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## TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

### House Bill 2442 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 2442 – 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.

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, and that the larger a parking lot is, the less likely it is there will be an available accessible space. This is 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 a parking lot with one thousand total spaces is only required to have twenty accessible spaces (2%).

About 95,000 (6.5%) of Hawaii residents have a valid disability parking permit. House Bill 2442 would ensure that a parking lot always has at least 4% of its spaces designed as accessible.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Darius K. Kila, Chair  
House Committee on Transportation  
The Thirty-Third Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Kila and Committee Members:

**SUBJECT:** Testimony in support of HB2442 Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities is in **SUPPORT of HB2442**, 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.

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.

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**. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Daintry Bartoldus, Executive Administrator

**HB-2442**

Submitted on: 2/10/2026 2:22:48 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

#### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Transportation  
February 12, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

By

Jan Gouveia

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University of Hawai'i System

#### HB 2442 – RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i ("University") appreciates the opportunity to provide informational testimony on HB 2442, 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 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.

**HB-2442**

Submitted on: 2/10/2026 8:51:03 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 2442 the passage of this bill this session.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.

**HB-2442**

Submitted on: 2/10/2026 7:24:33 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry Support

2442 HB RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.