

JAN 25 2023

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 are important locations for the State,
3 serving as hubs of ocean and land-based recreation for residents
4 and visitors alike. Small boat harbors have endured impacts
5 from numerous vessels, and both small boat harbors and state
6 parks have been weathered by vehicles, visitors, and vandalism.
7 Further, state small boat harbors and state parks have an
8 extensive backlog for the construction, repair, and maintenance
9 of critical infrastructure.

10 The legislature further finds that many efforts were made
11 by the division of boating and ocean recreation and division of
12 state parks to repair and redevelop small boat harbors and
13 conduct repair and maintenance on state park features and
14 infrastructure. Both divisions are working toward developing a
15 new process to provide for the redevelopment of their
16 facilities, and the division of state parks is developing an



1 asset management program to standardize routine repair and
2 maintenance efforts to reduce the need for capital improvement
3 projects. However, repair work is needed immediately to ensure
4 that small boat harbors and state parks provide attractive, high
5 quality, and safe experiences for Hawaii's residents and
6 visitors.

7 The legislature further finds that repair, maintenance, and
8 construction needs often arise when the legislature is not in
9 session. However, due to the statutory requirement that capital
10 improvement projects be approved by the legislature and
11 governor, many capital needs are put on hold until the next
12 legislative session. This leads to the further deterioration of
13 facilities and increased costs to the State. This Act would
14 provide a streamlined and efficient response to address capital
15 needs in a timely manner and with the best cost-efficiency for
16 the State.

17 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide the
18 division of boating and ocean recreation and division of state
19 parks with more flexibility in funding repair and construction
20 projects at state small boat harbors and state parks.



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

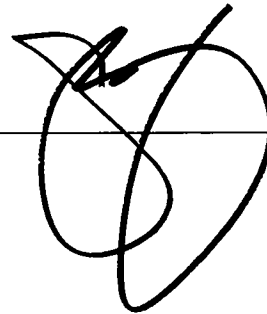
3 "§103-7 Capital improvements; authorizations for;
4 emergency repairs or reconstruction, exception. All capital
5 improvement projects requiring the use of general funds, special
6 funds, general obligation bonds, and revenue bonds of the State,
7 except projects covered by chapter 41D shall require
8 authorization by the legislature and the governor[-]; provided
9 that capital improvement projects for state small boat harbors
10 and state parks shall not require authorization by the
11 legislature and the governor."

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

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 1485

Report Title:

Small Boat Harbors; State Parks; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Capital Improvement Projects

Description:

Allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources to engage in capital improvement project work at state small boat harbors and state parks without prior approval from the Legislature and Governor.

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