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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 residents and  
2 visitors of the State have difficulty finding the application  
3 process needed to use lands administered by the department of  
4 land and natural resources that are publicly available for  
5 recreational purposes, including placing a reservation for a  
6 state park camping permit or obtaining a freshwater game fishing  
7 license to fish for certain species or to fish in certain areas.  
8 Commercial operators desiring to enter the market in the State  
9 are also frequently confused about the required authorizations,  
10 licenses, and permits necessary to operate on department of land  
11 and natural resources administered lands, leading to a variety  
12 of illegal and unauthorized commercial offerings on the lands.

13           The legislature further finds that to find the information  
14 to begin the application process, an individual must navigate  
15 from the department of land and natural resources home website  
16 through multiple links to find the appropriate division website  
17 that houses the desired information and forms to go through the



1 application process. A website that consolidates all of the  
2 forms and application processes required by the department of  
3 land and natural resources to conduct outdoor recreational and  
4 commercial activities in the State will help to streamline the  
5 application process and be of great benefit to residents,  
6 visitors, and commercial operators of Hawaii.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require and appropriate funds  
8 to the department of land and natural resources to develop and  
9 publish a website that contains the application processes  
10 necessary to acquire a permit, license, or reservation to  
11 conduct recreational and commercial activities that are  
12 regulated by or under the jurisdiction of the department.

13 SECTION 2. (a) No later than December 31, 2023, the  
14 department of land and natural resources shall develop and  
15 publish a website that includes all online application processes  
16 necessary to acquire a permit, license, or reservation needed to  
17 conduct recreational and commercial activities in the State that  
18 are regulated by or under the jurisdiction of the department,  
19 including but not limited to:

20 (1) Permits for a campsite, cabin, or pavilion;



- 1 (2) Licenses and permits to hunt or catch or hatch aquatic  
2 life or marine life, as allowed by state and federal  
3 law;
- 4 (3) Reservations to access certain state parks;
- 5 (4) Access, collection, research, and other required  
6 activities;
- 7 (5) Film permits;
- 8 (6) Permits to conduct commercial tours;
- 9 (7) Permits to conduct boating activities; and
- 10 (8) Licenses and permits for any other authorized  
11 recreational and commercial activities regulated by  
12 the department.
- 13 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall  
14 convert and make available all existing application processes,  
15 including forms required by the application process and the  
16 acceptance of any fee payments, to acquire a permit, license, or  
17 reservation needed to conduct recreational and commercial  
18 activities in the State that are regulated by or under the  
19 jurisdiction of the department into a digital format to be used  
20 in the application processes on the department's website  
21 established pursuant to subsection (a).



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
 4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
 5 year 2024-2025 for the establishment of a website as required  
 6 pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
 8 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Recreational Activities; Commercial Activities; Permits; Licenses; Reservations; Website; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires DLNR to develop and publish a website that includes the application processes for a permit, license, or reservation needed to conduct recreational and commercial activities in the State that are regulated by or under the jurisdiction of the department. Requires DLNR to convert existing application processes into a digital format to be used on the website. Appropriates funds for the establishment of the website.

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