



# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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## MINUTES

### Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: In-Person Location  
Kamamalu Building  
1010 Richards Street, Rm. 118  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Location: Virtual Location Via Zoom  
Date: August 26, 2022  
Time: 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Summer Kozai, Chair; Violet Horvath, Gerald Ohta, Charlotte Townsend Board Members; Bryan Mick, Cody Miyasato, Romala Sue Radcliffe, Staff

SIGN LANGUAGE  
INTERPRETER: None

ABSENT: Pauline Aughe, Board Member

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- II. Board Members and staff introduced themselves.
- III. Chairperson Summer Kozai reported that no testimonies were submitted.
- IV. The Committee approved the May 12, 2022, meeting minutes (M/S/P Ohta/Horvath).
- V. Old Business
  - A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2022, approximately five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (5,875) placards were issued. Two hundred and ninety six (296) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, one thousand seven hundred (1,700) were temporary and four thousand one hundred (4,100) were long term. DCAB issued one thousand three hundred (1,300) long term placards and forty six (46) Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP).

The placard renewal rate was sixty-seven percent (67%). The average numbers of placards issued each day has been increasing, and a result so has the number of active permittees.

B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations

In the fourth quarter, DCAB emailed four hundred and ninety eight (498) permittees to notify them of their pending placard expirations.

C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

Staff procured and purchased placards. The decals are backordered due to raw material supply chain issues.

D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

The request for the annual crosscheck of names of the deceased permittees from the Department of Health's Vital Records has been made. The crosscheck is expected to be completed in late September or October.

E. Public Education Efforts

Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2022, four (4) inquiries were submitted through the webpage to report abuse of a disability parking permit.

Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces

As no submissions were made to the webpage, the Board Member's suggestions included: using The Star-Advertiser and Mid-Week's public information articles, creating a web link from the reporting placard or access aisle abuse webpage, and sending an e-mail to the permittees to inform them of the webpage.

F. Legislation

Staff reported on two (2) bills that DCAB provided testimony in support of that were signed by Governor Ige.

House Bill 1575 HD2 SD2 Relating to Physician Assistants expands the scope of practice for a physician assistant (PA) to issue a certificate of disability to a person who has a disability, limited or impaired in the ability to walk or has a condition that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The bill allows a PA to sign a certification of disability on a disability parking permit application form. Modifications were made to the disability parking permit

application form and the administrative rules will be amended to include PAs.

Senate Bill 3121 SD2 HD1 CD1 Relating to Funding for Parking for Disabled Persons creates an accessible parking special account within DCAB's special fund. Beginning January 1, 2023, all Hawaii state motor vehicle registration fees will be increased by \$1. The funds will be deposited into the DCAB accessible parking special account. Beginning July 1, 2023, all funding for the statewide parking program for persons with disabilities will come from the accessible parking special account.

G. Van Accessible Spaces

Hawaii Revised Statutes Options: Wheelchair user placard with restrictions on the use of van accessible spaces, wheelchair user placard with self-certification of ramp or lift equipped vehicle (RLEV), restrictions on the use of van accessible spaces, restriction on use of van accessible spaces based on vehicle having a ramp or lift, and requiring more accessible spaces or van accessible spaces than required under Federal Law. Charlotte Townsend commented that state legislation to increase the required number of accessible spaces or van accessible spaces will take a while, perhaps FAU could amend their rules to require more spaces at State and local government facilities.

Public Education Option: "Park with Aloha" concept was discussed. DCAB shared a "Park with Aloha" flyer that has been developed and the flyer could be emailed to the permittees with email addresses and the flyer could be included with all of the DCAB placard renewals and copies provided to the counties.

DCAB could create a "Park with Aloha" public service announcement (PSA) campaign using various types of media to educate the permittees and the public about the use of van accessible spaces for permittees who use a wheelchair or scooter.

The Administrative Rules Option: (1) Require van accessible spaces to be located farthest from the entrance with the exception of spaces that share an 8 foot wide access aisle. (2) This section applies to any covered parking lot constructed or restriped after July 1, 2023 (3) This section applies to all covered parking lots on July 1, 2028.

Require updated signage for van accessible spaces.

DCAB could potentially provide the Park with Aloha Priority Ramp or Lift Equipped Van signs for parking lot owners. Charlotte Townsend suggested that DCAB's Facility Access Unit (FAU) may have some suggestions on signage, and she also mentioned that newer van models have ramps that are launched from the rear door.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion of Plastic Parking Placards and Possible Alternatives to Reduce DCAB's Plastic Waste Stream

Bryan Mick mentioned The Star-Advertiser's Kokua Line article regarding a citizen's concern about DCAB's plastic placards going into the landfill. Violet Horvath suggested that Bryan follow up with Christine Donnelly to assure the public that DCAB's placards are collected, accounted for, and disposed of at the H-Power. Bryan reported that other potential types of placard material like plant based crystalized PBA have two drawbacks. They are significantly more expensive and do not hold up well to high heat.

VII. Open Forum

The U.S. Access Board will propose rules for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, including how to calculate the minimum number.

DCAB staff is working with a graphic designer to create a public service announcement flyer to make the public aware that as of July 1, 2021, temporary and long term permits will no longer confer a parking meter fee exemption.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,



ROMALA SUE RADCLIFFE