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The Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
The Thirty-Third Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

**SUBJECT:** HB469 HD2 SD1 Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB469 HD2 SD1**, 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. (SD1).

HB469 HD2 SD1 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 SD1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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

Daintry Bartoldus  
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### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

House Bill 469 House Draft 2 Senate Draft 1 – 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 removable windshield placard or disabled paid parking exemption permit 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 must 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTINE PAGANO  
Acting Executive Director

**HB-469-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:59:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2026 10:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Honokaupu Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I like the idea of this, not because I just became one. But it will be less contact with irrational people.

**HB-469-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 1:32:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2026 10:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terri Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong support of HB469 HD2 SD1 as a person who was recently qualified for a permanent/long term disability placard. When I had a temporary placard, I was allowed to have two placards, making it easy to park at the airport in a handicapped stall and take the other on my trip. Since I was qualified for a permanent/long term disability placard, I am only eligible for one placard. I am often transported in another person's vehicle, so even if I applied for the special license plates for my car, they would be of limited use to me. I live on a neighbor island and must often travel to O'ahu for medical care. Travel is difficult enough for me due to my mobility issues and I hope that you can at least provide this small accomodation to me and others who have similar physical challenges. Thank you for your anticipated support. Sincerely, Terri Lum

**HB-469-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 2:58:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2026 10:40:00 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

469 HB RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.