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April 3, 2019  
2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 325

**HCR 187 HD1/HR 169 HD1**  
**REQUESTING THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR**  
**INSPECTING CARGO SHIPMENTS TO HAWAII TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS**  
**TO ENSURE THAT EVERY SHIPPING CONTAINER ORIGINATING FROM OUTSIDE**  
**THE STATE IS INSPECTED FOR ILLEGAL GOODS**

House Committee on Judiciary

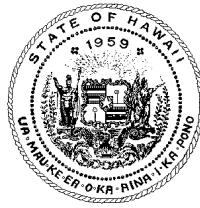
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The Department of Transportation, Harbors Division provides comments on HCR 187 HD 1/HR169 HD1 that requests coordination amongst government entities to inspect and ensure that every shipping container is inspected for illegal goods.

Harbors Division defers to other government entities that have the mandate and resources to perform inspections on shipping containers for illegal goods.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 187, HOUSE DRAFT 1,  
REQUESTING THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES  
RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING CARGO SHIPMENTS TO  
HAWAII TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT  
EVERY SHIPPING CONTAINER ORIGINATING FROM OUTSIDE  
THE STATE IS INSPECTED FOR ILLEGAL GOODS.

by  
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House Committee on Judiciary  
Representative Chris Lee, Chair  
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 3, 2019; 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the intent of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 187, House Draft (HD) 1, which seeks to prevent illegal fireworks, drugs, and firearms from entering our state by asking federal, state, and county agencies to coordinate their inspections of shipping containers. PSD, however, does not participate in the inspection of shipping containers.

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

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park  
On Behalf of Matson  
Opposition to HCR187, HD1/HR169, HD1  
Before the Committee on Judiciary  
April 3, 2019

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee,

Matson respectfully opposes HCR187, HD1/HR169, HD1, which requests various government entities responsible for inspecting cargo shipments into the State to coordinate their efforts to ensure that every shipping container is inspected for illegal goods.

Matson's cargo that enters the State is already inspected in accordance with federal and state rules. Our operations run twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and our Sand Island Terminal is operating at or above full capacity. While we appreciate that these measures require the inspections to be conducted in such a way as to have minimal impact on the flow of commerce, any negative impact, even if minimal, caused by additional inspections that take 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.

If your Committee intends to pass these measures, we request that they be amended to require that the government entities' efforts to conduct inspections of each container entering the State will not delay or obstruct the flow of commerce in any way.

Finally, illegal goods enter the State through other methods beyond commercial shipping containers. If these measures are needed to inspect for illegal goods in all cargo that enters the State, then they should be amended to require all government entities involved in inspecting all forms of cargo to be included. This could include the airline carriers, recreational boat owners, the United States Postal Service, other mail and parcel carriers and related transportation industry groups.

Thank you for considering this testimony in opposition.



# Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary  
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

**LATE**

**RE: HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 187 HD1/HR 169 HD1, REQUESTING THE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING CARGO SHIPMENTS TO HAWAII TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT EVERY SHIPPING CONTAINER ORIGINATING FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE IS INSPECTED FOR ILLEGAL GOODS**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") respectfully **opposes** HCR 187 HD1/HR 169 HD1, which requests the government entities responsible for inspecting cargo shipments to Hawaii to coordinate their efforts to ensure that every shipping container originating from outside the state is inspected for illegal goods.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

While we appreciate the intent of preventing the shipment of illegal goods, this resolution would be harmful to the business community. Our members depend on reliable and timely receipt of goods and transportation of their own materials and products. Adding additional, onerous screenings would create delivery delays. Our members who transport perishable goods could lose entire shipments. These proposed screenings would also add additional labor costs that could be passed on to the consumer.

For the reasons above, we humbly request that this resolution be held and appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns.

**LATE**

**HCR-187-HD-1**

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