



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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### DCAB LEGISLATIVE POSITION STATEMENTS 2020 Legislature

Due to the rapid pace of the Legislature and short testimony deadlines that do not always allow for bringing a measure to the attention of the DCAB Legislative Committee, the following position statements will facilitate the timely preparation and submittal of testimony on bills and resolutions during the 2020 Legislature.

The following is not an exhaustive list of issues and positions. It is based on consistency of positions taken on similar issues during the most recent Legislative sessions.

#### Parking

- Support efforts to implement Act 87 (2019) and not revert to “free meter parking” for all permit holders.
- Support legislation to improve enforcement, provided that law enforcement is able to implement the provisions.
- Oppose legislation to issue disability parking permits to people solely on the basis of vision loss, pregnancy, age, developmental or mental disability.
- Oppose legislation to issue disability parking permits to agencies or transportation companies.

#### Non-discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities/Civil Rights

- Support legislation to restore jurisdiction to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission to enforce complaints under Hawaii Revised Statutes §368-1.5 in state and county government.
- Support legislation for the provision of reasonable modification of policies and procedures in state government programs and services to provide for equal access for persons with disabilities (this could impact many different programs).
- Oppose legislation for separate identification cards for people with disabilities in addition to a driver’s license or a state identification card.
- Provide comments on the provision of state government services to ensure that the needs of persons with disabilities are taken into consideration without supporting or opposing the underlying service.

Adopted by the Board at its General Meeting on January 16, 2020

## Communication Access

- Support legislation to maintain or increase captioning provisions in movie theaters; oppose efforts to reduce requirements established in the law.
- Support efforts to include increased access to online state information (to include, but not be limited to website accessibility, social media platforms, and digital information provided through kiosks or other similar means) with funding for implementation.

## Service and Other Animals

- Support state legislation to clarify state law to be consistent with federal law, but not to exceed federal law in areas such as certification or licensure. Support the interest of individuals with service animals (dogs) when considering legislation to eliminate discriminatory inquiries or practices when entering places of public accommodation.
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- Oppose expansion of service animal legislation to assistance animals or other emotional support animals in settings other than housing already required under federal and state laws.

## Building Code, Design, and Facility Access

- Support legislation to increase building accessibility for persons with disabilities that exceed federal guidelines for entities covered by Titles II and III of the ADA.

## Community Based Services and Employment

- Support legislation to increase reimbursement for hearing aids.

## Transportation and Mobility

- Support legislation following the “DCAB Guiding Principles on the Mobility and Safety of Pedestrians with Disabilities” and “DCAB Guiding Principles on Public Transit Fixed Route Bus and Paratransit Services.”

### Emergency Preparedness

- Support legislation to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities or access and functional needs in emergency preparedness efforts, including planning, exercises, notifications, emergency sheltering, as well as in recovery and mitigation efforts.

### Administration

- Support legislation consistent with facilitating the operation of DCAB as a Board or Commission.
- Oppose legislation that would change the status of the DCAB Special Fund.

### Other

- Support legislation to exempt or reduce the general excise tax on the sale of mobility enhancing equipment or durable medical equipment, hearing aids, prosthetic devices, and prescription drugs sold pursuant to a doctor's prescription when the basis for the acquisition of the item is due to a person's disability.
- Support legislation that includes a representative from DCAB on a task force if the bill or resolution includes a position above and only if there is adequate staffing to attend and participate in meetings. Oppose the legislation if the criteria above are not met.