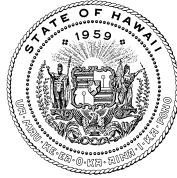


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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

APRIL 2, 2026, 2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 2268, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

RELATING TO EQUITY.

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2268, S.D.2, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** S.B. 2268, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, which requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects planned and designed after 7/31/2027 to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within the building in a public restroom, with certain exceptions. In addition, this measure makes conforming amendments to sections 489-6, 489-7.5, and 489-8, HRS, to prevent conflicts among the provisions.

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



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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
KA 'OIHANA HO'ONA'AUAO
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Date: 04/02/2026
Time: 02:00 PM
Location: 308 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Committee: FIN

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB2268, HD1, RELATING TO EQUITY.

Purpose of Bill: Requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects planned and designed after 7/31/2027 to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within the building in a public restroom, with certain exceptions. Makes conforming amendments to sections 489-6, 489-7.5, and 489-8, HRS, to prevent conflicts among the provisions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony on SB 2268, SD 2, HD 1. The Department supports efforts to improve equitable access to toileting and changing facilities for individuals with significant mobility disabilities and their caregivers. However, the Department respectfully offers comments and requests amendments to ensure the measure does not unintentionally compromise the safety, design, and operational needs of the Department's K-12 public school campuses.

In Section 1, it defines a restroom for public use as one that is "...accessible to persons other than employees." On public school campuses, this definition would inadvertently include student restrooms, which are not and cannot be open to the general public. Student restrooms are restricted environments due to supervision, safety, and privacy requirements that are fundamental to K-12 public school operations. Allowing general public access is inconsistent with school safety protocols and the Department's legal and operational responsibilities to protect students and staff.

Except for limited facilities such as cafeterias, gymnasiums, sports stadiums, and certain high school performing art centers, all of which may host community events on a controlled basis, the majority of school buildings and restrooms serve only enrolled students and staff. Unlike civic buildings, airports, libraries, or shopping centers, the Department's K-12 campuses are not designed for unrestricted public access. The Department's core and exclusive mission is to provide a safe learning environment for students.

The operational and financial impact of applying this mandate to the Department's school campuses would be substantial. The Department manages facilities across 264 schools statewide, many of which already face significant repair, maintenance, and modernization needs. Introducing a new statewide facility requirement without dedicated funding would divert limited capital resources away from essential educational, safety, accessibility, and infrastructure priorities. Given existing financial constraints, school construction and modernization projects cannot absorb additional unfunded requirements without affecting core services.

For these reasons, the Department respectfully requests amendments to ensure that our K-12 public school campuses are exempt from the requirements of this bill and that student restrooms remain outside the definition of "restrooms for public use."

1. Add the following to section §489 (Definitions) immediately after the definition of "Public entity construction".

"Public school facility" means any building, structure, or portion thereof owned, leased, or operated by the Hawaii State Department of Education for the primary purpose of providing elementary or secondary education, including classrooms, administrative offices, and restrooms that serve enrolled K-12 students.

2. Amend §489- (Universal changing accommodations; required) by adding a new subsection (d):

(d) This part shall not apply to public school facilities as defined in this section.

The Department supports the broader goal of improving accessibility statewide and appreciates the Legislature's commitment to equitable public facilities. However, for the Department's K-12 public school campuses, student safety, restricted-access requirements, and severe capital funding needs necessitate an exemption from this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 2268, SD 2, HD 1.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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April 2, 2026

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair
House Committee on Finance
The Thirty-Third Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB2268 SD2 HD1 Relating to Equity

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **SB2268 SD2 HD1**, which requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects planned and designed after 7/31/2027 to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within the building in a public restroom, with certain exceptions. Makes conforming amendments to sections 489-6, 489-7.5, and 489-8, HRS, to prevent conflicts among the provisions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Adults with significant mobility disabilities, including many people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, often lack access to safe and dignified toileting facilities in public spaces. The absence of powered, height-adjustable adult changing stations forces individuals and caregivers into unsafe, unsanitary, or undignified alternatives. SB2268 SD2 HD1 addresses this gap by recognizing access to adult changing accommodations as an equity issue and a necessary component of full community inclusion.

For caregivers, including direct support professionals and family caregivers, the lack of appropriate changing facilities can make community outings difficult or impossible. Caregivers are often forced to return home early, avoid certain locations altogether, or attempt unsafe alternatives. This not only limits community participation but also increases physical strain and contributes to challenges in sustaining the caregiving workforce. Improving access to universal changing accommodations helps create environments where caregivers can more safely and sustainably support individuals with significant disabilities in community life.

The Council appreciates the prior amendments made to this measure, particularly the shift from a per-floor requirement to a per-building standard. This change significantly improves feasibility and supports more practical implementation, especially for small businesses and

restaurants. Requiring installations on every floor could create substantial cost and design barriers, potentially discouraging compliance. In contrast, ensuring at least one accessible, well-designed accommodation per building reflects how these facilities are used in practice, as destination amenities that individuals and families plan for, while meaningfully advancing access in a way that balances equity with real-world structural and fiscal considerations.

The Council also recognizes concerns regarding potential impacts on small businesses, particularly related to construction costs and space limitations. This measure is limited in scope, applying only to new establishments and buildings planned and designed after July 31, 2027, and does not require retrofitting existing facilities unless substantial modifications occur. Importantly, the measure includes clear safeguards that further limit its application. Businesses are not required to comply where installation would be technically infeasible due to structural or design constraints, or where the cost would exceed ten percent of the total construction or substantial modification cost. As a result, smaller establishments or projects with limited space or resources would not be required to install these features if doing so is impractical or disproportionately costly.

For these reasons, the Hawai‘i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **supports SB2268 SD2 HD1.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,



Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator



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Apr 2, 2026

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The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: SB2268 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Equity

Chair and Members of the Committee:

Aloha Independent Living Hawaii (AILH) continues to **support SB2268 SD2 HD1**. The current draft keeps the core requirement that new places of public accommodation and public entity construction planned and designed after July 31, 2027, must include at least one universal changing accommodation in a restroom for public use, while clarifying definitions and specifying minimum configurations for gender-designated and all-gender restrooms. By codifying that a violation constitutes an unlawful discriminatory practice and requiring construction documents to identify the location of universal changing accommodations, this version strengthens accountability and helps ensure that adults and older youth with significant mobility disabilities can safely participate in community life rather than staying home or using unsafe alternatives.

AILH appreciates that SB2268 SD2 HD1 preserves an undue burden exemption where compliance would be technically infeasible under ADA standards or would exceed ten per cent of the cost of constructing, purchasing, or substantially modifying a new establishment, providing reasonable safeguards while still moving accessibility forward statewide. We also recognize the bill's decision to establish a private cause of action with modest statutory damages and to exclude enforcement by the Civil Rights Commission, which offers a clear, direct path for individuals and families to seek relief when universal changing accommodations are not provided as



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required. From an Independent Living perspective, we urge the State, during implementation, to pair these new rights with clear technical guidance so that both public and private entities understand how to design, maintain, and keep these accommodations operable over the life of the facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Roxanne Bolden

Executive Director

SB-2268-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 7:15:55 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We have been advocating for this issue for the past several years .This would really help more people with disabilities have greater access to the community as it would give them a sanitary, dignified place to change their incontinent supplies.It would improve their life and is an excellent idea.



Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Thursday, April 2, 2026
2:00 p. m.
State Capitol Conference Room 325 and via videoconference

Re: SB 2268 SD 2 HD 1 Relating to Equity

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am Gary Simon, a member of the board of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of those who give and receive care by increasing community awareness of caregiver issues through continuing advocacy, education, and training.

The Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition strongly supports SB 2268 SD 2 HD 1, which requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects planned and designed after January 31, 2027 to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within the building in a public restroom, with certain exceptions.

Disabled children, adolescents, and adults — over the height and weight limits of baby changing tables — requiring help with toileting cannot use regular handicapped-accessible bathrooms. Instead, there must be a choice to stay home from public spaces, be laid down on a restroom floor to be changed by their caregiver, or leave the public place or event as soon as they need the restroom to be changed inside a vehicle or return home. Universal changing spaces have height-adjustable, adult-size changing tables that accommodate everyone. These are necessary for public areas such as restaurants, hotels, venues, movie theaters, and zoos so that disabled individuals can have equal opportunities to engage in activities and travel. All disabled Americans deserve a safe, private, and dignified changing space. – Rebecca Myers, Registered Nurse and Nurse Paralegal/Legal Nurse Consultant, The University of Texas at Arlington.

We urge you to support universal changing accommodations and SB 2268 SD 2 HD 1, we urge you to recommend its passage, and we thank you for seriously considering the bill.

Very sincerely,

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Gary Simon



Honolulu, Hawaii



The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair

House Committee on Finance

State Capitol

State of Hawai'i

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Chris Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB2268 SD2 HD1 Relating to Universal Changing Accommodations.

In Support for SB2268 SD2 HD1 – Universal Changing Accommodations

The Hawai'i Self Advocacy Advisory Council supports SB2268 SD2 HD1. This bill requires new public buildings and public accommodation projects built after July 31, 2027, to include universal changing stations that anyone can use, regardless of gender.

Many adults with significant mobility disabilities, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities—do not have access to safe, clean, and dignified places to manage toileting needs in public. Without powered, height-adjustable adult changing stations, people and their caregivers are often forced into unsafe or undignified situations. This is an equity issue and affects whether people with disabilities can fully participate in community life.

We support the statewide requirement because it ensures consistent access across Hawai'i. We also appreciate the amendment to change the requirement from every floor to at least one per building. This makes the rule more practical, especially for small businesses, while still providing meaningful access. Adult changing stations are destination facilities that people plan around, so one well-designed station per building is a workable and effective standard.

For these reasons, the Council supports SB2268 SD2 HD1. Thank you for considering our testimony.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Renken". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent horizontal line under the first name.

Timothy Renken,

President, Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council

Following testimony has 5 individuals who support SB2268 SD2 HD1

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair

House Committee on Finance

State Capitol

State of Hawai'i

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Chris Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB2268 SD2 HD1 Relating to Universal Changing Accommodations.

My name is Josh Goetz and I am in full support of SB2268 SD2 HD1, which is the establishment of Universal Changing accommodations in public buildings.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB2268 SD2 HD1.

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair

House Committee on Finance

State Capitol

State of Hawai'i

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Chris Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB2268 SD2 HD1 Relating to Universal Changing Accommodations.

My name is Michelle Muralt and I am in full support of SB2268 SD2 HD1, which is the establishment of Universal Changing accommodations in public buildings.

I do greatly feel sympathy toward my friend who actually needs an adult changing table. I have seen her having a difficult time in a regular bathroom and it breaks my heart. I cannot imagine myself in the same position and I would appreciate it if individuals like her gets help they need when they are out in the community looking for a bathroom that can give them a place to change.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB2268 SD2 HD1.

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair

House Committee on Finance

State Capitol

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Dear Representative Chris Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB2268 SD2 HD1 Relating to Universal Changing Accommodations.

My name is Vaipapa Soliai and I am in full support of SB2268 SD2 HD1, which is the establishment of Universal Changing accommodations in public buildings.

For an individual like me, who is in a wheelchair, it is difficult to have no changing table in any bathrooms because I will end up changing outside or on the floor which is unsanitary and there is no privacy.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB2268 SD2 HD1.

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair

House Committee on Finance

State Capitol

State of Hawai'i

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Chris Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB2268 SD2 HD1 Relating to Universal Changing Accommodations.

My name is Raymond Mamea and I am in full support of SB2268 SD2 HD1, which is the establishment of Universal Changing accommodations in public buildings.

I am a person who has a disability and uses an electric wheelchair. When I am not at home and out in the community or at my adult day health program, I need someplace where I can change my underpants when I use the bathroom. I have not seen any place where an adult changing table is available and I am usually scared to go out of my home because there is no safe and private place for me to change. I am in full support of SB2268 SD2 HD1.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB2268 SD2 HD1.

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair

House Committee on Finance

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Dear Representative Chris Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB2268 SD2 HD1 Relating to Universal Changing Accommodations.

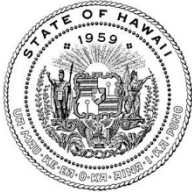
My name is James Labrie and I am in full support of SB2268 SD2 HD1, which is the establishment of Universal Changing accommodations in public buildings.

I am in full support of SB2268 SD2 HD1.

The reason why I think SB2268 SD2 HD1 is important is:

Because if a person in a wheelchair, like me, lives far away from my meeting destination, I would have to go home and get cleaned up to use the bathroom, which means I need to get another ride back home to get changed. If there were an adult changing table in the community it be easier to use the bathroom and get changed.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB2268 SD2 HD1.



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April 2, 2026

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senate Bill 2268 Senate Draft 2 House Draft 1 – Relating to Equity

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Senate Bill 2268 Senate Draft 2 House Draft 1 – Relating to Equity. This bill requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects planned and designed after 7/31/2027 to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within the building in a public restroom, with certain exceptions. It makes conforming amendments to sections 489-6, 489-7.5, and 489-8, HRS, to prevent conflict among the provisions. And it is effective 7/1/3000.

A fundamental goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is to ensure people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in basic civic activities and everyday events, such as going to a restaurant or movie, shopping at a mall, or simply attending a sports event with friends and family.

People with disabilities who cannot use a standard toilet should have access to universal changing accommodations that provide a safe, sanitary, and private space. A universal changing accommodation provides inclusion for people with disabilities to participate fully in activities, programs, and services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTINE PAGANO
Acting Executive Director



April 2, 2026

Representative Chris Todd, Chair
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

Re: S.B. 2268, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Equity

Hearing: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 2:00 PM, Conference Room 308 & Videoconference

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and the Members of the Committee on Finance:

Hawaii Women Lawyers is a lawyer's trade organization that aims to improve the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, influence the future of the legal profession, and enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all.

Hawaii Women Lawyers supports the intent of S.B. 2268, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

S.B. 2268, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 would require newly constructed public-facing buildings to install powered, height-adjustable adult changing stations in public restrooms. For individuals with significant disabilities and for their caregivers, access to appropriate changing facilities is not a convenience, but a prerequisite to participating in community life. Without these accommodations, many families are effectively excluded from public spaces and civic institutions.

Women disproportionately serve as primary caregivers for children and adults with disabilities. The absence of universal changing accommodations places a particular burden on mothers, daughters, and women professionals who balance caregiving responsibilities with work and other commitments. By requiring accessible adult changing stations in new public establishments, this bill helps remove structural barriers that affect caregivers and families, advancing dignity, inclusion, and equity in Hawaii.

For the above reasons, we support the intent of S.B. 2268, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 and respectfully request that the Committee pass this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SB-2268-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 4:32:23 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)	Pride at Work – Hawai‘i	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i is an official chapter of [Pride at Work](#) which is a national nonprofit organization that represents LGBTQIA+ union members and their allies. We are an officially recognized constituency group of the AFL-CIO that organizes mutual support between the organized Labor Movement and the LGBTQIA+ Community to further social and economic justice.

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i fully supports SB 2268 SD 2 HD 1.

We ask that you support this needed piece of legislation.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)

President

[Pride at Work – Hawai‘i](#)

SB-2268-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 4:36:47 PM

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Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)

President

[Pride at Work – Hawai‘i](#)

SB-2268-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 1:59:58 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jari S.K. Sugano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Todd and Vice Chair Takenouchi and members of the House Finance Committee.

My name is Jari Sugano, and I am writing in strong support of SB2268 SD2 HD1 relating to equity and universal changing accommodations in places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects.

My 17 year-old daughter has severe developmental delays, autism, and epilepsy, and is incontinent. Her ability to participate in everyday community life is restricted because most public buildings do not have a safe and appropriate place for her to be changed. Without an adult-sized changing station, routine activities like attending events, appointments, or family outings become stressful, limited, or impossible for our family.

SB2268 SD2 HD1 would require new places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects to include universal changing accommodations that are accessible regardless of gender. This is a critical step toward ensuring that individuals with significant disabilities, and the families who care for them, can access public spaces with dignity.

Currently, infant changing tables cannot support the size or weight of many older children and adults with disabilities. Families like mine are often forced to change our loved ones on restroom floors or in the back of our vehicles. This is unsafe, unsanitary, and profoundly undignified for the person being cared for, and it sends a painful message that our family members are not fully considered in public planning and design.

By placing these units in gender neutral facilities it allows caregivers to assist a person of another gender when necessary for toileting or changing, so families are not forced to choose between safety, privacy, and meeting basic care needs.

For families like ours, who care for a child with autism, epilepsy, and severe developmental delays, this flexibility is essential to keep our child safe and regulated in an already stressful environment.

It helps ensure that those who may need extra support in a restroom—whether due to seizures, sensory needs, mobility challenges, or communication delays—can receive assistance from the caregiver who knows them best, in a space that has appropriate and dignified changing accommodations.

By advancing SB2268 SD2 HD1, Hawai'i can help ensure that true accessibility extends across one's lifespan. These accommodations will not only support people with disabilities, but also benefit caregivers, seniors, and kūpuna who may need similar assistance in the future.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB2268 SD2 HD1 to promote equity, inclusion, safety, and dignity for individuals with disabilities and their families in Hawai'i.

Aloha, Jari Sugano, Mililani, Hawaii

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March 31, 2026

To: Representative Chris Todd Chair,
And members of the Committee on Finance

Testimony in Support of SB 2268 SD 2 HD 1 Relating to Equity

As a community advocate and former Chair of the Hawaii Children and Youth Summit, I support SB 2268 SD 2 HD 1, which mandates universal changing accommodations in public accommodations and new construction projects.

In 2017, two women brought their babies to the Hawaii Children and Youth Summit at the State Capitol. A young parent who was a speaker at the Summit came to me and asked where she could change the baby, because there was no baby changing station in any of the women's restrooms. The adult volunteer provided a photo of herself kneeling on the floor of the bathroom in the State Capitol building to change her child's diaper. Sharing this photo and information with legislators led to the installation of changing tables in men's and women's restrooms at the Capitol.

Parents and babies need and deserve appropriate and accessible facilities in public buildings. Parents should not have to kneel on restroom floors to provide essential infant care – and some parents and caregivers have disabilities that make it impossible.



Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith F. Clark".

Judith F. Clark, MPH

SB-2268-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 4:14:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zahava Zaidoff	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Zahava "Zee" Zaidoff and I stand in strong support of this measure.

As someone who is disabled and also a community advocate for those with disabilities, I would like to ask you to pass this measure.

I am aware of all of the arguments against passing this measure; mostly that it is too costly.

To that argument, I ask you how much money is too much to spend to grant human beings the dignity of being able to use the restroom?

I do not currently require the use of an adult changing table, but one day I might. As we fight for equity and access, I humbly ask that we include disability rights in these battles.

According to the CDC, 28.7% of adults aged 18 and over have a verifiable disability. We know that number is probably higher, but based on that number alone, it would make disabled folks the largest minority group in the country.

Mahalo for providing true access and equity for our undeserved and underrepresented community. Help us be seen.

With respect,

Zahava "Zee" Zaidoff

Ocean View, HI

SB-2268-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 9:20:00 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austen Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello Chair, Vice Chair, & Members of the House Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB2268.

These accommodations would be helpful to people like my sister and my grandma who have to go out into the community for various medical appointments and state related business.

Putting these adult size changing areas in a gender neutral bathroom would be better because I could go and help them if they needed help. I wish I could be there to testify in strong support but I still thank you for the opportunity to testify once again.

Austen Kaneshiro

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
Committee on Finance
SUBJECT: S.B. 2268, S.D.2, H.D.1 Relating to Equity

The Thirty Third Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Honorable Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: S.B. 2268 SD 2. HD 1 relating to accessible restroom facilities

I am in strong support of S.B. 2268 SD 2, HD 1. My name is Deziree Tacub, I am a self-advocate from Kauai. Having accessible bathrooms with universal changing tables would allow more people with disabilities to be in the community. It will provide a clean/hygienic space for them to be changed with dignity. Instead of in the back of cars or being forced to stay home and being excluded.

SB 2268 SD2, HD 1, will create a more inclusive community for everyone.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB 2268 SD2, HD 1.