

## **DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD**

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## TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 672 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ronald Awa for a Term to Expire June 30, 2026

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the nomination of Mr. Ronald Awa to the Board. This will be a reappointment for Mr. Awa.

Mr. Awa is a licensed architect and serves on the Board in the capacity of a professional, particularly in the area of facility access. He serves on the Board's Standing Committee on Facility Access.

Mr. Awa is one of the most knowledgeable design professionals in Hawaii in the field of accessible design for persons with disabilities, specifically with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). His expertise in providing technical assistance is practical on many projects for both the private and public sectors with respect to accessible buildings, facilities, and sites.

We thank you for your positive consideration of reappointing Mr. Awa to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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