



**Disability and Communication Access Board
Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities**

Annual Accomplishments

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015



Overview

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) administers the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities in the State of Hawaii. The program's primary function is to ensure the issuance of "person with a disability parking permits" pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 291, Part III, and Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 219. Throughout this document, "person with a disability parking permit" means a removable windshield placard, a temporary removable windshield placard, or special license plates. To fulfill this function, DCAB, through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with each county, established a mechanism to pay the counties for the issuance of first time and replacement parking permits. Under the MOAs, DCAB reimburses the counties for issuing each initial removable windshield placard (valid for six years under Hawaii law). However, the counties may charge and retain fees for issuing replacement placards, temporary windshield placards, and special license plates. DCAB issues long term renewal removable windshield placards by mail. The conversion in August 2010 from a four year validity to a six year valid time period has created a "down" period in renewals that will not start up again until June 1, 2016. DCAB parking staff are using this time to ensure that our records, database, and permittee lists are current and consistent, as well as to redesign our new virtual database system.

DCAB's Standing Committee on Parking provides guidance to the program staff in developing and meeting its goals and objectives. The Committee members are:

Kirby Shaw, Chairperson
Pauline Aughe, Vice-Chairperson
Glenn Nakamura, Member
Bryant Yabui, Member

This Report highlights the key activities for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Administration of Policies and Procedures

DCAB drafted and issued procedures on the issuance of parking permits to ensure consistency among all issuing agents in the state. DCAB also developed technical publications as references for issuing staff and parking enforcement. Key activities included:

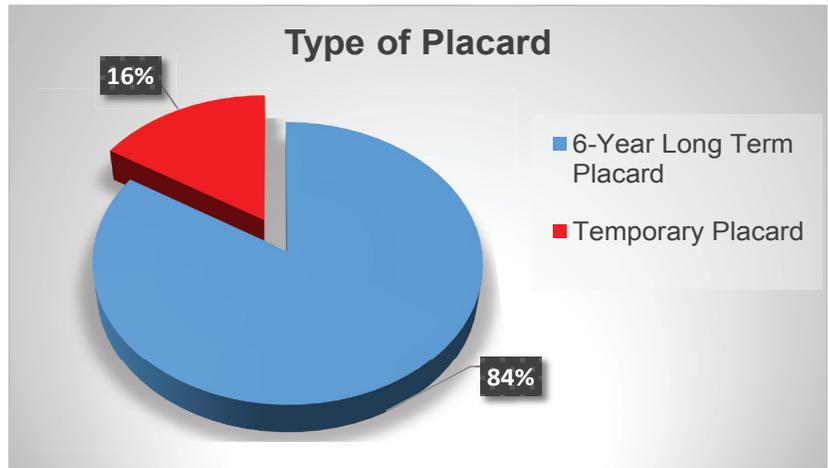
- Created a "Policy and Procedure for Archiving and Storing Placard Applications".
- Amended a "Policy and Procedure to Ensure Parking Database Security".
- Maintained MOAs with County Stakeholders to issue first time, temporary, and replacement removable windshield placards as well as disabled persons license plates.
- Provided technical support to county issuing agents and satellite office managers to update them on changes in state statutes, policies, and procedures.
- Drafted and proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 219. A public hearing was conducted on July 1, 2015 with no opposition to the proposed amendments. DCAB is waiting for the Governor's signature to finalize the rules.

Issuance

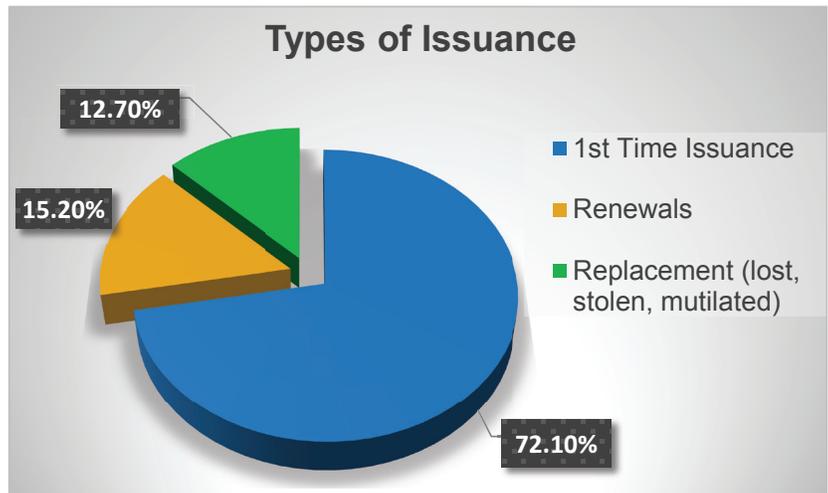
For fiscal year 2014-2015, a total of 15,924 permits were issued, of which 15,329 (96%) were placards and 595 (4%) were license plates. Due to the portability of a placard, the vast majority of individuals opt for a placard.

Since placards represent the vast majority of permits issued, the pie charts to the right highlight the details of the 15,329 placards issued.

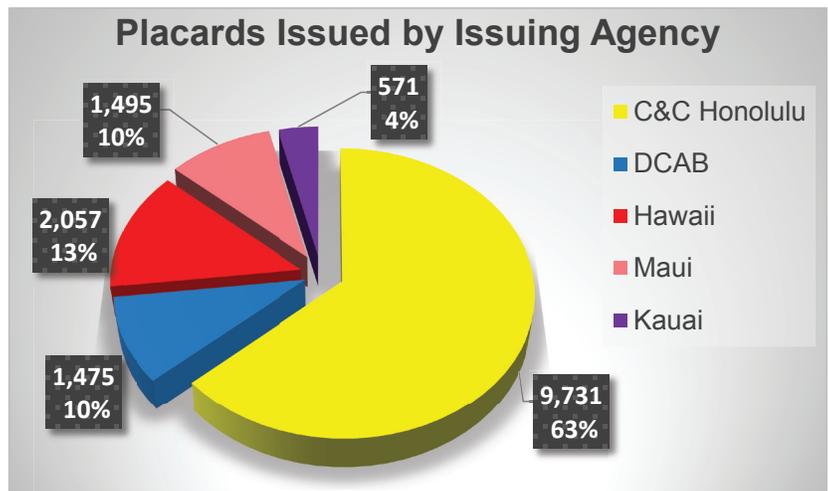
The first pie chart describes the placards by long term versus temporary placards issued. The chart shows that the majority (84%) of placards issued are long term, blue placards that are valid for six years. Temporary red placards, valid for lengths of time of one to six months, comprise 16% of the placards issued.



The second pie chart describes the placards by type of issuance. First-time issued placards (both long term and temporary) comprise 72.10% of the placards issued. Replacement placards (both long term and temporary) comprise 15.20% of the placards issued. Renewals comprise 12.70% of issued placards. Due to the fact that the law changed the length of validity of the placard from four to six years in 2010, DCAB was in the first of a two year period of minimal renewals for placards issued in 2010 and 2011.

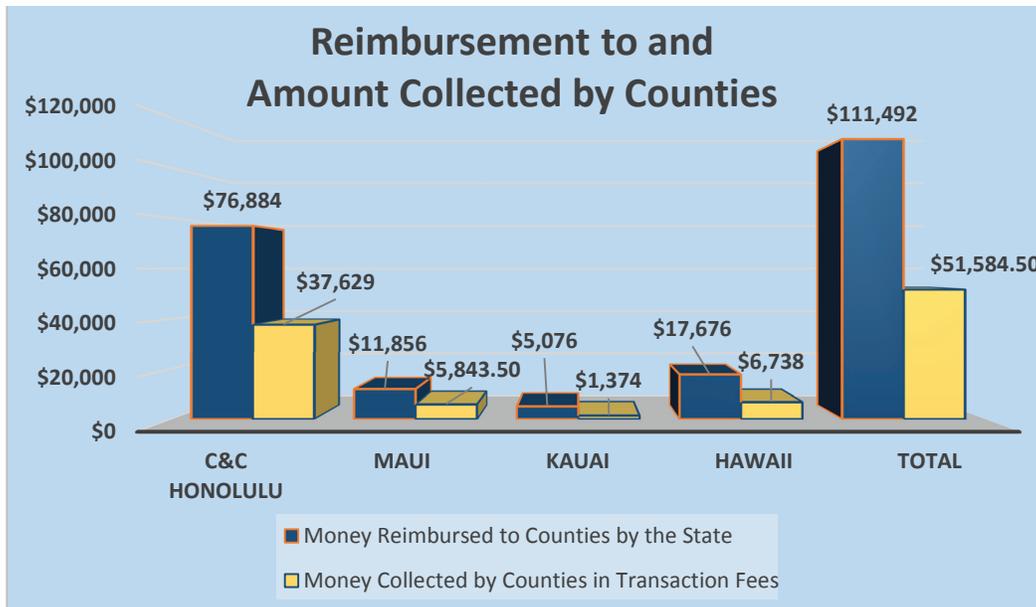


The third pie chart describes the placards issued by issuing agency. As expected, the percentages mirror the population of the counties (City and County of Honolulu with 63%, Maui County and Hawaii County with 10%, Kauai with 13%, and DCAB with 4%). The counties issued first time and replacement placards while DCAB issued renewals by mail.



Reimbursement to and Amount Collected by Counties

The counties are reimbursed \$12 from the State of Hawaii (DCAB) for the issuance of every first time removable windshield placard and the replacement of mutilated placards. They also retain all transaction fees for the issuance of temporary removable placards, replacement placards, and disabled persons license plates. The total reimbursement to the counties was \$111,492 and the total amount of revenue collected by the counties was \$51,584.50. The total income received by the counties in fiscal year 2014-2015 was \$163,076.50. A breakdown of income to the counties is shown in the chart below.



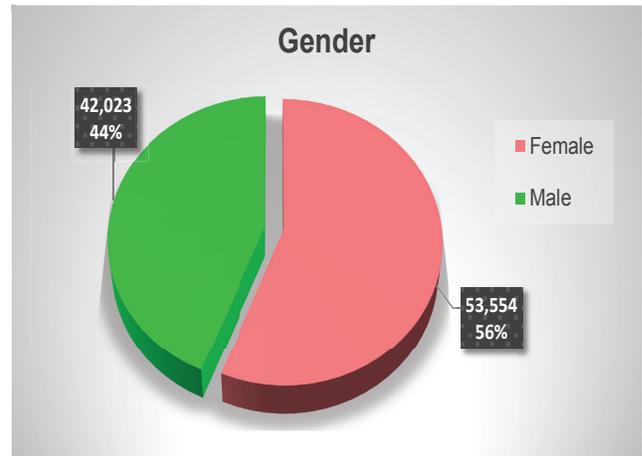
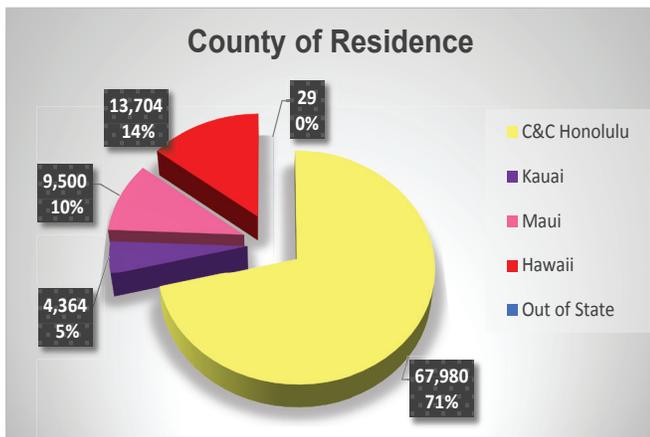
Parking Database Enhancements and Quality Assurance

- DCAB prepared for the launch of a new parking database scheduled for July 2015. The database will be hosted and maintained by Hawaii Information Consortium, LLC (HIC), per MOA on a virtual database server, with the content managed by DCAB. The new database will provide access to reports (i.e., permittee’s county of residence profile, type of permit, number of active permits statewide, and number of permits issued, etc.) in a prompt and concise manner. Prior to the crossover, DCAB trained county issuing agents in preparation for the technical changes of the new database.
- DCAB seeks to maintain the integrity of the program and the accuracy of the database by removing invalid placards from circulation. DCAB mailed out 2,247 letters to the estates of deceased permittees and retrieved 867 placards in response to the letters, for a response rate of 39%. Another 734 placards of deceased individuals were returned, but without a DCAB death retrieval letter. In addition, 1,284 placards were returned when people renewed their long term placards and 5,584 placards were returned voluntarily for other reasons. A total of 8,469 inactive placards were retrieved in fiscal year 2014-2015, then destroyed and noted in the database.

Profile of Permittees

At the conclusion of the fiscal year, there were 95,577 people who possessed a valid, non-expired permit. Given a population of 1.42 million (as of 2014) people in the State of Hawaii, this represents a 6.73% of the population who claim to have a mobility disability significant to warrant a placard.

Who are the 95,577 people with valid permits? The following two charts show a breakdown of permittees by county of residence and gender.



What type of conditions qualify for a permit?

The following table shows the reason/conditions that were certified by a Hawaii Licensed Physician or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) to receive a permit. It should be noted that not all qualifying disabilities are visually prominent. Many individuals are subject to judgement without cause because they do not display the stereotype of a disabled person. Cardiac, renal, and oncologic are a few disabilities that may not always be visually detectable. One hundred sixty-three thousand and two hundred twenty-three (163,223) conditions are listed for 95,577 individuals because some individuals have multiple disabilities. The conditions are listed from high to low in terms of eligibility on the application form.

Eligible Conditions

	# of Individuals		# of Individuals
Orthopedic Impairment	38,802	Oncologic Condition	4,796
Arthritic Condition	38,503	Renal Condition	3,223
Neurologic Condition	21,946	Use of a Brace(s)	2,360
Use of a Cane(s)	16,851	Respiratory Disability	2,404
Use of a Walker	8,011	Use of Crutches	1,341
Use of a Wheelchair	6,690	Use of Portable Oxygen	938
Heart Condition (Class III/IV)	5,796	Use of Artificial Limbs	406
Vascular Condition	5,623	Use of Other Assistive Devices	25
Needs Another Person to Walk	5,508		
		Total	163,223

Other Program Accomplishments

- Converted the original web-based accessible parking locator program into a downloadable app for IOS and Android phones with the assistance of a developer. Because of the support of individuals, the number of recorded postings continues to grow. DCAB hopes to actively promote a public awareness campaign to advertise the locator app to the public.
- Extended assistance to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), the Volunteer Special Enforcement Officers (VSEO) and private parking control companies to provide the status of permits issued to individuals.
- Created an “Abbreviated Reference Card for Accessible Parking Violations” used as a resource for parking enforcement and for a reference to the general public for proper guidance.
- Conducted speaking engagements with the community-at-large, arranged presentations to businesses, charitable service groups, and senior care facilities to explain the program and to establish a network of informed businesses in the community.

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