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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

House Bill 469 House Draft 1 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 469 House Draft 1 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. This bill requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to issue a disability travel placard to an applicant who has a valid removeable windshield placard and provides proof of travel. This bill would be effective 7/1/3000.

Current permittees who are unable or unwilling to obtain a special license plate for their personal vehicle, are faced with the dilemma of using their removable windshield placard at their departure location or at their destination. A travel placard allows the permittee to use their removable windshield placard at their departure location and use the travel placard at their destination.

The design elements of the four existing types of disability parking permits are stipulated in Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 219. We therefore request that Section 2 bill be amended by deleting statutory design requirements.

SECTION 2. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§291- Issuance of a disability travel placard. (a) The issuing agency shall issue one disability travel placard to an applicant who has a valid removeable windshield placard and presents a completed form, as provided by the issuing agency, along with a copy of the applicant's proof of travel.

(b) The disability travel placard shall[-] expire on the last day of the month following the return date indicated on the proof of travel;

(1) Expire on the last day of the month following the return date indicated on the proof of travel;

(2) Have the expiration date clearly printed on the front of the placard; and

(3) Be issued in a color that is clearly distinct from any other disability parking permit.]

(c) For the purposes of this section, "disability travel placard" means a two-sided, hanger-style placard issued to a person with a disability who has a valid removable windshield placard or disabled paid parking exemption permit and who presents proof of intra-state or out-of-state travel to the issuing agency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Pagano

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The Honorable Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
The Thirty-Third Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Tarnas and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB469 HD1, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB469 HD1**, which requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to issue a disability travel placard to an applicant who has a valid removeable windshield placard and provides proof of travel. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1).

HB469 addresses a very real and practical barrier faced by people with disabilities in Hawai'i. Individuals who rely on removable windshield placards often must choose between leaving their placard behind in their vehicle when traveling, or bringing it with them and losing access to accessible parking at Hawai'i airports, harbors, and other transportation hubs. This creates unnecessary hardship and can limit independence, safety, and community access.

This issue is especially significant in Hawai'i, where inter-island travel is not a luxury, but a regular part of life. Many individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities travel between islands for medical care, specialized services, family support, education, employment, and community activities. These trips frequently involve being dropped off at airports or leaving vehicles parked for extended periods. Without a temporary travel placard, individuals and their families are often forced into impossible choices that undermine accessibility and dignity.

By authorizing a time-limited disability travel placard, this measure provides a simple, common-sense solution that preserves access to accessible parking both at home and while traveling. It promotes continuity of accommodations, reduces stress on families and caregivers, and supports the ability of people with disabilities to move freely between islands without losing critical supports.

For these reasons, the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities urges your **support of HB469 HD1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Daintry Bartoldus, Executive Administrator

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Comments:

In support.

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Comments:

Aloha,

I KĀKO‘O this bill.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

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Comments:

Please support this bill. Mahalo.

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Comments:

I strongly support HB 469, HD 1 passage this legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 469, HD 1.