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JAN 24 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the statewide
2 parking program for persons with disabilities, as established
3 under part III of chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, pursuant
4 to the federal Uniform System for Parking for Persons With
5 Disabilities, 23 C.F.R. § 1235, and administered by the
6 disability and communication access board, provides individuals
7 with mobility disabilities the ability to travel and park in
8 accessible parking spaces. The purpose of this Act is to allow
9 a person with a removable windshield placard who does not own a
10 vehicle or does not wish to have special license plates to be
11 issued a placard that is valid for a limited period to allow
12 travel off island.

13 SECTION 2. Section 291-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
15 and to read as follows:

16 "Disability travel placard" means a two-sided, hanger-style
17 placard issued under this part to a person with a disability who

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1 presents proof of travel and shall expire the last day of the
2 month following the return date."

3 SECTION 3. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§291- Issuance of disability travel placard. The
7 issuing agency shall issue one disability travel placard to an
8 applicant who has a valid removable windshield placard and
9 presents a completed form to be provided by the issuing agency
10 along with a copy of applicant's proof of travel. The placard
11 shall expire on the last day of the month following the return
12 date."

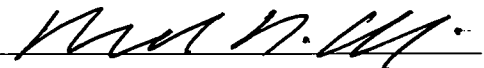
13 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
15 on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Disability Travel Placard

Description:

Establishes a travel placard to be issued to an existing permittee, allowing the person to park a vehicle at a Hawaii airport or port reserved accessible parking space and take the second placard for use at the travel destination.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

PURPOSE: To allow a person with a disability parking permit to obtain a second placard in order to allow the person to use one placard in a vehicle at a Hawaii airport or port and the other placard at the travel destination.

MEANS: Amend section 291-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: Part III of chapter 291, HRS, limits a permittee to one long term placard and if the permittee owns a motor vehicle, an additional special license plate. Some permittees do not wish to have special license plates, which poses a problem when they travel. Persons with special license plates can leave their vehicle in a reserved accessible parking space at a Hawaii airport or port and take their regular placard with them for use at their destination. A travel placard will allow permittees without special license plates to leave their vehicle in a reserved accessible space at a Hawaii airport or port and take a parking placard with them for use at their destination. The applicant for the travel placard will be required to provide proof of travel to the issuing agency. The travel placard shall expire at the end of the month following the applicant's return date.

Impact on the public: This bill will allow a person with a disability to park in an accessible parking space at both their departure and destination points without the need for obtaining special license plates.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The Disability and Communication Access Board will be responsible for issuing the

travel placards. The placard will improve accessibility in transportation options for persons with disabilities.

GENERAL FUND:

None.

OTHER FUNDS:

DCAB Parking Special Fund.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

HTH 520.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

State and county parking enforcement agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

July 1, 2024.