
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 using the relatively unused foreign trade zone no. 9 that is
15 located in Hilo.

16 The legislature also recognizes that agriculture is and has
17 been a major economic driver of the county of Hawaii. To



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

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

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

16 (2) A marketing and economic impact analysis for one or
17 more of the facilities.

18 SECTION 2. (a) The department of business, economic
19 development, and tourism, in collaboration with the department
20 of agriculture, may perform:



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1 (1) Planning and feasibility studies for one or more
2 quarantine inspection, quarantine treatment,
3 deconsolidation, and consolidation facilities on the
4 island of Hawaii; and

5 (2) A marketing and economic impact analysis for one or
6 more of the facilities.

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

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

14 (2) On the west side of the island of Hawaii, the Kawaihae
15 harbor area that is proposed for biosecurity
16 facilities by the harbors division of the department
17 of transportation.

18 SECTION 3. The department of business, economic
19 development, and tourism shall submit a report to the
20 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the regular session of 2016 on the status of the planning and



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1 feasibility study and marketing and economic analysis, for one
 2 or more facilities on the island of Hawaii to be used for
 3 quarantine inspection, quarantine treatment, deconsolidation,
 4 and consolidation of incoming and outgoing agricultural
 5 commodities. The report shall also contain recommendations and
 6 proposed necessary legislation, if any, to achieve the purpose
 7 of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
 11 planning and feasibility study and marketing and economic
 12 analysis for one or more facilities on the island of Hawaii to
 13 be used for quarantine inspection, quarantine treatment,
 14 deconsolidation, and consolidation of incoming and outgoing
 15 agricultural commodities.

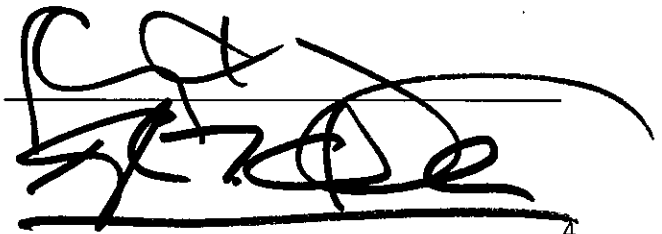
16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 17 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
 18 this Act.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Agricultural Quarantine Facility; Study and Analysis, Island of Hawaii; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes and appropriates funds for 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 of incoming and outgoing agricultural commodities.

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