

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE OF HAWAII
HEARING DOCKET NO. R11-218-05-19**

Pursuant to sections 91-3 and 92-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), notice is hereby given that the State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the proposed amendments and compilation of existing rules, chapter 11-218, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), entitled "Communication Access Services for Persons who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind."

The proposed amendments include changes to remove the "Recommended Fee Schedules for Providers" from HAR 11-218; make improvements to the Hawaii Quality Assurance System (HQAS) test process; separate the issuance of a state credential from the issuance of a certification via the HQAS test; and implement changes to strengthen and emphasize the purpose of the rules, which is to establish guidelines to ensure the rights of consumers to effective communication. The proposed amendments may also include housekeeping amendments to the rules and amendments, deletions, or additions suggested by oral or written testimony.

A public hearing for chapter 11-218, HAR, will be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Date: August 15, 2019
Place: Disability and Communication Access Board
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Time: 10:00 a.m.

The proposed rules may be viewed at the address below, mailed to any interested person who requests a copy from the Disability and Communication Access Board, or downloaded from the DCAB website at <http://health.hawaii.gov/dcab>.

Disability and Communication Access Board
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Hours: 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Phone: (808) 586-8121
Fax: (808) 586-8129

Toll-free from Neighbor Islands:
Hawaii County – 974-4000 ext. 68121
Kauai County – 274-3141 ext. 68121
Maui County – 984-2400 ext. 68121
Molokai and Lanai – 1-800-468-4644 ext. 68121

Written testimony will be accepted until August 22, 2019, at the above address. An American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter has been scheduled. If you need any other auxiliary aid/service or accommodation due to a disability, contact DCAB at (808) 586-8121 or dcab@doh.hawaii.gov as soon as possible, preferably by August 7, 2019. If a response is received after August 7, 2019, we will try to obtain the auxiliary aid/service or accommodation, but we cannot guarantee that the request will be fulfilled.

WILLIAM H.Q. BOW
Chairperson
Disability and Communication Access Board