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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that prioritizing the  
2       State's natural resources is an essential component of  
3       destination management. Prior to 2020, arrivals to the State  
4       exceeded ten million visitors, and according to state  
5       economists, by 2025, Hawaii will again return to pre-pandemic  
6       tourism levels. The legislature believes that rising visitor  
7       numbers in Hawaii's state parks could be better managed using a  
8       visitor reservation system.

9       The legislature notes that, in 2018, massive flooding on  
10      Kauai damaged surrounding bridges, beaches, and roads, forcing  
11      Haena state park to close for fourteen months. When the park  
12      reopened, the department of land and natural resources worked  
13      with the local community to implement a reservation system that  
14      allows a maximum of nine hundred park visitors per day.

15      Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

16      (1)   Appropriate moneys for the department of land and  
17           natural resources to establish                      full-time



1 equivalent positions to allow the department to work  
2 with the legislature to replicate the reservation  
3 model created at Haena state park; and

4 (2) Appropriate additional moneys from the state parks  
5 special fund for purposes of state park management.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to  
9 establish full-time equivalent ( FTE)  
10 positions in parks administration and operation (LNR 806) to  
11 implement visitor reservation systems in Hawaii's state parks.

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

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the state parks  
15 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be  
16 necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the management of  
17 Hawaii's state parks.

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

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Parks Administration and Operations; State Parks Special Fund; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish positions in parks administration and operation (LNR 806) to implement visitor reservation systems in Hawaii state parks. Appropriates additional moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources from the State Parks Special Fund for purposes of state park management. (SD1)

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