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H.C.R. 73

URGING APPROPRIATE STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO COLLABORATE TO ISSUE MULTI-DESIGNATION SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO PERSONS WHO QUALIFY FOR MORE THAN ONE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

House Committee on Veterans, Military, International Affairs and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is providing **comments** regarding House Concurrent Resolution 73 urging appropriate state and county agencies to collaborate to issue multi-designation special license plates to persons who qualify for more than one special license plate.

License plates and special license plate responsibilities are handled by the counties' Director of Finance in accordance with Chapter 249 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). Section 249-9.3 (a) HRS reads as follows:

"In lieu of the number plates contracted on behalf of the counties by the director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu, the county directors of finance shall issue special number plates to any organization in the State that meets the minimum standards and qualifications established under this section. Organizations are authorized to retain the fees collected, less expenses, for the special number plates.

The director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu, in consultation with the directors of finance of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, shall establish special design parameters and restrictions for decals or graphic representations affixable to special number plates; provided that the decal shall not be larger than three inches wide by three inches high."

Therefore, the Department of Transportation respectively requests that the Director of Transportation be removed from the collaborative group.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

House Concurrent Resolution 73 – Urging Appropriate State and County Agencies to Collaborate to Issue Multi-Designation Special License Plates to Persons who Qualify for More Than One Special License Plate

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) takes no position but offers comments on this measure House Concurrent Resolution 73 to Urge the appropriate state and county agencies to collaborate to issue multi-designation special license plates to persons who qualify for more than one special license plate.

Under Section 291 Part III, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 11, Chapter 219 eligibility IS delineated for qualifications for a parking permit for persons with disabilities. DCAB is responsible for promulgating administrative rules regarding issuing parking permits and special license plates for persons with disabilities to use designated parking spaces for people with disabilities. We are willing to collaborate in this effort; however, it may involve amending the HRS and HAR.

DCAB recommends that a working group be established to discuss and examine issues specific to how to address the intent of this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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