



# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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## **DRAFT MINUTES** **Standing Committee on Parking Meeting**

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

Date: May 7, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Summer Kozai, Chairperson; Violet Horvath, Gerald Ohta, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members; Bryan Mick, Elizabeth Pearson, Romala Sue Radcliffe; Staff

**GUESTS:** Gita Nofieka Dwijayati, Donald Sakamoto

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- II. Chairperson Summer Kozai reported no written public testimony was submitted.
- III. The Committee approved the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes as circulated (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend).
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that in the third quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024, around seven thousand five hundred (7,500) placards were issued. Four hundred (400) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, about two thousand (2,000) were temporary and five thousand four hundred (5,400) were long term. DCAB issued two thousand two hundred (2,200) long term placards and twenty six (26) Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP). The placard renewal rate was sixty-six percent (66%).
  - B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations

For the third quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024, DCAB emailed one thousand two hundred twenty one (1,221) permittees to notify them of their pending permit expirations.
  - C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

The long term placards, temporary placards, and decals should be delivered to DCAB in May.
  - D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

Four thousand three hundred sixty-five (4,365) death retrieval letters and pre-paid envelopes were mailed to the estates of deceased permittees to retrieve the placards. To date, thirty three percent (33%) of the placards were returned to DCAB. Three percent (3%) were reported as lost and fourteen percent (14%) of the letters were returned as undeliverable.

E. Public Education Efforts

Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

Six (6) inquiries were submitted through the webpage to report abuse of a disability parking permit. Two (2) letters were sent to permittees.

Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces

One (1) submission was made to the webpage on a non-design compliant parking space at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor parking lot.

To advertise the webpages, DCAB contacted the Midweek's Voice sectional. DCAB could also pay the sectional to advertise the webpages. Staff could also work with Oahu's neighborhood boards.

F. Van Accessible Spaces

Voluntary Informational Sign for Van Accessible Spaces at Places of Public Accommodation

Kirby Shaw is still reviewing the press release about the informational sign. The press release will be sent to the Department of Health's (DOH) Communication Office for distribution once it is approved.

Letter to Retail Merchants of Hawaii

Kirby Shaw is also reviewing the letter to the Retail Merchants Association requesting additional accessible and van accessible parking spaces that exceed the ADA minimums, voluntary installation of the priority for side ramp or lift signs, and a self-inspection to verify their current accessible parking spaces for compliance with federal and state design requirements.

Requesting Private Entities with Parking Facilities to Consider Providing Accessible Parking Spaces and or van Accessible Spaces that Exceeds the Minimum Number Required by the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and Other Accessibility Considerations

DCAB will continue to seek ways to encourage ADA Title III entities to create additional accessible parking spaces.

G. Draft Legislation

Travel Placard

Bryan Mick explained that House Bill (HB) 2447 (HD) 1/Senate Bill (SB) 3136 Senate Draft (SD) 1 died. The bill would have allowed someone with an existing parking permit to obtain a second parking permit for travel and the parking permit would expire the last day of the month following their return travel date. This bill was not given a hearing date when it crossed over to the Senate.

HB 2446 HD 2 Senate Draft (SD) 2/SB 3135 SD1 Related to Parking for Disabled Persons

Bryan Mick reported this bill died. This bill would have authorized the Examiner of Drivers to suspend a driver's license of a person who violates certain regulations relating to the use of disability parking permits. This would have required amending the parking statute so that using a placard issued to a deceased person is a separate violation from other types of illegal use.

The bill would have remitted fifty percent (50%) of fines imposed from citations for violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 291, Part III to the agencies that issued the citations.

The bill would also have authorized the counties to enforce accessible parking space design requirements at places of public accommodation-and would have provided a local mechanism when people observe non-compliant accessible parking spaces.

Seeking innovative ways to enhance parking violations, Kirby Shaw and Bryan Mick will meet with the Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement. DCAB will seek a partnership with the new agency to discuss enforcement efforts.

V. New Business

A. Review of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Plan of Action and Recommendations for FY 2024-2025 Plan of Action.

Committee members reviewed the Plan and will vote on recommendations at the DCAB July Board meeting.

B. State Capitol Building, Parking and Accessibility Concerns

DCAB staff noticed twelve (12) accessibility concerns while testifying at the Capitol. Committee members suggested DCAB draft a letter on the accessibility concerns to send to the Governor.

VI. Open Forum

There were no comments.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROMALA SUE RADCLIFFE