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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**MARCH 22, 2019
10:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 423**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 187
REQUESTING THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR
INSPECTING CARGO SHIPMENTS TO HAWAII TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS
TO ENSURE THAT EVERY SHIPPING CONTAINER IS INSPECTED FOR ILLEGAL
GOODS.**

Chairperson Aquino and Members of the Committee:

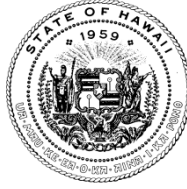
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 187, requesting the Department of Agriculture and other Government Agencies to coordinate efforts to inspect every shipping container for illegal goods, and specifically illegal fireworks, drugs, and firearms. The Department offers comments.

The Department already conducts inspections of shipping containers that are manifested to contain agricultural commodities destined for the State. However, the Department does not have the authority to conduct inspections for illegal fireworks, drugs, or firearms. Should a suspected illegal commodity be found during an inspection, the Department would refer what was discovered to the respective regulatory agency so that they may take appropriate action.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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H.C.R. 187 / H.R. 169
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House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation, Harbors Division provides **comments** on H.C.R. 187 / H.R. 169 which 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.

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson
Opposition to HCR187/HR169
Before the Committee on Transportation
March 22, 2019

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee,

Matson respectfully opposes HCR187/HR169, 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. 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. If your Committee intends to pass these measures, we request that the measure 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 all cargo that enters into the State, then this measure should be amended to require all government entities involved in inspecting all forms of cargo to be included in the task force. This could include the United States Postal Service, other mail carriers, airlines, recreational boat owners, and the related industry groups.

Thank you for considering this testimony in opposition.

HCR-187

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members of the Committee,

APE is in support of HCR 187.

Jerald Farley