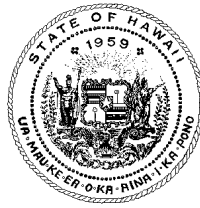


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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 169, 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
Nolan P. Espinda, Director

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 Resolution (HR) 169, 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.