



Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission



Advocating for the Hawai'i LGBTQIA+ Community

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February 28, 2026

Senates' Committees on Ways and Means & Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:16 AM

RE: Strong Support for Senate Bill 2268

Aloha Chairs Dela Cruz & Keohokalole, Vice Chairs, and fellow committee members,

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 2268 on behalf of the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus (LGBTQ+) Commission, which was established by the 2022 Hawai'i State Legislature to

“improve the State's interface with members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community; identify the short- and long-range needs of its members; and ensure that there is an effective means of researching, planning, and advocating for the equity of this population in all aspects of state government.”

The Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission submits this testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 2268, which requires that all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects constructed after July 31, 2027, provide universal changing accommodations that are equally accessible regardless of gender.

SB 2268 is a practical, forward-looking measure that ensures dignity, safety, and equal access for all people in Hawai'i. Universal changing accommodations benefit not only transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming individuals, but also parents with children of a different gender, caregivers assisting elderly or disabled family members, and people with disabilities who require assistance. The need for a changing table or private changing space is not dependent on someone's gender. Babies, young children, kūpuna, and individuals with disabilities require care regardless of who is assisting them. Access to appropriate facilities should reflect that simple reality.

For many transgender and gender diverse individuals, gender-segregated changing facilities can be sites of harassment, exclusion, or humiliation. No one should have to choose between accessing a public facility and risking confrontation or discrimination. By requiring universal changing spaces in new construction, this bill proactively

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addresses inequities while providing clarity and consistency for designers, developers, and public agencies.

Designing inclusive infrastructure from the outset is fiscally responsible and avoids the higher costs associated with retrofitting facilities later. Just as accessibility standards have evolved to better serve people with disabilities, our public spaces must continue to evolve to reflect the needs of all who call Hawai'i home.

At a time when transgender and gender diverse communities are facing increasing attacks and erasure at the national level, Hawai'i has the opportunity to lead with values rooted in aloha, respect, and equity. SB 2268 affirms that public spaces belong to everyone.

The Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission respectfully urges the Committee to pass Senate Bill 2268.

If you or any member of your staff has any questions regarding my testimony you can reach me at hawaiistatelgbtqpluscommission@gmail.com.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Sandy Harjo Livingston (he/him/they/them)

Chair

[Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission](#)



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March 3, 2026

The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
The Thirty-Third Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chairs Keohokalole and Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB2268 SD1, Relating to Equity

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities is in **SUPPORT of SB2268 SD1**, which requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects constructed after 7/31/2027 to provide universal changing accommodations that are equally accessible regardless of gender.

Adults with significant mobility disabilities, including many people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, often lack access to safe and dignified toileting facilities when in public spaces. The absence of powered, height-adjustable adult changing stations forces individuals and caregivers into unsafe, unsanitary, or undignified alternatives. SB2268 recognizes that adult changing access is an equity issue and a matter of full community inclusion.

The Council supports the statewide scope of this measure. A broader requirement ensures that people with disabilities can participate in community life without being effectively excluded due to the lack of appropriate facilities.

The Council appreciates the previous committee's amendments to this measure. Modifying the requirement from a per-floor mandate to a per-building standard significantly improves feasibility and supports practical implementation. These amendments should ease the burden on small businesses and restaurants. Requiring a universal changing accommodation on every floor containing public restrooms could create substantial costs and construction barriers, particularly in existing buildings, potentially slowing compliance or discouraging progress altogether. Adult changing stations are destination facilities that individuals and families plan for in advance. Ensuring at least one accessible,

well-designed accommodation per building meaningfully advances access while balancing fiscal and structural realities.

For these reasons, the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **supports SB2268 SD1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2268 SD1
Relating to Equity

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 10:16 A.M., Conference Room 211

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health supports SB2268 SD1.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose and of this measure is to require all places of public
- 4 accommodation and public entity construction projects constructed after July 31, 2027, to
- 5 provide universal changing accommodations that are equally accessible. Everyone deserves the
- 6 ability to participate in community activities. Universal changing accommodations, also known
- 7 as adult changing tables, provide safe, hygienic, and dignified facilities for teens and adults with
- 8 disabilities, medical needs, or mobility challenges. These accommodations help prevent social
- 9 isolation and promotes inclusion.
- 10 **Recommendation:** EOA strongly supports this measure to make public spaces accessible for all.
- 11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

MARCH 3, 2026, 10:16 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 2268, S.D. 1

RELATING TO EQUITY.

Chairs Dela Cruz and Keohokalole, Vice Chairs Moriwaki and Fukunaga, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2268, S.D.1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) offers **comments** on S.B. 2268, S.D. 1, which requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects constructed after 7/31/2027 to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within the building in a public restroom, with certain exceptions.

The department would recommend that the committee make a modification that would change the word “constructed” to the words “planned and designed” after

7/31/2027. This would address the department's concerns that funding for construction of facilities that may occur on or around the 7/31/2027 date may have already been set legislatively which may cause delays if the additional costs of redesigning are not readily available. The department also notes that securing of permits for construction of some affected private and public projects may have commenced before enactment of this measure and that the widely lamented duration of such permit processing and approval may result in those projects not being constructed until after 7/31/2027, meaning that those projects will have to be re-designed and re-permitted to comply with the measure's requirements. The delays associated with re-design and re-permitting may unreasonably increase the costs of those affected projects.

Therefore, as mentioned previously, the department suggests that the measure be revised to apply to projects for which design has commenced on or after 7/31/2027, with the intention that affected private and public projects will thereby be afforded the time necessary to budget and secure adequate funds to support design for such accommodation prior to submittal for required construction permits.

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



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senate Bill 2268 Senate Draft 1 – Relating to Equity

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Senate Bill 2268 Senate Draft 1 – Relating to Equity. This bill requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects 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 1/1/2525.

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 high school 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 to be changed and cleaned by a caregiver when participating in civic activities and everyday events.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTINE PAGANO
Acting Executive Director



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Date: 03/03/2026

Time: 10:16 AM

Location: CR 211 & Videoconference

Committee: CPN/WAM

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB2268, SD1, RELATING TO EQUITY.

Purpose of Bill: Requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects 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 conflict among the provisions. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony on SB 2268 SD 1, which would require all new public entity construction to include at least one universal changing accommodation. The Department recognizes the importance of improving equitable access to toileting and changing facilities for individuals with significant mobility disabilities and those who rely on adult caregivers. However, the Department respectfully offers comments and requests amendments to ensure the measure does not unintentionally disrupt the operation, design, and safety requirements of the Department's K-12 public school campuses.

The Department's K-12 public school campus restrooms differ from other public accommodations, and restroom access is restricted to protect student and staff safety. Universal changing accommodations primarily serve adults or older youth with significant mobility needs; populations that generally do not access the Department's K-12 public school campuses. The requirement imposes considerable cost with limited educational benefit and further strains the Department's capital resources. Therefore, the Department requests the following amendments:

Add the following into section §489-A (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, gymnasiums, cafeterias, and restrooms that serve enrolled K-12 students.

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

(d) This part shall not apply to public school facilities as defined in section 489-A

The Department supports improving accessibility statewide but respectfully requests these amendments to exempt the Department's K-12 public school campuses to ensure safe and appropriate school operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2268 SD 1.

SB-2268-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 5:38:05 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/3/2026 10:16:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louis Erteschik	Testifying for Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

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.

SB-2268-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 9:05:24 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/3/2026 10:16:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)	Testifying for Pride at Work – Hawai‘i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

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 Senate Bill 2268 SD 1.

We ask that you support this needed piece of legislation.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
President
[Pride at Work – Hawai‘i](#)



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Mar 1, 2026

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SUBJECT: SB 2268 SD1, Relating to Equity

Chair and Members of the Committees:

Aloha Independent Living Hawaii (AILH) respectfully submits testimony in **support of SB2268 SD1 with recommendations.**

SB2268 SD1 establishes a requirement that new places of public accommodation and public entity construction provide at least one universal changing accommodation – a powered, height-adjustable adult changing station installed within a restroom for public use. This measure addresses a longstanding accessibility gap for individuals with significant mobility disabilities who require assistance with personal care needs outside the home.

AILH routinely receives reports from consumers and families describing situations in which public restrooms lack appropriate facilities for adults who require full support changing. In the absence of suitable accommodations, families are often forced to leave public venues early, limit participation in community activities, or use unsafe and undignified alternatives. Access to appropriate changing facilities is not a luxury; it is a prerequisite for meaningful participation in public life.



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From a fiscal and construction perspective, incorporating universal changing accommodations at the design stage is significantly more cost-effective than retrofitting facilities after completion. SB2268 SD1 appropriately limits its application to new establishments constructed after July 31, 2027, and includes an undue burden exemption when compliance would exceed ten percent of construction costs or is technically infeasible. These provisions provide reasonable guardrails while advancing accessibility.

Importantly, the bill applies not only to private places of public places of public accommodation but also to public entity construction. This is particularly significant in the context of disaster preparedness. Public facilities– including emergency shelters, civic centers, and government buildings– must be accessible before emergencies occur. Retrofitting shelters during disaster response is inefficient and costly. Incorporating universal changing accommodations during initial construction ensures that individuals with disabilities are not excluded from evacuation sites, temporary housing facilities, or essential government services during times of crisis.

AILH respectfully offers the following recommendations:

First, state agencies should develop clear technical guidance during rulemaking and implementation to assist both public and private entities in understanding design specifications, space requirements, and compliance pathways. Early clarity can reduce construction delays and mitigate cost uncertainty.

Second, the Legislature may wish to explore incentives, grant opportunities, or tax credits to support smaller businesses in meeting these requirements, particularly where establishments are near the undue burden threshold.

Third, implementation guidance should clarify that universal changing accommodations are intended to be maintained in operable condition and remain accessible throughout the life of the facility.

SB2268 SD1 advances equity in public accommodations while maintaining fiscal safeguards and practical implementation standards. By addressing accessibility at the design stage, Hawaii can reduce long-term costs, prevent exclusionary outcomes, and strengthen public infrastructure for all residents.



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AILH respectfully urges passage with the above recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Roxanne Bolden
Executive Director

SB-2268-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 9:28:41 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/3/2026 10:16:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
HOKU PAC	Testifying for HOKU PAC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

HOKU PAC supports Senate Bill 2268 because it is the right thing to do.

Mahalo,

[HOKU PAC](#)

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2268 SD1

Relating to Equity – Universal Changing Accommodations

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

TIME: 10:16 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference, State Capitol

To the Honorable Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committees:

On behalf of the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, we respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of SB2268 SD1.

SB2268 SD1 establishes a new part within Chapter 489, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requiring new places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects designed after July 31, 2027, to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within a restroom for public use. A universal changing accommodation is defined as a powered, height-adjustable adult changing station installed within an enclosed restroom facility.

For many individuals with disabilities and their caregivers, the absence of adult-sized changing stations in public facilities creates significant barriers to participation in community life. Families are often forced to leave public spaces early, avoid certain venues altogether, or manage changing needs in unsafe or undignified conditions. This measure advances equity by ensuring that new public buildings are designed with inclusive infrastructure that recognizes the needs of all residents.

The bill incorporates practical implementation safeguards. It allows flexibility for establishments utilizing gender-designated restrooms and provides an undue burden exemption where compliance would be technically infeasible or where costs exceed ten percent of the construction or substantial modification cost. It also requires signage and clear construction documentation to promote transparency and compliance.

Importantly, SB2268 SD1 classifies violations as unlawful discriminatory practices, while providing a clear private right of action and clarifying jurisdictional boundaries. These enforcement provisions ensure meaningful compliance while maintaining consistency within Chapter 489.

Testimony in Strong Support of SB2268 SD1

By establishing statewide standards for universal changing accommodations in new public buildings, SB2268 SD1 strengthens accessibility, dignity, and community inclusion. It ensures that Hawai'i continues to move toward infrastructure that reflects our values of equity and respect for all residents.

For these reasons, the Stonewall Caucus respectfully urges the Committees to pass SB2268 SD1.

Mahalo for your consideration and for your continued commitment to advancing equity and accessibility across Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Simmons (she/her)
Chair
Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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March 3, 2026

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Jarret Keohokalole, Chair
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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

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

Hearing: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 10:16 AM, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committees:

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. 1.

S.B. 2268, S.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. 1 and respectfully request that the Committees pass this measure.

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

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February 28, 2026

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Testimony in Support of SB 2268 SD 1 Relating to Equity

As a community advocate and former Chair of the Hawaii Children and Youth Summit, I support SB 2268, 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-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 12:46:26 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/3/2026 10:16:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Lenzer Medeiros	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This seems like the absolute right thing to do. Personal hygiene is personal. For someone who is disabled, and for our Kupuna, it can be very awkward to try and maneuver, even inside the stalls that are designated for disabilities. Having a table placed inside the bathroom, such that an adult can more easily assist another adult makes sense.

Of course it makes sense to include this sort of set up in a family style bathroom in public building buildings. Unless the bathrooms are large enough to provide the space and the technology, can see where it would be a little more difficult for small businesses to accommodate this.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

SB-2268-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 3:30:57 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/3/2026 10:16:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee members,

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? Especially while exercising their right to engage in the democratic process at the State Capitol.

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-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 4:06:31 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/3/2026 10:16:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Iris Xiao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

My name Iris Xiao. Thank you for letting me share my testimony. I am writing in **support of SB2268**. I live in Oahu. I am a self-advocate.

This bill is important to me because, there should always be changing tables available for adults and kids. We should not discriminate against who can use changing tables in the community. Oftentimes, adults with disabilities who need to be changed are changed in the ground of restrooms. This is not right, and it is unfair because they should be treated with the same respect. Adults with disabilities must have clean access to being changed.

I am in support of SB2268.

Thank you for listening and for your time,

Iris Xiao.

SB-2268-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 9:01:16 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/3/2026 10:16:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Keahokalole and Dela Cruze, Vice Chairs Fukunaga and Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means,

My name is Jackie Keefe, and **I am in strong support of SB2268 SD1**, which requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects designed after July 31, 2027 to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within a public restroom, with certain exceptions.

Our disability community experiences many barriers to participating in daily life, and the absence of adult-sized changing stations creates a real and daily barrier to community participation. Families are often forced to leave public spaces early or avoid them entirely because safe, dignified restroom facilities are not available. Planning for universal changing accommodations in new/updated construction promotes equity, inclusion, and full access to community life.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Jackie Keefe, Lahaina