



# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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## AGENDA

### Legislative Committee Meeting

Location: Disability and Communication Access Board  
1010 Richards Street., Room 118

Date: February 21, 2018

Time: 12:00 p.m.

- I. Call or Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of February 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Positions Relating to Bills
  - A. Parking for Persons with Disabilities
  - B. Nondiscrimination Against Persons with Disabilities/Civil Rights
    - SR 4 – Encouraging the Department of Agriculture to Evaluate the Import Requirements and Process for Importing Domestic Animals
  - C. Communication Access
  - D. Building Code/Design
    - SCR 12/SR 8/HCR 17/HR 14 – Requesting the Department of Human Services, in Consultation with the Department of Public Safety, to Work with the Family Reunification Working Group and Other Community Stakeholders to Develop a Plan to Establish Visitation Centers at All State Correctional Facilities and Jails
  - E. Community Based Services for Persons with Disabilities
  - F. Emergency Preparedness
  - G. Administrative
  - H. Other
- V. Bill Updates
  - SB 2714 – Relating to Motor Vehicle Weight Tax Excludes the weight of lifts and ramps, motors to operate them, and vehicle chassis reinforcements, from the determination of net weight for non-commercial vehicles for purposes of levying the state and county motor vehicle weight tax. Takes effect on 7/1/2019.

- HB 1895, HD1 – Relating to Health Establishes positions and appropriates funds to assist in the review, certification, and recertification of dialysis centers and other health care facilities under the purview of DOH.
- HB 2443, HD1 – Relating to an Accessible Playgrounds Pilot Program for Disabled Children Establishes a 3-year accessible playground pilot program under DAGS. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys.
- HB 2452, HD1 – Relating to Public Safety Requires the design of all state buildings constructed on or after July 1, 2018, to include a shelter room or area that is capable of protecting individuals against hurricanes or nuclear fallout.
- HB 2541, HD1 – Relating to Elections Enacts voting by mail uniformly across all counties for all elections commencing in 2020, and allows any election to be conducted by mail prior to the 2020 primary election, in whole or in part, as determined by the chief election officer or county clerk, as appropriate. Establishes a limited number of voter service centers that would remain open from the tenth business day preceding an election through the day of the election to receive personal delivery of mail-in ballots, accommodate voters with special needs, offer same day registration and voting, and provide other election services. Allows for additional places of deposit for personal delivery of mail-in ballots. Appropriates funds for the implementation and administration of the election by mail program. Requires the office of elections to submit a report to the legislature prior to the convening of each regular session from 2019 through 2023, regarding the implementation of a vote by mail system.
- HB 2677, HD1 – Relating to Interpreter Services Appropriates moneys for interpreter services to be rendered during the Deaf and Blind Task Force's monthly meetings.

VI. Open Forum

Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Committee's agenda at the next meeting

VII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at 1010 Richards Street, room 118

VIII. Adjournment

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## MINUTES

### Legislative Committee Meeting

Location: Disability and Communication Access Board  
1010 Richards Street., Room 118

Date: February 21, 2018

Time: 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake, Chairperson; Monty Anderson-Nitahara (via phone), Board member; Debbie Jackson, Staff

ABSENT: Landa Phelan, Board member

GUEST: Peter Fritz

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake at 12:04 p.m.

II. Introductions were done informally.

III. Minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting were approved as circulated (M/S/P Anderson-Nitahara/Daniel-Kanetake).

IV. Positions Relating to Bills

A. Parking for Persons with Disabilities  
No bills discussed in this category.

B. Nondiscrimination Against Persons with Disabilities/Civil Rights  
• SCR 5/SR 4 – Encouraging the Department of Agriculture to Evaluate the Import Requirements and process for Importing Domestic Animals

**ACTION: SUPPORT INTENT-COMMENTS** (Anything that will make it easier for people with disabilities to use is good; if the State is at fault the person should not be charged; and if the web site is accessible, no need for a discounted rate for quarantine; and the person with a disability has the rights to have an accommodation, not the service animal.)

C. Communication Access  
No bills discussed in this category.

D. Building Code/Design  
• HB 2748, HD1 – Relating to Housing Requires the Housing Finance and Development Corporation to conduct a study on the current and future demand and supply of affordable housing suitable for individuals with special needs. Makes an appropriation.

**ACTION: NO POSITION-COMMENTS** (Why is a survey needed and what will it add to housing planning?)

- SCR 12/SR 8/HCR 17/HR 14 – Requesting the Department of Human Services, in Consultation with the Department of Public Safety, to Work with the Family Reunification Working Group and Other Community Stakeholders to Develop a Plan to Establish Visitation Centers at All State Correctional Facilities and Jails

**ACTION: MONITOR**

E. Community Based Services for Persons with Disabilities  
No bills discussed in this category.

F. Emergency Preparedness  
No bills discussed in this category.

G. Administrative

- SB 2691, SD1 – Relating to Board Meetings Allows boards to provide a copy of the notice of public meetings to the office of the lieutenant governor or appropriate county clerk's office via electronic mail. Effective 7/1/2035.

**ACTION: NO POSITION-COMMENTS**

H. Other  
No bills discussed in this category.

V. Bill Updates

- HB 1895, HD1 – Relating to Health Establishes positions and appropriates funds to assist in the review, certification, and recertification of dialysis centers and other health care facilities under the purview of DOH.

**STATUS:** Heard in the House Committee on Finance and passed out with no amendments. Will cross over to the Senate.

- HB 2443, HD1 – Relating to Accessible Playgrounds Pilot Program for Disabled Children Establishes a 3-year accessible playground pilot program under DAGS. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys.

**STATUS:** Heard in the House Committee on Finance and passed out unamended. Will cross over to the Senate.

- HB 2452, HD1 – Relating to Public Safety Requires the design of all state buildings constructed on or after July 1, 2018, to include a shelter room or area that is capable of protecting individuals against hurricanes or nuclear fallout.

**STATUS:** Heard in the House Committee on Finance and passed out unamended. Will cross over to the Senate.

- HB 2541, HD1 – Relating to Elections Enacts voting by mail uniformly across all counties for all elections commencing in 2020, and allows any election to be conducted by mail prior to the 2020 primary election, in whole or in part, as

determined by the chief election officer or county clerk, as appropriate. Establishes a limited number of voter service centers that would remain open from the tenth business day preceding an election through the day of the election to receive personal delivery of mail-in ballots, accommodate voters with special needs, offer same day registration and voting, and provide other election services. Allows for additional places of deposit for personal delivery of mail-in ballots. Appropriates funds for the implementation and administration of the election by mail program. Requires the Office of Elections to submit a report to the legislature prior to the convening of each regular session from 2019 through 2023, regarding the implementation of a vote by mail system.

**STATUS:** Heard in the House Committee on Judiciary and passed with amendments. Passed second reading and referred to the House Committee on Finance.

**ACTION: SUPPORT - COMMENT** (DCAB supports all mail ballots as long as all aspects of elections held in this manner are accessible to people with disabilities and they are allowed to vote independently and privately, if that is their choice.)

- HB 2677, HD1 – Relating to Interpreter Services Appropriates moneys for interpreter services to be rendered during the Deaf and Blind Task Force's monthly meetings.

**STATUS:** Heard in the House Committee on Health and Human Services and passed with amendments. Passed second reading and referred to the House Committee on Finance.

- HB 2693, HD2 - Relating to Public Safety Prohibits places of public accommodation from denying shelter to any person when an emergency alert advises the public to immediately seek shelter. Provides for a civil penalty for each violation. Provides immunity from civil liability, with certain exceptions. Clarifies that the civil liability exemption applies to facilities receiving compensation and to property owners who sell commodities in the absence of price gouging.

**STATUS:** Heard in the joint House Committees on Public Safety and Veterans, Military and International Affairs and Culture and the Arts. and passed out with amendments. Passed second reading and referred to the House Committee on Finance.

- SB 2013, SD1 – Relating to Civil Identification Requires the director of transportation to adopt rules to allow an individual who has a letter from a licensed primary care provider certifying that a severe disability causes the individual to be homebound to renew a state identification card by means other than in person appearance.

**STATUS:** Passed third reading in the House and transmitted to the Senate.

- SB 2163, SD1 – Relating to Taxation Provides a taxpayer who hires a person totally disabled a nonrefundable tax credit for the 6-month period after the individual is initially hired by the taxpayer. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2018.

**STATUS:** Reported out of the joint Senate Committees on Labor and Health and Human Services. Passed second reading and will cross over to the House.

- SB 2208 – Relating to a Right to Parent for Blind Persons Establishes parental rights for blind parents or prospective blind parents in the context of child welfare, foster care, family law, and adoption.

**STATUS:** Reported out of the Senate Committee on Human Services unamended and passed second reading. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**ACTION: SUPPORT – COMMENT** (This law should cover all adults with disabilities, not just blind parents.)

- SB 2714 – Relating to Motor Vehicle Weight Tax Excludes the weight of lifts and ramps, motors to operate them, and vehicle chassis reinforcements, from the determination of net weight for non-commercial vehicles for purposes of levying the state and county motor vehicle weight tax. Takes effect on 7/1/2019.

**STATUS:** Heard in the House Committee on Finance on 2/16/18 and was passed out with no changes. Will cross over to the Senate for hearings.

- SB 3023, SD1/HB 1721 – Relating to Minimum Wage Includes persons with disabilities under the minimum wage requirements.

**STATUS:** Heard in the Senate Committee on Labor and passed out with amendments. Referred to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

NOTE: All positions on bills were passed (M/S/P Anderson-Nitahara/Daniel-Kanetake).

VI. Open Forum

Mr. Fritz included information about SB 222, SD1 – Relating to General Excise Tax. This is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Committee on Ways and Means this afternoon. This bill was introduced last year and is similar to the bill that he drafted this year. He brought this up in case anyone is interested in attending the hearing.

VII. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at 1010 Richards Street in room 118.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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