
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. For non-residents
6 during this time period, drownings were the third leading cause
7 of any type of death, behind heart disease and cancer, and the
8 leading cause of injury-related death, ahead of suicide, falls,
9 motor vehicle accidents, and other causes.

10 The legislature also finds that state ocean safety
11 officers, also known as lifeguards, act as the primary
12 responders for emergencies on shorelines and within nearshore
13 waters at state parks, where the majority of ocean recreational
14 activities take place. These ocean safety officers provide
15 injury control and dispatch ocean rescue services to prevent
16 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 \$1,074,200 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for parks
7 administration and operation (LNR806) for the department of land
8 and natural resources to purchase equipment to be used by state
9 ocean safety officers in the course of their work at state
10 parks; provided that the sum appropriated shall be expended as
11 follows:

- 12 (1) \$228,000 for four new lifeguard towers;
- 13 (2) \$120,000 for eight utility terrain vehicles;
- 14 (3) \$64,000 for eight all-terrain vehicles;
- 15 (4) \$144,000 for eight jet skis;
- 16 (5) \$13,000 for eight mobile trailers;
- 17 (6) \$260,000 for four four-wheel drive trucks;
- 18 (7) \$80,000 for eight mobile, long-range public
19 announcement units;
- 20 (8) \$5,200 for eighty additional signage to inform
21 visitors of ocean risks; and



1 (9) \$160,000 for eight twenty-foot storage containers.

2 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
3 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DLNR; Lifeguards; Equipment; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to DLNR to purchase ocean safety and rescue equipment for state ocean safety officers at state parks. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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