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Comments:

This is precisely the type of bill that adds regulatory burden, costs and inefficiencies to doing business in Hawaii. This bill seems innocent enough but forces companies (all importers and exporters) to use unionized labor. No wonder Hawaii has an affordability issue. In some locations union labor is not readily available with the speed and responsiveness that is required when ships coming causing delays in loading and offloading. Some importers have people who are trained and capable of conducting their own offloading operations. Assistance for the incoming ship crews themselves would be blocked by such a measure. Some of these crews work all over the world and have the experience. If skill and training are required to ensure the safety of the harbors, establish that some type of training certificate program, Don't add cost and create a bottleneck by mandating the work only be done by union represented employees.