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

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



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

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

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

21 (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 (c) No later than December 1, 2023, the department of land
2 and natural resources shall submit to the legislature a report
3 regarding its implementation of this Act.

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

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

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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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. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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