

DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Legislative Committee Meeting

March 3, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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

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Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Legislative Committee meetings on each agenda item. Public comment or testimony, if any, shall be presented on each agenda item before the Legislative Committee deliberates on the item. After all public comment or testimony is presented, the Legislative Committee

shall deliberate on the agenda item without further comment or testimony from the public unless further public comment or testimony is requested by the Legislative Committee.

Written Testimony - To ensure the public as well as Committee members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, we request written testimony be submitted 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.

- 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

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. Roll Call/Introductions
- III. Statement from Public and Written Testimonies Submitted
- IV. Bills and Resolutions
 - A. Non-Discrimination

[HB963](#) – Relating to Crimes Against Elders. Establishes strict liability for crimes against elders with respect to the attendant circumstance that the victim was sixty years of age or older. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
 - B. Communication Access
 - C. Service and Other Animals

[HB698](#) – Relating to Animal Cruelty. Amends the criminal penalties for various animal cruelty offenses by increasing the category of offense.
 - Rep Kila Requests Support; Service Animal protections included
 - D. Building Code, Design, and Facility Access

E. Community Based Services and Employment

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[HB1118 HD1](#) – Relating to Non-Medical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements. Prohibits new non-medical immunization exemptions for school-aged children. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB1282 HD1](#) - Relating to Certified Caregivers. Lowers the minimum age for certified caregivers for adult foster homes from twenty-one to eighteen. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB1300 HD1](#) – Relating to Cancer. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos, including an analysis of the health effects and risks of individuals living in close proximity to landfills in Nanakuli, Oahu.

- Rep Kila requests support

F. Transportation and Mobility

G. Emergency Management

H. Administration

I. Other

V. Revisit Monitored Bills

J. Non-Discrimination

[SB116](#) – Relating to Discrimination. Establishes provisions relating to civil remedies for discriminatory reporting to a law enforcement officer. Provides that any person who contacts a law enforcement officer to contact a person on the basis of the person's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, place of birth, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity with the specific intent to infringe upon the person's certain rights shall be civilly liable for resulting damages. Requires the Department of Law Enforcement, in consultation with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, to provide guidance to the public on the enactment of this Act. Effective 9/1/2025. (SD2)

K. Communication Access

L. Service and Other Animals

M. Building Code, Design, and Facility Access

N. Community Based Services and Employment

[SB49 SD 1](#) – Relating to Terminal Illness. Authorizes manufacturers of investigational drugs or biological products that are pending approval by the United States Food and Drug Administration to make the drugs or products available to terminally ill patients under certain conditions. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

[SB189 SD 1](#) – Relating to Breast Cancer. Expands mandatory health insurance coverage for low-dose mammography for occult breast cancer to include any supplemental imaging deemed medically necessary for a patient of any age having an above-average risk for breast cancer as determined by the use of a risk-factor modeling tool. On or before 1/1/2026, expands mandatory health insurance coverage to include additional supplemental imaging for any patient, regardless of age, as deemed medically necessary by the patient's primary care provider. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

[SB642 SD1](#) – Relating to Insurance. Requires all health insurance policies, contracts, plans, and agreements issued or renewed after 12/31/2025, to provide optional coverage for standard fertility preservation services for persons undergoing medically necessary treatment that may cause iatrogenic infertility. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

[SB1322 SD1](#) – Relating Mental Health. Clarifies and expands the circumstances and procedures available for emergency transportation, examination, and hospitalization under chapter 334. Provides limits on liability for state and local governments and professionals during mental

health emergency procedures while performing their duties in the course of employment. Expands the notice requirements for an emergency hospitalization to include an individual's health care surrogate and clarifies when notice to family members can be waived. Removes the authority of the family court to appoint a legal guardian in a proceeding for involuntary hospitalization. Removes the requirement that psychiatric facilities wait for a response on a notice of intent to discharge an involuntary hospitalization patient prior to discharge. Clarifies the circumstances under which a subject of an order for assisted community treatment can be administered medication over the subject's objection. Provides limits on liability for an assisted community treatment provider. Modifies the administrative authorization of medical treatment over the patient's objection to be reviewed by a single decision-maker who is a psychiatrist. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

[SB1422 SD 1](#) – Relating to the Non-General Funds of the Department of Health. Repeals the requirement that a portion of the fees collected for certified copies of certain certificates issued by the Department of Health be deposited to the credit of the general fund. Repeals the Birth Defects Special Fund. Requires a portion of fees collected for marriage licenses to be deposited into the Vital Statistic Improvement Special Fund. (SD1)

[SB1445 SD1](#) – Relating to Mental Health. Establishes a two-year digital youth mental health platform pilot project under which the child and adolescent mental health division of the department of health shall develop and make publicly available a digital platform providing tools and resources designed to help young people address and manage mental health challenges. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

[HB245 HD1](#) – Relating to Student Heat Exposure Safety. Requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and State Public Charter School Commission, to conduct a study on the current practices of managing heat exposure in state public and charter schools to protect students' health during outdoor activities and to develop a plan if the current practices are insufficient in managing heat exposure. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB903 HD 1](#) – Relating to Student Health. Authorizes a school to maintain a stock supply of bronchodilators to be administered under certain conditions. Authorizes certain employees of a school and department personnel to administer certain medication in emergency situations, under certain conditions. Amends prescription drug labeling requirements to include certain information related to a school, if applicable. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

O. Transportation and Mobility

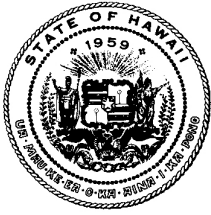
[SB1492](#) – Relating to Mobility Management. Appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, established pursuant to Act 214, SLH 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups.

- P. Emergency Management
 - Q. Administration
 - R. Other
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- 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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MINUTES

Disability and Communication Access Board Legislative Committee Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom and 1010 Richards Street
Kamamalu Building, Room 118

Date: March 3, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Violet Horvath, Chairperson; Summer Kozai, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members; Kirby Shaw, Bryan Mick, Kristine Pagano, Elizabeth Pearson, Staff

ABSENT: Anthony Akamine, Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake, Board Members

PUBLIC

PARTICIPANTS: Peter Fritz, Kammi Koza, Susan Shirachi, Ryan Tamashiro

SIGN LANGUAGE

INTERPRETERS: Keri Lee and Jordan Kotani

REAL TIME

CAPTIONERS: April Chandler and Kelly DeCamp

I. Chairperson Violet Horvath called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

II. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

III. Statement from Public and Written Testimonies Submitted

Elizabeth Pearson, staff, reported that there was no public testimony submitted.

III. Bills and Resolutions

A. [HB963](#) – Relating to Crimes Against Elders. Establishes strict liability for crimes against elders with respect to the attendant circumstance that the victim was sixty years of age or older. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

MOTION: SUPPORT (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend)

B. [HB698](#) – Relating to Animal Cruelty. Amends the criminal penalties for various animal cruelty offenses by increasing the category of offense.

Staff clarified that this measure will not change any content of Act 253.

MOTION: SUPPORT (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend)

- C. [SB838 SD1](#) – Relating to Health Insurance. Requires all health insurers in the State, excluding Medicaid managed care programs, to cover the cost of continuous glucose monitors and related supplies under certain conditions. Applies to insurance policies, contracts, plans, or agreements issued or renewed in the State after 12/31/2025. (SD1)

MOTION: SUPPORT (M/S/P Kozai/Horvath)

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MOTION: MONITOR (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend)

- E. [HB951 HD1](#) – Relating to Prescription Drugs. Allows a patient who has been seen in-person by a physician who is in the same medical group as the prescribing physician to be prescribed an opiate prescription for a three-day supply or less via telehealth. an opiate prescription for a three-day supply or less via telehealth. an opiate prescription for a three-day supply or less via telehealth. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

The Committee discussed the stricter regulations for opiates, which require an in-person doctor visit. While weighing the risks of misuse against the need for timely pain relief, they ultimately supported immediate access to pain management.

MOTION: SUPPORT (M/S/P Horvath/Kozai)

- F. [HB1118 HD1](#) – Relating to Non-Medical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements. Prohibits new non-medical immunization exemptions for school-aged children. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Staff clarified that the bill does not ban religious exemptions but tightens the criteria, limiting them to bona fide religious beliefs. Staff also noted it prohibits new non-medical exemptions, with a grandfather clause for current ones. The Committee expressed general support for immunization and raised concerns about vague language. They agreed to support the bill's intent with comments to strengthen and clarify the wording.

MOTION: SUPPORT INTENT WITH COMMENTS (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend)

- G. [HB1300 HD1](#) – Relating to Cancer. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos, including an analysis of the health effects and risks of individuals living in close proximity to landfills in Nanakuli, Oahu.

The Committee expressed appreciation for resilience factors and emphasized the importance of analyzing social determinants of health, particularly for

under-researched groups like Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos. They also noted that funding comes from the state, alleviating concerns about potential federal cuts to similar initiatives.

MOTION: SUPPORT INTENT (M/S/P Townsend/Horvath)

- H. [SB1422 SD1](#) – Relating to the Non-General Funds of the Department of Health. Repeals the requirement that a portion of the fees collected for certified copies of certain certificates issued by the Department of Health be deposited to the credit of the general fund. Repeals the Birth Defects Special Fund. Requires a portion of fees collected for marriage licenses to be deposited into the Vital Statistic Improvement Special Fund. (SD1)

MOTION: SUPPORT INTENT (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend)

- IV. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for the Board's agenda at the next meeting.

There were no comments.

- V. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2025, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- VI. Chairperson Violet Horvath adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

ELIZABETH PEARSON