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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CARGO INSPECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that over ninety per cent
2 of the more than two hundred thousand shipping cargo containers
3 that arrive in Hawaii each year are from the continental United
4 States. Only a small fraction of these containers, however, are
5 inspected by government agencies. Shipping companies conduct
6 random checks of less than five per cent of incoming cargo
7 containers, and these inspections are mainly conducted to ensure
8 that senders of cargo have been properly charged. The lack of
9 sufficient cargo inspections means that there is ample
10 opportunity for illegal fireworks and explosives to be smuggled
11 into the State.

12 The legislature further finds that increased inspections
13 need to be carefully crafted to avoid delays and inefficiencies
14 in harbor operations that could impede commerce. One approach
15 is to use dogs to inspect cargo after arrival at the harbors but
16 prior to pick-up.



1 The purpose of this Act is to increase random inspections
2 of incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and explosives by
3 establishing a pilot program using dogs to inspect cargo
4 shipments after arrival at the harbors.

5 SECTION 2. (a) The departments of defense and
6 transportation, in consultation with federal and state agencies
7 and private organizations involved with shipping cargo into the
8 State, may develop and implement a three-year pilot program to
9 use dogs to inspect incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and
10 explosives smuggled into the State. The program, if
11 implemented, shall begin no later than January 31, 2019.

12 (b) Any pilot program under subsection (a) shall include
13 the use of dogs to inspect incoming cargo that, after arrival
14 into the State, is to be transported from any harbor to off-site
15 facilities that include:

16 (1) Freight forwarder warehouses and other facilities
17 where consolidated cargo transported from any state
18 harbor to the final destination is segregated and
19 prepared for delivery; and

20 (2) Other commercial facilities where cargo containers
21 transported from any state harbor are unloaded.



1 SECTION 3. If a pilot program is implemented pursuant to
 2 this Act, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 3 the 2020 regular session, the department of transportation shall
 4 submit to the legislature a report on the implementation of the
 5 pilot program established pursuant to this Act. The report
 6 shall include findings and recommendations, including costs
 7 expended to date, the estimated cost of operating the program on
 8 a permanent basis, and any proposed legislation.

9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the federal funds
 10 received under the homeland security grant program the sum of
 11 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 12 year 2018-2019 to establish and administer a pilot program
 13 authorized by this Act.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 15 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018, and
 17 shall be repealed on June 30,
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S.B. NO. 2430

Report Title:

Cargo Inspections; Pilot Program; Fireworks; Explosives

Description:

Permits the establishment of a pilot program to use dogs to inspect incoming cargo for illegal fireworks and explosives, after the cargo has been transported from the harbors.

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