
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF HARBOR INSPECTION PROCEDURES.

1 WHEREAS, the statewide harbors system consists of ten
2 commercial harbors located at Honolulu, Kalaeloa Barbers Point,
3 Hilo, Kawaihae, Kahului, Hana, Kaunakakai, Kaunapali,
4 Nawiliwili, and Port Allen; and

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6 WHEREAS, the major activities of the harbors program are to
7 maintain, repair, and operate the ten commercial harbors that
8 comprise the statewide harbors system; plan, design, and
9 construct harbor facilities; provide program planning and
10 administrative support; manage vessel traffic into, within, and
11 out of harbor facilities; provide for and manage the efficient
12 utilization of harbor facilities and lands; and maintain offices
13 and facilities for the conduct of maritime business with the
14 public; and

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16 WHEREAS, the activities of the harbors program interrelate
17 with other public and private sectors, such as the United States
18 Treasury Department, which inspects foreign goods to ensure a
19 proper assessment of duty; the United States Department of
20 Agriculture, which inspects goods to safeguard the State against
21 the introduction of biological pests and invasive species; the
22 United States Customs and Border Protection, which monitors the
23 flow of foreign people and goods through state ports; and

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25 WHEREAS, as of 2007, an estimated ninety-nine percent of
26 commercial goods were imported to Hawaii through the State's
27 system of ten commercial harbors, and anecdotal information at
28 that time indicated that illegal drugs were shipped to the
29 islands in containerized cargo; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
33 2019, that the Auditor is requested to conduct an audit of



1 current Department of Transportation procedures in inspecting
2 shipping containers for illegal goods at state harbors; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit should cover the
5 following:
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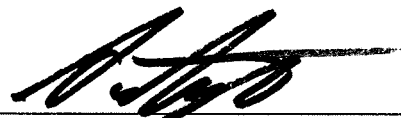
- 7 (1) Current inspection procedures for both out-of-state
8 and inter-island arrivals;
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- 10 (2) Shortcomings with the current procedures; and
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- 12 (3) Necessary procedural changes to help reduce the volume
13 of illegal goods imported into the State; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
16 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
17 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
18 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
19 of 2020; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of
23 Transportation, and Harbors Administrator.
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