, specifically conservation lands and
3 residential areas. The department of agriculture should focus
4 its resources on preventing the introduction of invasive species
5 into Hawaii and reducing invasive species in agricultural
6 production areas and performing inspections, certifications, and
7 treatments, if required.

8 SECTION 2. Section 150A-57, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "[+]§150A-57[+] Annual report. The department shall
11 submit an annual report on the biosecurity program to the
12 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 each regular session of the legislature. The [~~schedule~~] report
14 shall include:

15 (1) The schedule required under section 150A-56 [~~shall be~~
16 ~~included in the pertinent annual report.~~];

17 (2) The status of each activity required by Act _____,
18 Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, including for each
19 activity:

20 (A) All expenditures;



- 1 (B) Descriptions of and the purposes of any activity-
- 2 related travel;
- 3 (C) Workforce allocation; and
- 4 (D) Measure of effectiveness;
- 5 (3) Summary of interisland inspections and export
- 6 inspection activities;
- 7 (4) Projections by year of future expenditures and future
- 8 acreage to be under pest management by crop; and
- 9 (5) Activities yet to be completed, and, if applicable, an
- 10 explanation why they were not completed."

11 SECTION 3. The department of agriculture shall work
 12 through existing contracts and appropriated funds for invasive
 13 species activities to undertake invasive species management
 14 related to agricultural lands and agricultural and non-
 15 agricultural commodities as follows:

- 16 (1) The department of agriculture shall use general funds
- 17 to:
- 18 (A) Develop an interisland and export database that
- 19 allows for the trace-back and trace-forward of
- 20 agricultural commodities, type and varieties
- 21 inspected by the department of agriculture,



1 quantity of commodities, and other pertinent
2 information. All proprietary information shall
3 be kept confidential by the department of
4 agriculture;

5 (B) Increase the priority of inspection of
6 agricultural commodities transported between
7 islands, without impacting or jeopardizing the
8 inspection of imported agricultural commodities
9 from out-of-state;

10 (C) Develop quarantine treatments for high-risk
11 commodities moving between islands; and

12 (D) Coordinate planning with the department of
13 transportation for inspection and quarantine
14 treatment capabilities at or adjacent to ports of
15 entry; and

16 (2) The department of agriculture shall use general funds
17 to increase detection, response, and control programs
18 to address agricultural pests statewide.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
2 purposes set forth in section 3(1) of this Act.

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

5 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$800,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
8 purposes set forth in section 3(2) of this Act.

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

11 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
14 planning, site selection, preparation of environmental
15 documentation, and preliminary design for two facilities;
16 provided that one facility shall be for edible agricultural
17 crops and the other shall be for non-edible agricultural crops
18 for the purpose of marshalling and treatment of commodities
19 prior to the interisland movement or export from the island of
20 Hawaii.



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

3 SECTION 7. There is appropriated from the general revenues
4 of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as
5 may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the auditor to
6 conduct a financial and performance audit of the duties and
7 facilities of the plant quarantine branch of the department of
8 agriculture, including the branch's biosecurity programs and
9 related programs; provided that the auditor shall submit a
10 report of findings and recommendations, including proposed
11 legislation, to the governor and the legislature no later than
12 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
13 2017.

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

16 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



Report Title:

Invasive Species; Interisland Movement; Department of
Agriculture; Audit; Appropriations

Description:

Mandates the Department of Agriculture to perform specified
tasks to address the interisland spread of invasive species.
Requires annual report. Requires the Auditor to audit the Plant
Quarantine Branch. Makes appropriations. (HB1050 CD1)

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