

JAN 15 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Daniel K. Inouye
2 International Airport is the only port of entry for all dogs and
3 cats entering Hawaii unless a valid neighbor island inspection
4 permit has been issued by the Hawaii department of agriculture.
5 This requirement encompasses all dogs and cats, including
6 service animals. The legislature further finds that because the
7 airport animal quarantine holding facility is located on Oahu,
8 the animal inspection fee for service animals is waived for
9 those who arrive at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.
10 Residents and visitors who arrive at any other port of entry in
11 the State with a service animal are burdened with having to pay
12 the inspection permit fee.

13 The purpose of this Act is to provide equality and fairness
14 to all persons with disabilities traveling with a service animal
15 by requiring the department of agriculture to be responsible for
16 all neighbor island inspection fees for service animals located
17 in the State and being transported for release at Ellison



1 Onizuka Kona International Airport at Keahole, Kahului Airport,
2 or Lihue Airport.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 142, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§142- Service animals; interisland quarantine; permit
7 fees. The department of agriculture shall be responsible for
8 all neighbor island inspection permit fees for a service animal,
9 as defined in section 347-2.5, that is located in the State and
10 is being transported for release at Ellison Onizuka Kona
11 International Airport, Kahului Airport, or Lihue Airport."

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2026-2027 to cover the costs of implementing section
17 142- , Hawaii Revised Statutes, pursuant to this Act.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
19 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 387

Report Title:

DOA; Service Animal; Neighbor Island Inspection Permit Fees; Appropriations

Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture to be responsible for all neighbor island inspection permit fees for service animals that are located in the State and are being transported for release at Kona, Kahului, or Lihue airports. Appropriates funds.

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