



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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AMENDED NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Legislative Committee Meeting

December 13, 2022

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

AMENDED AGENDA

The Disability and Communication Access Board will be meeting remotely using interactive conference technology. The public is welcome to participate as follows.

Public In-Person Meeting Location

Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Honolulu, HI 96813

Participate Virtually via Zoom

Click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser window:
<https://zoom.us/j/98474595509> and enter Meeting ID: 984 7459 5509

To join by phone

Dial 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 984 7459 5509

Public Testimony

Oral testimony - Members of the public may present comment or testimony on each agenda item.

Written Testimony -To ensure the public as well as its Board members receive such testimony in a timely manner, written testimony should be submitted 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date and time. Any written testimony submitted after such time cannot be guaranteed to be distributed in time for the meeting. Written testimony may be submitted by one of the methods listed below:

- By email to: dcab@doh.hawaii.gov
- By U.S. Postal Mail:
Kirby Shaw, Disability and Communication Access Board, 1010 Richards Street,
Room 118, Honolulu, HI 96813
- By facsimile to: (808) 586-8129

AMENDED AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
Review Remote Meeting Procedures
 - This meeting is being recorded.
 - A quorum of Committee members is required to be visible on screen.
 - Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
 - Identify yourself before speaking.
- II. Introductions
- III. Statement from Public and Written Testimonies Submitted
- IV. DCAB Legislative Procedures
 - A. Review of DCAB Legislative Position Statements and Determine Subject Matter Categories for 32nd Legislature, 2023 Bills
 - Parking for Persons with Disabilities
 - Nondiscrimination Against Persons with Disabilities/Civil Rights
 - Communication Access
 - Service and Other Animals
 - Building Code, Design, and Facility Access
 - Community Based Services and Employment
 - Transportation and Mobility
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Administration
 - Other
 - B. Determining Types of Positions to Take on Bills
 - Support – DCAB supports the bill’s subject matter without suggesting changes. Requires written testimony.
 - Support Intent – DCAB supports the concept of the bill and suggests changes. Requires written testimony.
 - Oppose – DCAB is against the concept of the bill and suggest amendments to the bill. Requires written testimony.
 - No Position – Comments – DCAB staff understands and empathizes with the intent of the bill and offers comments about how to amend the bill. Requires written testimony.
 - Monitor – DCAB staff tracks the bill and if necessary, brings to the Committee when the bill may have an impact on the disability community. No written testimony required.
- V. Rule on Time Limits on Public Testimonies/Comments
- VI. Open Forum:
Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for the Board’s agenda at the next meeting.
- VII. Next Meeting

VIII. Adjournment

If you have a disability and require an auxiliary aid or service or other accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact Scott Castor at (808) 586-8121 or email, dcab@doh.hawaii.gov. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats.

The agenda and meeting materials for this meeting are also available for inspection at DCAB's office located at 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 and on DCAB's website at: <https://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/dcab-agendas-and-minutes/>.



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DRAFT DCAB LEGISLATIVE POSITION STATEMENTS

2023 Legislature

(as of January xx, 2023)

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 2023 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. In addition, there are two new measures that will be introduced.

Parking

- Oppose legislation to revert to "free meter parking" for all permit holders.
- Support legislation to increase the minimum number of parking spaces for persons with disabilities or study the issue.
- 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 disability, behavioral, or other non-mobility related condition.
- Oppose legislation to issue disability parking permits to agencies or transportation companies.
- Support legislation to authorize the counties to enforce design requirements for accessible parking.

Non-discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities/Civil Rights

- Support legislation for the provision of reasonable modification of policies, practices 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.
- Provide comments on the process of voting to ensure that the needs of persons with disabilities are taken into consideration.
- Support legislation that requires the House and Senate to permit remote testimony, via telephone, at public hearings.

Communication Access

- Support legislation to maintain or increase captioning provisions in movie theaters.
- Support efforts to include increased access to on-line 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.
- Support the interest of individuals with service animals (dogs) when considering legislation to eliminate discriminatory inquiries or practices when entering places of public accommodation.
- 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 law.

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.
- Oppose legislation that would require DCAB to perform tasks that DCAB staff have no expertise.

Community Based Services and Employment

- Support legislation to increase reimbursement for hearing aids.
- Support legislation to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a Medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities.

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 in emergency preparedness efforts; including planning, exercises, notifications, emergency sheltering, and mitigation and recovery 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 provide a tax credit or deduction or to exempt or reduce 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 licensed practicing physician'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.