
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
18 preserve and increase the value of this economic driver, 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 or
 4 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 purposes.

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 perform:

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

15 (2) A marketing and economic impact analysis for one or
 16 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, may perform:

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



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

3 (2) A marketing and economic impact analysis for one or
4 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;

12 (2) On the west side of the island of Hawaii, the Kawaihae
13 harbor area that is proposed for biosecurity
14 facilities by the harbors division of the department
15 of transportation; and

16 (3) Kona International Airport.

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



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

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

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

18 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. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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