

Dear committee members, As a disabled driver, I'm supporting passage of this bill. We must protect the integrity of the PRKING Placard program because it is so essential for the independence of disabled folks. Mahalo, Charles Fleming 75-310 W Kakalina Ol. Kailua-Kona, Hi 96740 (808) 326-4708.



## SENATOR DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE-CHAIR SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

#### SENATE BILL NO. 1123, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS FEBRUARY 26, 2013 AT 10:00 AM CONFERENCE ROOM 211

Aloha, I am Francine Mae Aona Kenyon and am Deaf consumer using the handicapped parking placard since 1996 due to limited mobility disability.

I strongly testify in support of Senate Bill No. 1123, Relating to Funding for Parking for Disabled Persons to increase the state vehicle registration fee by \$1.00 to be deposited into the Disability and Communication Access Board Special Fund to cover the costs of administering the parking program for persons with disabilities.

I also held the Maryland handicapped parking permit due to knee surgery in 1976 but it was not fully healed due to excessive overdoing after the surgery.

Again, I firmly urge you to passing the Senate Bill No. 1123

Thank you very much for your support of this bill for people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Francine Mae Aona Kenyon Deaf User of Handicapped Parking Permit 2520 Jasmine Street Honolulu, HI 96816 archerygal001@gmail.com



TESTIMONY Of GLENN S. NAKAMURA To The SENATE COMMITTEE On WAYS AND MEANS On FEBRUARY 26, 2013

# SB1123 - RELATING TO FUNDING FOR PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and committee members. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in support of SB1123.

As a member of the Board of Directors for Disability Communication and Access Board, (DCAB), My plea to the committee is to please consider and approval SB1123.

With our increasing senior population and disabled parking placard holders, there's a demand for readily available Disabled Parking Stalls. The \$1.00 received will help DCAB fund the Disabled Parking Program, which in part will be used to educate the public on the proper use of the disabled parking stalls as well as help increase enforcement with the misuse and abuse.

I would like to thank the committee for your time and for your consideration on approving SB1123.

Sincerely submitted,

Glenn S. Nakamura Mililani, Hawaii 96789



February 25, 2013

Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Re: Support for SB 1123 - Relating to Funding for Parking for Disabled Persons

Dear Ways & Means Committee Members,

My name is Kirby L. Shaw. I am an individual with a disability who uses a power wheelchair. I have a van that deploys a ramp from the passenger side of the vehicle. I need to park my van in a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities that includes an adjacent access aisle. Because I have a parking placard, I am able to use such parking spaces. Thus, SB 1123, Relating to Funding for Parking for Disabled Persons, is important to me.

I am writing to express strong support for SB 1123. The bill raises the annual motor vehicle registration fee by \$1 for deposit into the Disability and Communication Access Board special fund to cover the costs of administering the disability parking program under Chapter 291, Part III, HRS.

The parking placard affords me and others with disabilities who require either an access aisle to deploy a mobility device or close proximity to a facility's entrance the ability to conduct business, grocery shop, visit the doctor, see a movie, dine at a restaurant, and attend community meetings, etc. Thus, it is important that the parking program remain intact and adequately funded to allow persons with disabilities to generate economic activity and to participate in society.

Therefore, **I urge the committee to support this bill.** Thank you for considering my testimony. Please contact me if you have any questions. Mahalo nui.

Sincerely,

/s/\_\_\_\_\_\_KIRBY L. SHAW



### <u>SB1123</u>

Submitted on: 2/25/2013

Testimony for WAM on Feb 26, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB 1123 bill's passage. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

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