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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  
9 moneys to the department of land and natural resources to  
10 develop and publish a website that contains the application  
11 processes necessary to acquire a permit, license, or reservation  
12 to 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:

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.



**Report Title:**

DLNR; Recreational Activities; Commercial Activities; Permits;  
Licenses; Reservations; Website; Appropriations

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources 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 the Department 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. (SD1)

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