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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

### HOUSE BILL 2574, RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
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February 2, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this Administration bill.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Neutral

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Disability and Communication Access Board, an agency attached to  
4 the Department of Health, is the state agency responsible for the overall coordination and administration  
5 of this federally required (PL 100-641) program. The proposed changes and rationale are:

6 1. Clearly sets forth the State/Disability and Communication Access Board as the issuing agency.

7 The permit is a state permit and federal requirements are imposed on the state, not the counties.

8 Although the counties have issued the permits on behalf of the state, this amendment more  
9 accurately reflects the legal requirements of federal law while still providing the state with the  
0 flexibility needed should the program need to revert to the state in the future. Section 2 of the bill  
1 allows the Disability and Communication Access Board to enter into agreements with the counties  
2 to issue placards on behalf of the State/Disability and Communication Access Board with financial  
3 arrangements contingent upon funding.

4 2. Removes the reimbursement rate to the counties from the statute and places it into the

5 administrative rules. As public policy, the rates should not be in the statute. The amendment also

permits the counties to retain any fees collected, an amount they currently remit to the state general fund. This will simplify accounting procedures.

3. Extends the life of the placard from four to six years. In the long run, this will be a cost saving measure that will not compromise the integrity of the certification process.

4. Makes other housekeeping amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 2, 2010

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
House Committee on Health  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Yamane and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HB 2574 – RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS**

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Department of Health.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF HB 2574**. The purpose of this bill is to designate the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) as the issuing agency responsible for removable windshield placards, temporary removable windshield placards, special license plates, and identification cards. The bill also deletes the Counties as the issuing agency and increases qualifying disability from four to six years.

Designating DCAB as the issuing agency would result in an increase in overall administrative efficiency in implementing the parking program and elimination of unnecessary duplication between DCAB and the Counties. Extending the life of the placard from four to six years would be a cost savings to the State and not negatively affect the integrity of the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2574.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator

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Rosie Rowe  
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January 31, 2010

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
and Committee Members  
Committee on Health  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol, Room 441  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 2574, Relating to Parking For Disabled Persons

The City and County of Honolulu is opposed to the amendment deleting the first sentence contained in Section 2 of H.B. No. 2574. Since the issuance of disabled parking placards and identification cards are a State mandate and the counties will be issuing these placards and identification cards on behalf of the State, the first sentence of Section 291-51.3, HRS, should not be deleted.

The City and County of Honolulu as no objections to the other Sections of the bill and urges your favorable action on H.B. No. 2574, as amended.

Sincerely,

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing February 2, 2010  
Testimony on H.B. 2574  
(Relating to Building Design for Persons with Disabilities)

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the Committee:

My name is Peter Fritz and I am testifying **in support** of H.B. 2574.

The DCAB is required by §103-50 HRS, to review all plans and specifications for the construction of state and county buildings, facilities, and sites to ensure access for persons with disabilities.

Last session, the 5.5 positions budgeted to review plans and designs were deleted from the FY 11 budget with the intent that monies would be generated by fees would pay the expenses of plan review. Unfortunately, the bill that would provide authority to charge for plan review bill did not pass.

This bill will give the DCAB the authority to charge a review/filing fee to keep the review process functioning, provide a revenue stream, and the authority to establish a fee schedule.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter L. Fritz