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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature reaffirms that the invasion of  
2 Hawaii by insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and  
3 other pests is the single greatest threat to Hawaii's economy  
4 and natural environment and to the health and lifestyle of  
5 Hawaii's people. The legislature finds that action is needed to  
6 improve the State's programs to mitigate the threats and impacts  
7 of invasive species to effectively implement the Hawaii  
8 interagency biosecurity plan.

9           The legislature recognizes the Hawaii interagency  
10 biosecurity plan as the primary guiding document for improving  
11 invasive species prevention, detection, and control capacity  
12 over the ten-year scope of the plan, from 2017 to 2027.

13           The legislature recognizes the inspection of imported goods  
14 in domestic cargo by the department of agriculture as the first  
15 line of defense in detection and control of invasive species.

16           The purpose of this Act is to enhance protection of  
17 Hawaii's natural resources, agriculture, human health, and way



1 of life by increasing the portion of the barrel tax deposited  
2 into the agricultural development and food security special  
3 fund, which may be used to, among other things, fund  
4 agricultural inspector positions and other activities intended  
5 to increase agricultural production or processing that may lead  
6 to reduced importation of food, fodder, or feed.

7 SECTION 2. Section 243-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) In addition to any other taxes provided by law,  
10 subject to the exemptions set forth in section 243-7, there is  
11 hereby imposed a state environmental response, energy, and food  
12 security tax on each barrel or fractional part of a barrel of  
13 petroleum product sold by a distributor to any retail dealer or  
14 end user of petroleum product, other than a refiner. The tax  
15 shall be \$1.05 on each barrel or fractional part of a barrel of  
16 petroleum product that is not aviation fuel; provided that of  
17 the tax collected pursuant to this subsection:

18 (1) 5 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited  
19 into the environmental response revolving fund  
20 established under section 128D-2;



1 (2) 15 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited  
2 into the energy security special fund established  
3 under section 201-12.8;

4 (3) 10 cents of the tax on each barrel shall be deposited  
5 into the energy systems development special fund  
6 established under section 304A-2169.1; and

7 (4) [~~15~~] \_\_\_ cents of the tax on each barrel shall be  
8 deposited into the agricultural development and food  
9 security special fund established under section  
10 141-10.

11 The tax imposed by this subsection shall be paid by the  
12 distributor of the petroleum product."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Biosecurity; Barrel Tax; Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund

**Description:**

Increases the amount of barrel tax deposited into the agricultural development and food security special fund. (SB485 HD1)

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