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TESTIMONY BY GEORGINA K. KAWAMURA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1859, H.D. 1

LATE

February 5, 2010

RELATING TO FUNDING FOR PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

House Bill No. 1859, H.D. 1, increases the annual vehicle registration fee by \$1, which will be deposited into the Disability and Communications Access Board Special Fund to cover the cost of administering parking for persons with disabilities. This bill also repeals the deposit of application fees for the credentialing of interpreters into the special fund, and the use of special fund monies to cover the costs of administering the credentialing program.

As a matter of general policy, this department does not support the creation of any special or revolving fund which does not meet the requirements of Sections 37-52.3 and 37-53.4 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. It is difficult to determine whether there is a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program.

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**TESTIMONY TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
ON HOUSE BILL 1859, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS**

My name is Francine Aona Kenyon and am a strong deaf advocate having rheumatoid arthritis on both of my knees.

I strongly support the House Bill 1859, Relating to Funding for Parking for Disabled Persons, that increases the annual vehicle registration fee by \$1 which will be deposited into the Disability and Communication Access Board Special Fund to cover the costs of administering parking for persons with disabilities and repeals the deposit of application fees for the credentialing of interpreters into the Special Fund, and the use of Special Fund monies to cover the costs of administering the program for their credentialing.

I am a very avid supporter of Disability and Communications Access Board since 1990 because of my past working experience as program specialist with Hawaii State Coordinating Council on Deafness which was merged with Commission on Persons with Disabilities and Architectural Access Committee. DCAB has a very remarkable accomplishments for years.

I firmly support the increase of the fee that will cover the costs of administering parking for persons with disabilities such as renewals or replacements of placards or any programs related to parking for disabled persons.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Francine Aona Kenyon
Deaf Advocate