



GOV. MSG. NO. 1285

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

July 3, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

✓ The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 3, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB953 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND
AND NATURAL RESOURCES.
ACT 182

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUL 3 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 953
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

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:

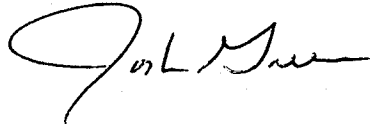
- 15 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
16 serve the public interest; and
17 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
18 addressed by this Act.

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



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APPROVED this **3rd** day of **July**, 2023



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 953, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1


THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: **MAY 04 2023**
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives




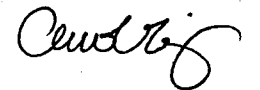
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: MAY 04 2023
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate