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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 of and  
2 visitors to the State often have difficulty finding the  
3 application processes necessary 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 streamline the  
6 application processes 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 and mobile application that contains the  
11 application processes, including a means of collecting any fee,  
12 necessary to acquire a permit, license, or reservation to  
13 conduct recreational and commercial activities that are  
14 regulated by or under the jurisdiction of the department.

15 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural  
16 resources shall develop and publish a website and an  
17 accompanying mobile application that includes all online  
18 application processes, including a means of collecting any fee,  
19 necessary to acquire a permit, license, or reservation needed to  
20 conduct recreational and commercial activities in the State that



1 are regulated by or under the jurisdiction of the department,  
2 including but not limited to:

- 3 (1) Permits for a campsite, cabin, or pavilion;
- 4 (2) Licenses and permits to hunt or catch or hatch aquatic  
5 life or marine life, as allowed by state and federal  
6 law;
- 7 (3) Reservations to access certain state parks;
- 8 (4) Access, collection, research, and other activities;
- 9 (5) Film permits;
- 10 (6) Permits to conduct commercial tours;
- 11 (7) Permits to conduct boating activities;
- 12 (8) Licenses to visit a state-owned park, beach, forest,  
13 hiking trail, or other natural area on state land, as  
14 designated by rule by the board of land and natural  
15 resources; and
- 16 (9) Licenses and permits for any other authorized  
17 recreational and commercial activities regulated by  
18 the department.

19 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall  
20 convert and make available all existing application processes,  
21 including forms required by the application process and the



1 acceptance of any fee payments, to acquire a permit, license, or  
2 reservation needed to conduct recreational and commercial  
3 activities in the State that are regulated by or under the  
4 jurisdiction of the department into a digital format to be used  
5 in the application processes on the department's website and  
6 mobile application established pursuant to subsection (a).

7 (c) The website and mobile application required under  
8 subsection (a) shall be accessible to people with disabilities  
9 and available in multiple languages, including but not limited  
10 to:

- 11 (1) Traditional and simplified Chinese;
- 12 (2) Japanese;
- 13 (3) Korean; and
- 14 (4) Tagalog.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the  
18 establishment of a website and mobile application as required  
19 pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

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



1 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
 2 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
 3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
 4 appropriations contained in H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,  
 5 C.D. 1, will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
 6 for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by \$1,063,767,367 or  
 7 10 per cent. In addition, the appropriations contained in this  
 8 Act will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal  
 9 year 2023-2024 to be further exceeded by \$1,000,000 or 1 per  
 10 cent. The combined total amount of general fund appropriations  
 11 contained in only these two Acts will cause the state general  
 12 fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be  
 13 exceeded by \$1,064,767,367 or 11 per cent. The reasons for  
 14 exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 15 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
- 16 serve the public interest; and
- 17 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
- 18 addressed by this Act.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Recreational Activities; Commercial Activities; Permits; Licenses; Reservations; Fees; Website; Mobile Application; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Requires DLNR to develop and publish a website and mobile application that includes the application processes, including a means of collecting any fees, for a permit, license, or reservation needed to conduct recreational and commercial activities in the State. Requires DLNR to make available existing application processes in a digital format to be used on the website and mobile application. Appropriates funds for the establishment of the website and mobile application. (CD1)

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