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HB 2442 HD1 – RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i ("University") appreciates the opportunity to provide informational testimony on HB 2442 HD1, which seeks to improve parking access for persons with disabilities and recognizes the importance of ensuring safe and equitable access to campus facilities.

Many University campuses are large and complex, with a diverse parking system that includes multiple parking structures, surface lots, and roadway parking distributed across a challenging topography. Currently, accessible parking is managed using an aggregated, zone-based approach that aligns with campus access patterns and operational needs. It is also in compliance with the Design Standards and Regulations of the Americans with Disability Act for parking.

As drafted, the bill does not provide a definition of a "parking lot." As such, it could be interpreted to apply accessible and van-accessible parking requirements at the level of individual parking areas rather than acknowledging a more campus-wide or zone-based aggregation. Additionally, many University campuses, like the Mānoa campus, are subject to individualized zoning and development requirements under its Plan Review Use Permit - which incorporate the parking requirements of the applicable county and the Americans with Disability Act. To be consistent with county and federal law, it is recommended that HB 2442 HD1 be amended to reflect an exception for public entities (like the University of Hawai'i) that manage large inventories of parking stalls who are otherwise in compliance with the Design Standards and Requirements of the Americans with Disability Act.

Without this exception, the University may be expected to significantly and materially alter the way it manages its parking inventory. This may result in reduced overall parking capacity and increased operational complexity related to enforcement, permitting, and customer service. In addition, implementation would require physical reconfiguration of existing facilities, including restriping, signage updates, and compliance with slope and access aisle requirements. Given the age and terrain of some campus facilities,

compliance may require more extensive construction or grading work rather than simple restriping. The bill applies to existing parking facilities and does not include a funding mechanism or implementation flexibility to address these physical constraints.

The University offers this testimony to respectfully request an exception for its campuses, who manage a large inventory of parking across multiple facilities in accordance with county and federal requirements. We appreciate the Legislature's attention to accessibility and respectfully encourage continued dialogue to ensure that the bill's objectives can be implemented in a clear, consistent, and operationally feasible manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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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 Chair Tarnas and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB2442 HD1, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities is in **SUPPORT of HB2442 HD1**, which, beginning July 1, 2027, increases the number of required accessible and van accessible parking spaces in parking lots with more than twenty-five parking spaces that are covered by title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Accessible parking is a foundational access issue for people with disabilities and older adults. When accessible and van accessible parking spaces are insufficient, people with mobility disabilities are effectively excluded from participating in community life, accessing services, and engaging in employment, commerce, and civic activities. Inadequate parking availability increases safety risks, including falls and injuries, and creates barriers that are often invisible until access fails.

HB2442 addresses this gap by updating parking requirements to better reflect real-world demand while remaining narrowly tailored. The measure applies only to parking lots of a certain size and covered by existing federal accessibility requirements, and it phases in changes beginning in 2027. By doing so, the measure balances access needs with implementation considerations and avoids imposing undue burdens on smaller facilities. By strengthening accessible parking standards, HB2442 promotes community integration, safety, and equal access for people with disabilities.

For these reasons, the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **supports HB2442 HD1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator



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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

House Bill 2442 House Draft 1 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 2442 House Draft 1 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. This bill, beginning 7/1/27, increases the number of required accessible and van accessible parking spaces in parking lots with more than twenty-five parking spaces that are covered by title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is effective 7/1/3000.

In DCAB's 2020 survey of Parking Permittees, respondents indicated that they often cannot find an available accessible parking space or an available van accessible parking space. Respondents also noted that the larger a parking lot is, the less likely there will be an available accessible parking space. The survey responses are logical as the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines scoping requirement trends downward as parking lots size increases. For example, a parking lot with forty spaces are required to have two accessible spaces (5%), while parking lots with one thousand total spaces are only required to have twenty accessible spaces (2%).

About 109,700 Hawaii residents have a valid disability parking permit. House Bill 2442 House Draft 1 would ensure that a parking lot always has at least four percent of its spaces designed as accessible.

For consistency with the definition found in the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, and to keep the ratio of van accessible spaces consistent in parking facilities with one hundred one to one hundred fifty spaces, we request the bill be amended as such:

SECTION 2. Section 291-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[~~§~~291-58] Requirement to provide parking for persons with disabilities; penalty. (a) Beginning July 1, 2002, any ~~[public or private]~~ entity covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act that provides a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities shall comply with this part and any administrative rules adopted under this part.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2027, any public or private entity that operates a parking ~~[lot]~~ facility covered by title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act shall comply with the following:

(1) For a parking ~~[lot]~~ facility with one to twenty-five spaces:

(A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be one; and

- (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be one;
- (2) For a parking [lot] facility with twenty-six to fifty spaces:
 - (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be three; and
 - (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be one;
- (3) For a parking [lot] facility with fifty-one to seventy-five spaces:
 - (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be three; and
 - (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be two;
- (4) For a parking [lot] facility with seventy-six to one hundred spaces:
 - (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be four; and
 - (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be two;
- (5) For a parking [lot] facility with one hundred one to one hundred fifty spaces:
 - (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be six; and
 - (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be ~~three~~ two;
- (6) For a parking [lot] facility with one hundred fifty-one to two hundred spaces:
 - (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be eight; and
 - (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be three;
- (7) For a parking [lot] facility with two hundred one to three hundred spaces:
 - (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be twelve; and
 - (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be four;
- (8) For a parking [lot] facility with three hundred one to four hundred spaces:
 - (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be sixteen; and
 - (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be six;
- (9) For a parking [lot] facility with four hundred one to five hundred spaces:
 - (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be twenty; and
 - (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be seven;
- (10) For a parking [lot] facility with five hundred one to one thousand spaces:
 - (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be four per cent of the total number of spaces; and
 - (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be one of every three accessible spaces; and
- (11) For a parking [lot] facility with more than one thousand spaces:

- (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be forty, plus two for each one hundred, or fraction thereof, over one thousand; and
- (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be one of every three accessible spaces.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,



KRISTINE PAGANO
Acting Executive Director

HB-2442-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 5:40:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/4/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

This is an excellent idea. The ADA sets out a minimum in terms of what is required but the states are permitted to be more protective. There are many such examples throughout Hawaii law. There is a greater need and we applaud this bill.



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SUBJECT: HB2442 HD1, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons.

Chair and Members of the Committee:

Aloha Independent Living Hawaii (AILH) **supports HB2442 HD1 with recommendations.**

HB2442 HD1 increases the number of required accessible and van-accessible parking spaces in parking lots covered under Title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act beginning July 1, 2027. The bill establishes updated minimum ratios based on parking lot size (pages 3-6) and provides civil penalties for noncompliance.

Accessible parking is not a convenience. It is often the first point of physical access to employment, healthcare, cultural spaces, civic participation, and commerce. When accessible spaces are unavailable, individuals with mobility disabilities and kupuna face increased fall risk, delayed access to care, and exclusion from community life. The Legislature's findings appropriately recognize both the prevalence of mobility disabilities and the heightened injury risk for older adults when forced to park at a distance.

From a civil rights perspective, equal access to places of public accommodation must include practical, usable entry points. Updating parking ratios reflects the realities of population growth, tourism pressure, and changing vehicle usage, including increased reliance on accessible vans.

From a Hawaiian Affairs perspective, access disparities can be particularly pronounced in rural and neighbor island communities. When infrastructure is limited, the availability of appropriate accessible parking can determine whether



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individuals with disabilities are able to participate in cultural, community, and economic life.

AILH respectfully offers the following recommendations:

First, prior to implementation of penalties, the State should ensure adequate outreach and technical assistance to affected entities to promote voluntary compliance and clarity regarding updated requirements.

Second, enforcement coordination with county agencies should be clear to ensure consistency statewide.

Third, data collection and periodic review of accessible parking availability may help assess whether the updated ratios sufficiently reflect demographic and tourism-related demand.

HB2442 HD1 strengthens physical access to public life for individuals with disabilities and kupuna. Parking access is a foundational component of community integration and independent living.

AILH respectfully urges passage with the above recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Roxanne Bolden
Executive Director

HB-2442-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 12:24:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/4/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

2442 HB RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

HB-2442-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 6:14:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/4/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

M name is Leilani Kailiawa. I am a parent and community leader on Hawaii Island.

I am in strong support of this bill.

Mahalo nui loa for allowing me to share in support of this bill.

With gratitude

Leilani Kailiawa

HB-2442-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 12:08:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/4/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jackie Keefe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Jackie Keefe, and I am **in strong support of HB2442 HD1**, which increases the number of required accessible and van accessible parking spaces in parking lots with more than twenty-five parking spaces that are covered by title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act beginning 7/1/27.

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I worked for the past 14 months with Lahaina fire survivors with medical, access, and functional needs and am a member of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Working in spaces with the disability community, the most common concern that we hear is that our built environment is not inclusive. Expanding accessible parking is one small step that needs to be taken towards minimizing these barriers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Jackie Keefe, Lahaina

HB-2442-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/3/2026 7:56:48 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/4/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol England	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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HB-2442-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/4/2026 11:45:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/4/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kauila Haumea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support this bill because of the lack of wheel chair accesable parking spaces. I feel the wheelchair accessible parking spaces should be policed so the non wheelchair users are not able to use them.

Kauila Haumea