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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION FEES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§150A- Inspection fee; invasive species and diseases.

5 (a) There is imposed a fee for the inspection, quarantine,
6 and eradication of invasive species, pests, or bacteria
7 contained in freight, including marine commercial container
8 shipment, air freight, or any other means of transporting
9 freight, foreign or domestic, but not including aggregate bulk
10 freight, cement bulk freight, coal bulk freight, or liquid bulk
11 freight, that is brought into the State.

12 (b) The required inspection, quarantine, or eradication
13 and the fee therefor shall be imposed on freight of agriculture
14 product types that are currently grown or produced in the State,
15 including commercial green and roasted coffee for blending.

16 (c) The transportation company shall bill the fee to the
17 person responsible for paying the freight charges to the



1 transportation company within fifteen days of the delivery of
 2 the freight. The fee shall be paid by the person responsible
 3 for paying the freight charges to the transportation company
 4 within forty-five days of receipt of the bill. The
 5 transportation company shall collect the fee from the person
 6 responsible and forward the payment to the department at the
 7 port of disembarkation within forty-five days of receipt of the
 8 fee; provided that the transportation company shall not be
 9 liable for any fee that is not paid by the person responsible
 10 for paying the freight charges to the transportation company.

11 (d) The fee shall be assessed and collected on the net
 12 weight of the imported freight computed on the basis of 5 cents
 13 for every one pound of freight, or part thereof, brought into
 14 the State.

15 (e) All fees collected under this section shall be
 16 deposited into a special fund established by the department and
 17 expended to support agricultural production in the State."

18 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2950

Report Title:

Inspection Fee; Department of Transportation; Department of Agriculture

Description:

Imposes an inspection fee on certain imported agricultural products to be deposited into a special fund and expended by the Department of Agriculture.

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