

ACT 138

S.B. NO. 3379

A Bill for an Act Relating to Biosecurity.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a recently concluded five-year pilot program demonstrated that strengthening biosecurity is a good investment for the State. Since invasive species pose the biggest threat to Hawaii on many fronts, preventive measures can save the State a significant amount of money over the long term. Thus, it is important to ensure that the biosecurity program can continue to operate and expand its efforts.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for fiscal year 2022-2023 for a ports-of-entry biosecurity program.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$525,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for a ports-of-entry biosecurity program; provided that the moneys appropriated shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$425,000 for personnel costs;
- (2) \$60,000 for materials and supplies;
- (3) \$15,000 for travel expenses; and
- (4) \$25,000 for all other costs.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

(Approved June 27, 2022.)