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# 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 dogs and  
3 cats entering Hawaii unless a valid neighbor island inspection  
4 permit has been issued by the department of agriculture. This  
5 requirement encompasses all dogs and cats, including service  
6 animals. The legislature further finds that because the airport  
7 animal quarantine holding facility is located on Oahu, the  
8 animal inspection fee for service animals is waived for those  
9 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  
17 section 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.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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