
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DETECTOR-DOGS.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The devastating impact of invasive species to
3 Hawaii's agriculture, environment, natural resources, public
4 health, and economy cannot be denied or overstated. In
5 recognition of the consequences of the influx of invasive
6 species into the State, since 2008, the legislature has
7 supported and provided for the department of agriculture
8 biosecurity program.

9 The legislature finds that funding a detector-dog program
10 will improve the effectiveness of the State's biosecurity
11 program. The legislature further finds that a detector-dog
12 program will provide an important resource to improve
13 interdiction of invasive species coming into Hawaii. These dogs
14 excel in the detection of flora, snakes, and aquatic animals and
15 in public relations. In airport baggage claim areas, the
16 presence of detector-dogs alone assists in deterring smuggling
17 of commodities through the passenger terminal area.



1 tariffs and fees. The lack of sufficient cargo inspections
2 means that there is ample opportunity for importing illegal
3 fireworks and explosives to the State.

4 The legislature further finds that increased inspections
5 need to be carefully crafted to avoid delays and inefficiencies
6 in harbor operations that could impede commerce. One promising
7 approach is the use of dogs to inspect cargo after arrival at
8 the harbors and transfer for inter-island transport but prior to
9 retrieval by recipients or distributors.

10 The purpose of this part is to increase capacity for random
11 inspections of incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and
12 explosives by increasing funding for detector-dog inspections
13 within the department of transportation and establishing a pilot
14 program that uses dogs to inspect cargo shipments after arrival
15 at state harbors and transfer for inter-island transport.

16 SECTION 4. (a) The departments of defense and
17 transportation, in consultation with federal and state agencies
18 and private organizations involved with shipping cargo into the
19 State and inter-island, shall develop and implement a three-year
20 pilot program to use dogs to inspect incoming cargo for illegal
21 fireworks and explosives sent to the State and between the



1 islands. The program shall begin no later than January 1, 2020,
2 and shall terminate on December 31, 2022.

3 (b) The pilot program established under subsection (a)
4 shall include the use of dogs to inspect incoming cargo that,
5 after arrival into the State and transfer for inter-island
6 transport, is to be transported from any harbor to:

7 (1) A freight forwarder warehouse or other facility where
8 consolidated cargo in transport from any state harbor
9 to its final destination is segregated and prepared
10 for delivery; and

11 (2) Any other commercial facility where cargo containers
12 transported from any state harbor are unloaded.

13 SECTION 5. No later than twenty days prior to the
14 commencement of the regular sessions of 2021 and 2022, the
15 department of transportation shall submit to the legislature a
16 report on the implementation of the pilot program established
17 pursuant to this part. The report shall include findings and
18 recommendations, including costs expended to date, the estimated
19 cost of operating the detector-dog program on a permanent basis,
20 and any proposed legislation.



1 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the federal funds
 2 received under the homeland security grant program the sum of
 3 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 4 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
 5 necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to establish and administer
 6 the pilot program authorized by this part.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 8 of transportation for the purposes of this part.

PART III

9 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
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Report Title:

Detector-Dog; Cargo; Invasive Species; Fireworks; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for detector-dogs for the State's biosecurity program. Authorizes and funds a pilot program using dogs to detect fireworks in inbound cargo from state harbors and inter-island transport.

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