



Parking for Persons with Disabilities REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FY 2011-2012

Federal and State Legislation and Rules

Public Law 100-641, passed by Congress on November 9, 1988, established a uniform system for parking for persons with disabilities at the Federal level. Most states or local jurisdictions already had laws or ordinances that established a permit process for parking for people with disabilities in reserved spaces. However, Congress recognized that the laws were inconsistent and believed that a compelling national interest existed to, at a minimum, standardize the eligibility criteria for parking privileges so that interstate travel would be facilitated for travelers with disabilities.

The Federal law and subsequent regulations (23 CFR 1235) set forth guidelines for states to use in establishing a uniform parking system to enhance access and safety for persons who have a disability which limits or impairs their ability to walk. The Federal law and rules exhort, rather than require, states to comply with their provisions. The Federal law does not preclude states from going beyond the minimum threshold requirements.

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 291, Part III, and Chapter 11-219, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) addresses the following major areas:

- Eligibility criteria to obtain a person with a disability parking permit.
- Procedures for processing a person with a disability parking permit application and issuing a person with a disability parking permit.
- Specific parking privileges for vehicles that display a person with a disability parking permit.
- Specific penalties for the misuse of a person with a disability parking permit and parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.
- Reciprocal recognition of person with a disability parking permits of other jurisdictions (consistent with Federal guidelines).
- Minimum requirements for signage and marking of parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.



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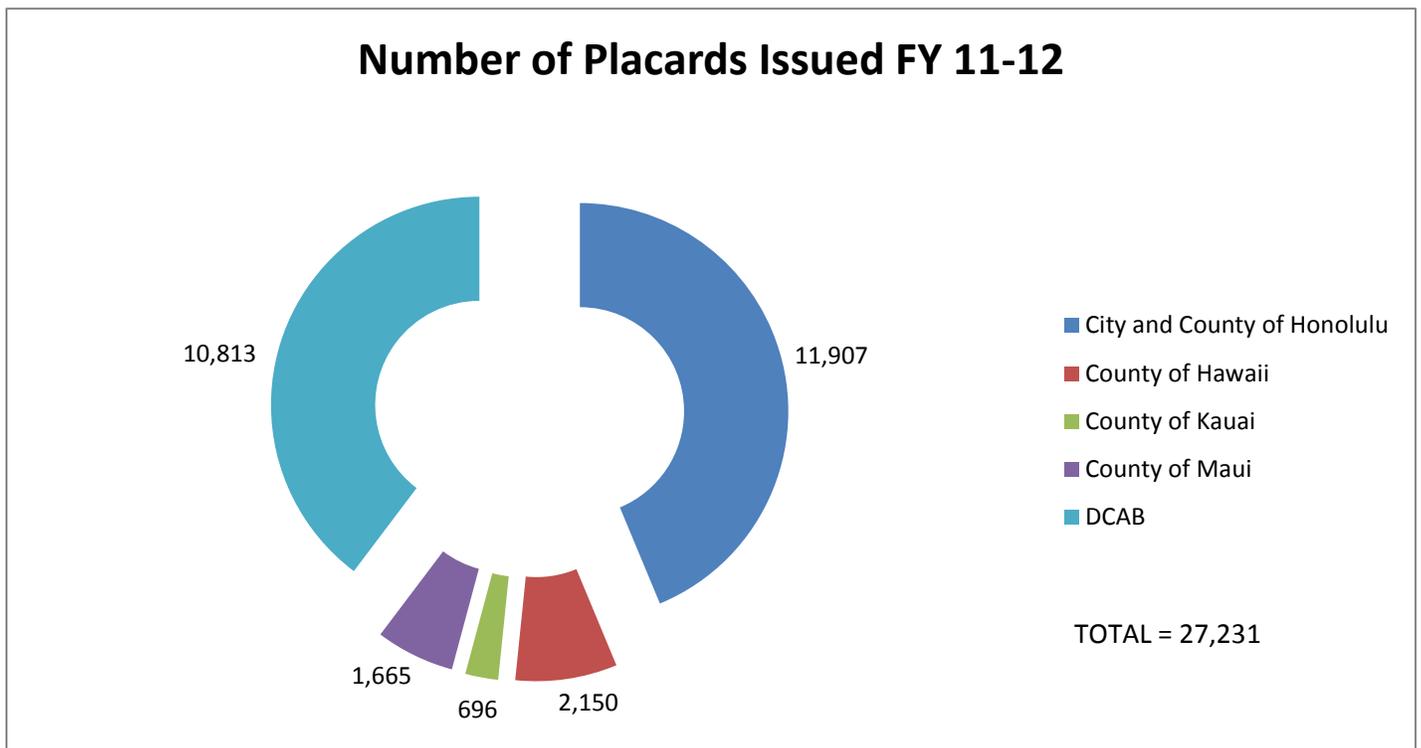
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Issuance of Parking Placards to Qualified Persons with Disabilities

HAR, Chapter 11-219, Parking for Persons with Disabilities, was amended by DCAB and signed into effect on July 2, 2012. The primary purpose of these changes was to conform to Act 141 (2010) and Act 183 (2011) Session Laws of Hawaii. The amendments changed the authority of the issuing agency from the Counties to DCAB, provided language for DCAB to enter into Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) with the Counties to issue various permits, changed the validity of a removable windshield placard from 4 to 6 years, changed issuance for a removable windshield placard from 2 to 1 placard, and clarified language regarding placement of a placard on the dashboard of a vehicle.

DCAB implemented MOA with the Counties that detail the issuance of the parking permits for persons with disabilities. A total of 27,231 removable windshield placards were issued by the Counties and DCAB in FY 11-12.



The Counties issued the initial removable windshield placards at no charge to the consumer but received a reimbursement of \$12 per placard to cover issuance costs. This reimbursement totaled \$112,176. The Counties also collected and retained \$77,906 in transaction fees for the issuance of temporary removable windshield placards and replacement placards that were lost or stolen.

County Revenue			
	Reimbursed by DCAB	Fees Collected	Total
County of Kauai	\$4,824.00	\$2,669.00	\$7,493.00
County of Maui	\$11,004.00	\$8,240.00	\$19,244.00
County of Hawaii	\$16,344.00	\$8,500.00	\$24,844.00
C & C of Honolulu	\$80,004.00	\$58,496.50	\$138,500.50
Total	\$112,176.00	\$77,905.50	\$190,081.50

DCAB established and administered a renewal by mail program in 2010. In FY 11-12, 13,286 renewal notices were sent to current placard holders resulting in 10,813 placards issued.

Quality Assurance Program

DCAB establishes and maintains the highest measure of quality assurance, ensuring a legitimate and reliable parking program for persons with disabilities.

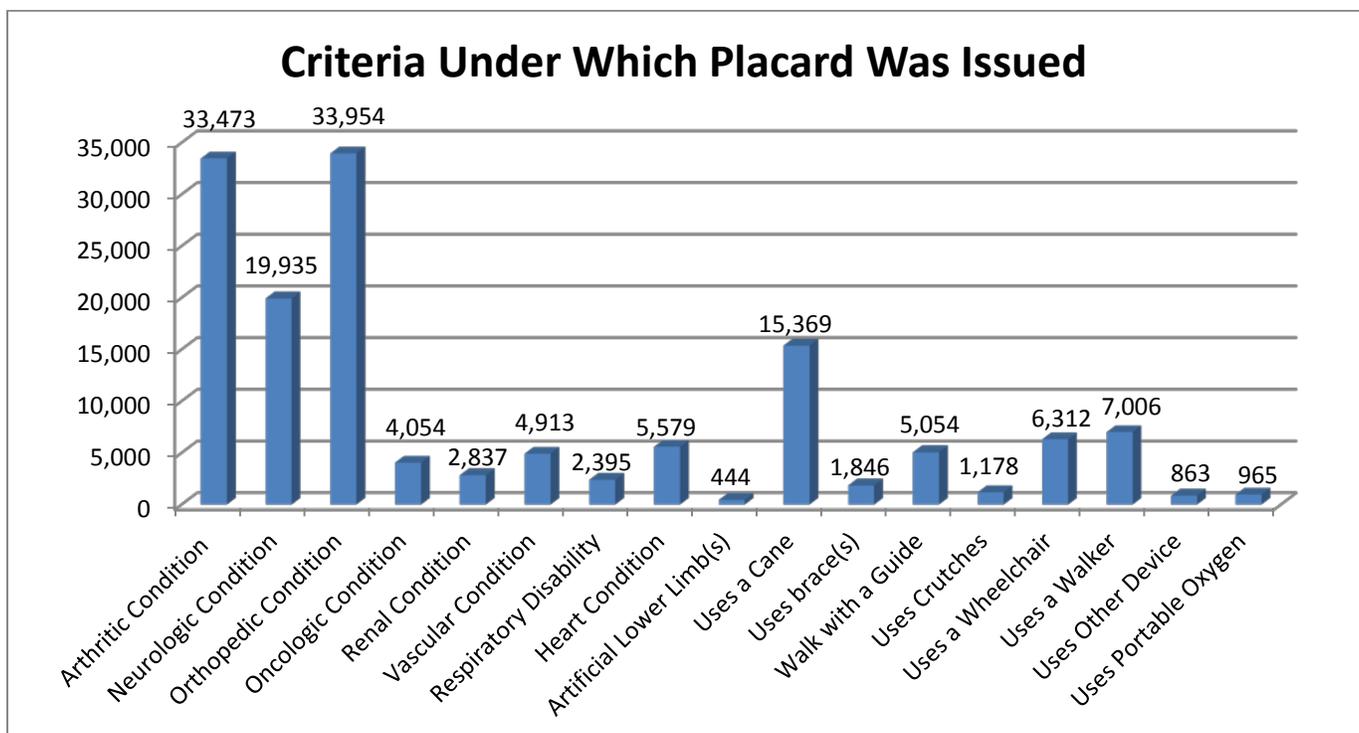
- DCAB retrieved and removed from circulation 600 placards from deceased permittees families and estates and 416 expired placards through DCAB's outreach mail campaign.
- DCAB received 9,089 returned placards from a Business Reply Envelope insert included in the renewal placard packet in an effort to remove expired placards from circulation in the community.

The Population of Placard Holders

State law and administrative rules provide criteria for individuals who qualify for a permit. A person is qualified if he or she meets any one of the following criterion. However a person may be eligible in more than one category.

- A person who cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest due to a diagnosed arthritic, neurological, orthopedic, renal, vascular, or oncological condition;
- A person who cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device;
- A person who uses portable oxygen;
- A person who is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest;
- A person has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to the standards set by the American Heart Association.

As of June 30, 2012 there were 103,986 active permits in circulation. A permit holder may indicate more than one disability or use of aid.



Overall Program Administration

DCAB maintained and expanded the database system which continues to be the main repository of all disabled parking records for the state of Hawaii.

- Continued to maintain and monitor the parking database (Internet-based) of permit holders.
- Established standard operating procedures for the administration of the parking program.
- Translated select parking documents into Ilocano.

Use and Enforcement of Accessible Parking Spaces – Public Education

Accessible parking spaces are uniquely designed and located to accommodate the needs of qualified individuals with a mobility impairment. A “person with a disability parking permit” (parking placard or special license plates) authorizes the use of accessible spaces.



Parking spaces designed for persons with disabilities must comply with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act, Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and HAR Chapter §11-219-14. Beyond the requirements imposed by the ADA Standards, the HAR require “no parking in access aisle” signs in all access aisles that are designed to be van accessible, placement of accessible parking signs and “no parking in access aisle” signs in parallel parking spaces, and color designations and markings for striping of accessible parking spaces. DCAB conducted the following activities:

- Collaborated with county police departments and parking control agencies to enforce the proper use of accessible parking spaces by contacting businesses and management agencies to encourage voluntary compliance, including use of public stalls by employees.
- Alerted local police enforcement officers on the display and recognition of international permits for person with disabilities (i.e. Europe “Blue Badge,” Australia “Australian Parking Permit,” Honduras “Honduran Disabled Parking Permit,” and various Japanese municipal and prefectural districts.)
- Worked with State departments to problem solve the enforcement of accessible parking spaces. Most notable were the University of Hawaii (Manoa, Hilo, and various community college campuses), Department of Transportation (Airport and Harbors Divisions), Department of Accounting and General Services (Aliiolani and Kaahumanu Hale), and the Hawaii State Library System (Manoa, Aina Haina and Moiliili).
- Produced and promoted a public service announcement on “The Proper Use of an Accessible Parking Stall and Respective Access Aisle” which was broadcasted for 190 airings on KGMB and KHNL television stations during the month of June 2012.



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