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January 30, 2026

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill 469 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 469 – 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 7/1/2027.

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.

We respectfully request that a definition of the travel placard be inserted into Section 2 of the bill.

“§291-51 Definitions. As used in this part, the following terms have the following meanings:

““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 presents proof of intra-state or out-of-state travel to the issuing agency. The disability travel placard expires on the last day of the month following the return date indicated on the proof of travel.”

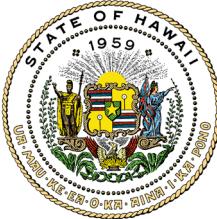
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0469
RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing: Friday, January 30, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Conference Room: 329

- 1 **EOA Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of
- 2 Health (DOH), supports HB0469.
- 3 **Purpose:** This measure allows individuals with a removable windshield placard to obtain a
- 4 temporary disability travel placard for use when traveling. Currently, travelers cannot take their
- 5 permanent placard to destinations outside Hawai'i (e.g., California). A travel placard enables the
- 6 permit holder to:
 - 7 • Park in accessible spaces at Honolulu airport before departure.
 - 8 • Use the travel placard at their destination in California for the duration of the trip.
- 9 Accessible parking is a civil right. EOA supports legislation that fosters an inclusive and
- 10 accessible community.
- 11 **Recommendation:** EOA supports this measure and defers to the Disability and Communication
- 12 Access Board for implementation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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January 30, 2026

The Honorable Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
House Committee on Health
The Thirty-Third Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Takayama, and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB469 Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB469**, which requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to issue a disability travel placard to an applicant who has a valid removable windshield placard and provides proof of travel.

HB469 addresses a real and practical barrier for people with disabilities in Hawai'i. Individuals who use removable windshield placards often must choose between leaving the placard in their vehicle while traveling or bringing it with them and losing access to accessible parking at Hawai'i airports, harbors, and other transportation hubs. This creates unnecessary hardships.

This issue is especially significant in Hawai'i, where inter-island travel is a regular part of life. Many individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities travel between islands for medical care, services, family support, education, employment, and community activities. These trips often involve airport drop-offs or long-term parking. Without a temporary travel placard, individuals and families face impossible choices that undermine accessibility and dignity.

By authorizing a time-limited disability travel placard, this measure offers a simple solution that preserves access to accessible parking 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 between islands without losing independence.

For these reasons, the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities urges your **support of HB469**. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,
Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

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Submitted on: 1/29/2026 9:07:57 AM
Testimony for HLT on 1/30/2026 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Mick (DCAB)	DCAB	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

DCAB supports this bill.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2026 10:04:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 1/30/2026 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2026 4:13:32 PM
Testimony for HLT on 1/30/2026 10:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
suzie	Arc of Maui County	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support people with disabilities and vote yes on HB469

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Submitted on: 1/27/2026 2:47:10 PM
Testimony for HLT on 1/30/2026 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support It makes sense to allow a person with a removable windshield placard to be issued a disability travel placard that is valid for a limited period to allow use of the removable windshield placard when traveling.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2026 7:26:16 AM
Testimony for HLT on 1/30/2026 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leilani Kailiawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in strong support of this Bill

Mahalo nui loa for your time

Leilani Kailiawa

Parent of child with special health needs and disabilities

Resident on Hawaii Island