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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT STATE SMALL BOAT  
HARBORS AND STATE PARKS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that state small boat  
2 harbors and state parks serve as vital hubs of recreation and  
3 tourism for residents and visitors. However, facilities at  
4 these locations suffer from significant wear due to constant use  
5 and lack of timely repair, maintenance, and renovation.

6           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 7           (1) Provide the division of boating and ocean recreation  
8           and the division of state parks the flexibility to  
9           undertake certain necessary repairs and renovations  
10           for existing facilities without prior legislative or  
11           gubernatorial authorization;
- 12           (2) Establish a notification protocol to ensure that the  
13           legislature is informed of expenditures before they  
14           occur; and
- 15           (3) Establish semiannual reporting requirements to the  
16           legislature to ensure transparency and accountability.



1 SECTION 2. Section 103-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§103-7 Capital improvements; authorizations for;**  
4 **emergency repairs or reconstruction, [~~exception-~~] exceptions;**  
5 **small state boat harbors and state parks; report.** (a) All  
6 capital improvement projects requiring the use of general funds,  
7 special funds, general obligation bonds, and revenue bonds of  
8 the State, except projects covered by subsection (b) and  
9 chapter 41D, shall require authorization by the legislature and  
10 the governor.

11 (b) Capital improvement projects for state small boat  
12 harbors and state parks for the repair, renovation, or  
13 replacement of existing facilities, including dredging, shall  
14 not require authorization from the legislature or governor;  
15 provided that an expenditure made under this subsection shall:

16 (1) Be strictly limited to major repairs, renovations, or  
17 replacements; and

18 (2) Not be used for the construction of new facilities or  
19 appurtenances.

1 A department managing an expenditure made under this subsection  
2 shall issue a written notice to the legislature no later than  
3 fourteen business days before authorizing the expenditure.

4 (c) The department of land and natural resources shall  
5 submit a semiannual report to the legislature that includes an  
6 account of the total semiannual expenditures incurred for any  
7 expenditure made under subsection (b); types of repairs,  
8 renovations, or replacements completed; justification for each  
9 expenditure; status of ongoing or planned projects; and detailed  
10 accounting of all capital improvement projects. The reports  
11 shall be due no later than June 30 and December 31 of each  
12 year."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026;  
16 provided that five years after the effective date of this Act,  
17 this Act shall be repealed and section 103-7, Hawaii Revised  
18 Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which it read on the  
19 day prior to the effective date of this Act.

**Report Title:**

DLNR; Small Boat Harbors; State Parks; Capital Improvement  
Projects; Existing Facilities; Exception; Reports

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to engage in certain capital improvement projects at state small boat harbors and state parks without prior approval from the Legislature and Governor for existing facilities. Requires semiannual reports to the Legislature. Sunsets five years after the effective date. (CD1)

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