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The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
The Thirty-Third Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

**SUBJECT:** HB469 HD2 Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB469 HD2**, 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. (HD2).

HB469 HD2 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 HD2**.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus".

Daintry Bartoldus, Executive Administrator



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## TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### House Bill 469 House Draft 2 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 469 House Draft 2 – 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 were issued a removable windshield placard or disability paid parking exemption permit may be unable or unwilling to obtain a special license plate for their personal vehicle. This creates a dilemma when the permittee has to choose between using their parking permit at their departure location or at their destination. A travel placard allows the permittee to use their removable windshield placard or disability paid parking exemption permit at their departure location and use the travel placard at their destination.

We request that Section 2 of the bill be amended to clarify that a permittee with a valid removeable windshield placard or disability paid parking exemption permit may be issued a disability travel placard, provided they do not have valid special license plates.

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 or disability paid parking exemption permit and does not have valid special license plates 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;

(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  
Acting Executive Director

**HB-469-HD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Louis Erteschik	Testifying for Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

In suport.



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**SUBJECT:** HB469 HD2 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

Chair and Members of the Committee:

Aloha Independent Living Hawaii (AILH) **supports HB469 HD2** and offers comments to strengthen its implementation.

HB469 HD2 would require the issuing agency to provide one disability travel placard to an applicant who already has a valid removable windshield placard and presents a completed form with proof of intra- or out-of-state travel. This simple change addresses a very real, practical problem for disabled travelers who need to leave with their placard but also need access to reserved accessible parking at Hawaii airports and ports.

From an Independent Living perspective, the bill promotes community integration by making travel more feasible for disabled residents, including those on neighbor islands who must fly for medical care, work, education, or family responsibilities. Access to airport and harbor parking is often the difference between being able to travel independently and having to forego important trips altogether.

To ensure the program works equitably across disabilities and islands, AILH respectfully offers the following comments:

#### 1. Accessible, flexible application options

The bill requires a completed form and proof of travel, but many consumers face barriers with complex paperwork, online systems, or last-minute travel



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changes. We encourage the committee to note in its report that the issuing agency should offer multiple accessible ways to request a travel placard (online, mail, phone, and in-person) and allow staff to assist applicants with forms, including people with cognitive, vision, or literacy-related disabilities.

## 2. Consideration of changing travel dates

The bill sets the expiration as “the last day of the month following the return date indicated on the proof of travel.” In practice, many travelers experience flight delays, schedule changes, or medical extensions. AILH encourages DCAB and the issuing agencies to build in a simple process to adjust the expiration date if return dates change, so consumers are not penalized for circumstances beyond their control.

## 3. Outreach and clarity for cross-disability communities

While the findings reference mobility disabilities, the statewide parking program serves people with a range of disabilities, including respiratory, cardiac, and other conditions that significantly limit walking. We recommend clear outreach and plain-language materials, in accessible formats, so all eligible disabled residents understand who can request a travel placard and how to do so, especially on neighbor islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. HB469 HD2 is a practical, consumer-oriented improvement to Hawaii’s disability parking program, and with thoughtful implementation it can meaningfully support independent travel for disabled residents statewide. AILH respectfully urges the committee to pass HB469 HD2 and to consider the above comments in its committee report.

Mahalo,

Roxanne Bolden



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Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

469 HB RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

**HB-469-HD-2**

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Jackie Keefe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McKelvey, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services,

My name is Jackie Keefe, and I **strongly support HB469 HD2**, 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.

This bill acknowledges the barriers that are faced by individuals with disabilities when traveling. 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.

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Please pass HB469 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Jackie Keefe, Lahaina

**HB-469-HD-2**

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Lila Mower	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support.