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INTERPRETIVE OPINION

Pursuant to §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), all public buildings, facilities and sites constructed by, or on behalf of the State or any county, shall conform to the 2004 Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (2004 ADAAG) and amendments. In accordance to HRS §103-50 and Chapter 11-216, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Disability and Communication Access Board has authority to issue interpretive opinions to HRS §103-50 design standards.

Docket: DCAB 2012-05: What are the scoping and technical requirements for picnic facilities and picnic tables located in outdoor areas?

(Amend): In Interpretive Opinion 2012-05 with regard to the scoping provisions, what is the scope of coverage?

Summary: There are fixed picnic tables located in outdoor environments such as parks, trails, camping facilities and even at restaurants and dining establishments. The 2004 ADAAG currently addresses fixed dining tables. Regardless of whether those tables are “picnic tables” or another type of dining table, the 2004 ADAAG shall be applied to fixed dining tables that serve the general public, or where located in common use areas, outdoors or within a building or facility.

As of January 2, 2017, the Hawaii Outdoor Developed Areas Accessibility Guidelines (HODAAG) has been in effect and provides the scoping and technical requirements for picnic tables within outdoor developed areas. However, there may be State and county facilities where picnic tables are provided that may not fall within the scope of coverage by the HODAAG. Although the Interpretive Opinion provides scoping and technical requirements for picnic tables, it is being amended to clarify the scope of coverage to facilities that do not fall within the scope of coverage by the HODAAG.

“Fixed tables” are tables that are fixed or somehow secured in place. Where a department or agency states that the tables are not intended to be moved and are considered permanent, such as concrete tables, those tables would also be covered by this interpretive opinion.

Ruling: For buildings or facilities subject to HRS §103-50,

ADAAG 226 and 902

Fixed picnic tables located within buildings, facilities and sites and fixed picnic tables in outdoor areas, are covered by the 2004 ADAAG and shall comply with 2004 ADAAG sections 226 and 902. Picnic Tables covered by the Hawaii Outdoor Developed Areas Accessibility Guidelines (HODAAG) are not covered by this interpretive opinion.

Accessible routes complying with section 206 and Chapter 4 of the 2004 ADAAG shall connect accessible fixed picnic tables with other accessible buildings, facilities, elements and spaces within the same site.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this ruling, please call us at 586-8121.

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