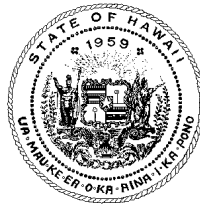


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15  
URGING UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER  
PROTECTION AND THE HAWAII NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT  
DIVISION TO INCREASE CANINE NARCOTIC CONTRABAND  
DETECTION TEAMS AT THE STATE'S PORTS OF ENTRY.

By  
Nolan P. Espinda, Director

House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs  
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair  
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

Friday, March 15, 2019; 10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the intent and offers comments on House Concurrent Resolution 15, which urges the United States Customs and Border Protection and the Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) to increase the number of canine narcotic contraband detection teams at Hawaii's ports of entry. PSD appreciates the concerns regarding fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, and NED is an active participant stakeholder in the Hawaii Opioid Initiative. NED is more than willing to support lead federal agencies to protect our ports of entry involving interstate commerce. We would also note, however, that NED currently has one Administrator and ten investigator positions, with no narcotic canine teams.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this concurrent resolution.

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park  
On Behalf of Matson  
Comments on HCR15  
Before the House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs  
March 15, 2019

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee,

Matson provides comments on HCR15, which urges the United States Custom and Border Protection and the Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division to increase canine narcotic contraband detection teams at the State's ports of entry.

In its current form, HCR15 is premature. It does not include a process or procedure for canine inspections of cargo containing narcotics and instead only urges the United States Custom and Border Protection and Hawaii Narcotics Division to increase canine inspections. It does not specify where or when these inspections will take place. Matson's operations run twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and our Sand Island Terminal is operating at or above full capacity. The presence of additional personnel and canines could pose a serious safety hazard to both Matson and law enforcement personnel and canines. Further, any additional inspection that takes place in our terminal could cause significant delays to the flow of commerce for the State. This would likely compound negative impacts to commerce on the neighbor islands who depend on timely movement of cargo coming into and out of Honolulu Harbor.

Our cargo is already inspected in accordance with federal and state rules. Additional screening should take place outside of our terminal to avoid interference with operations. If your Committee intends to pass this measure, we request that the measure be amended to include a process that ensures these additional canine inspections will not delay or obstruct the flow of commerce. We also believe that this measure should be amended to provide certified copies to each entity that is impacted by additional canine inspections, including all shipping companies, airlines, recreational boat owners, and the related industry groups.

Thank you for considering Matson's comments.

**HCR-15**

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