
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PARKS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, according to the
2 department of health's emergency medical services and injury
3 prevention system branch, drowning is the fifth leading cause of
4 fatal injuries in Hawaii, with 385 drowning fatalities occurring
5 during the five-year period from 2010-2014, averaging fifty-
6 seven individuals per year. For non-residents during this time
7 period, drownings were the third leading cause of any type of
8 death, behind heart disease and cancer, and the leading cause of
9 injury-related death, ahead of suicide, falls, motor vehicle
10 accidents, and other causes.

11 The legislature also finds that state ocean safety
12 officers, also known as lifeguards, act as the primary
13 responders for emergencies on shorelines and within nearshore
14 waters at state parks, where the majority of ocean recreational
15 activities take place. These ocean safety officers provide
16 injury control and dispatch ocean rescue services to prevent
17 drownings.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to purchase
2 necessary equipment for state ocean safety officers to perform
3 their ocean safety and rescue work at state parks.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the
7 department of land and natural resources to purchase equipment
8 to be used by state ocean safety officers in the course of their
9 work at state parks; provided that the sum appropriated shall be
10 expended as follows:

- 11 (1) \$ for one new lifeguard tower;
- 12 (2) \$ for two utility terrain vehicles;
- 13 (3) \$ for two all-terrain vehicles;
- 14 (4) \$ for two jet skis;
- 15 (5) \$ for two mobile trailers;
- 16 (6) \$ for one four-wheel drive truck;
- 17 (7) \$ for two mobile, long-range public
18 announcement units;
- 19 (8) \$ for additional signage to inform visitors
20 of ocean risks; and
- 21 (9) \$ for two twenty-foot storage containers.

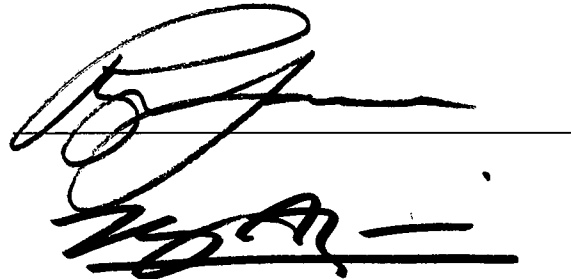


1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 land and natural resources (LNR806-Parks Administration and
3 Operation) for the purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

DLNR; Lifeguards; Equipment; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to DLNR to purchase ocean safety and rescue equipment for ocean safety officers at state parks.

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