



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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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 2018-03: If the change in level at a doorway with a door is greater than the maximum threshold height allowed, can a ramp be used?**

Summary: Per ADAAG 404.2.5, the maximum door threshold height is ½ inch, ¾ inch for existing or altered thresholds. Since a door threshold is considered a change in level, it is also required to comply with the requirements of ADAAG 302 and 303. ADAAG 303.4 states that changes in level greater than ½ inch are to be ramped and comply with ADAAG 405.

A ramp may be used at a door, provided the requirements of ADAAG 404 and 405 can be met.

