



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Legislative Committee Meeting

May 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Pursuant to Section 92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) will be meeting remotely using interactive conference technology. If the audiovisual connection cannot be maintained the meeting will recess, and if it is not restored within 30 minutes, the meeting is automatically adjourned. 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/81990708558?pwd=YjFvb2JsS3YwUnllbjZ3dXgvbXd6Zz09>

and enter Meeting ID: 819 9070 8558 Passcode: 123

To join by phone

Dial 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 819 9070 8558 Passcode: 123

Public Testimony

Testimony or comments presented by members of the public during Legislative Committee meetings shall be limited to two minutes per agenda item. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a reasonable amount of additional time shall be afforded to persons with a communication disability to present testimony or comments, if needed. Any person who needs additional time to present testimony or comments is encouraged to contact the DCAB office in advance of the meeting. This rule shall be placed at the beginning of all Legislative Committee meeting agendas.

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 – Written testimony submitted prior to the meeting will be provided to the board members and made available for the public to review. We encourage written testimony to be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to allow time adequate time for review.

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

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- 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. Approval of Legislative Committee Minutes of March 18, 2024
- V. Update on 2024 Legislative Session (adjourned May 3, 2024)
 - A. Metrics - Number of bills and resolutions on which DCAB took a position, number of written testimonies submitted, and number of hearings at which staff testified.
 - B. Update on final action taken on bills relating to DCAB programs.
 1. [HB 2446 HD2](#) / [SB 3135 SD1](#) - Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Authorizes the Examiner of Drivers to suspend the driver's license of a person who violates certain regulations relating to the use of disability parking permits. Authorizes each county to enact ordinances to enforce the design and construction requirements for the provision of accessible parking spaces, including the establishment of

penalties for failure to comply with the ordinances. Remits 50 percent of any fine for a violation of HRS Part III to the agency which issues the citation.

2. [HB 2447 HD1](#) / [SB 3136](#) – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Establishes a disability travel placard to be issued to an existing permittee for use at the travel destination.
3. [SB 3290 SD2](#) – Relating to American Sign Language. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to convene a working group to study the state of American Sign Language in Hawaii.

C. Update on final action taken on other bills on which DCAB took a position.

1. [HB 1580 HD1](#) – Relating to Animal Cruelty. Amends the penalty for causing injury or death to a service animal from a felony Class C to a Class B, and for intentional interference with the use of a service animal from a misdemeanor to a felony Class C.
2. [HB 1598 HD1](#) – Relating to the Sunshine Law. Requires board meeting packets to be available 2 business days before the meeting instead of 48 hours before.
3. [HB 1675 HD1](#) – Relating to the General Excise Tax. Beginning 1/1/2025, exempts medical services provided by physicians and advanced practice registered nurses acting in the capacity of a primary care provider from the general excise tax.
4. [HB 1699](#) – Relating to General Excise Tax. Exempts food and medical services from the general excise tax. However, does not extend the food exemption to people who receive supplemental security income benefits, or disability or blindness payments under Title I, II, X, XIV, or XVI or the Social Security, persons sixty years of age or over and persons who are physically or mentally handicapped or otherwise disabled that they are unable to adequately prepare all of their meals, meals prepared for and delivered to them and their spouses at their home by a public or private nonprofit organization or by a private establishment that contracts with the appropriate state agency to perform such services at concessional prices; or disabled or blind recipients of benefits under Title I, II, X, XIV, or XVI or the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq., 401 et seq., 1201 et seq., 1351 et seq., 1381 et seq.), who are residents in a public or private nonprofit group living arrangement that serves no more than sixteen residents and is certified by the appropriate state agency or agencies, meals prepared and served under such arrangement.
5. [HB 1889 HD1](#) – Relating to Workers Compensation Medical Benefits. Expands workers' compensation medical benefits for firefighters to

include coverage for breast cancer and cancer of the female reproductive organs.

6. [HB 1977 HD1](#) / [SB2750](#) – Relating to Braille Literacy. Establishes state policy to promote braille literacy for blind students. Requires the individualized education programs of blind students to include the instruction of Braille and provision of Braille instructional materials under certain circumstances. Requires the Department of Education to establish a Braille Literacy Resource Center.
7. [SB 2503 SD2](#) – Relating to Equity. Requires all places of public accommodation and state building constructions constructed after 12/31/24 to provide universal changing accommodations that are equally accessible regardless of gender. Requires state building construction projects that are bid after 6/30/2025 to include universal changing accommodations that are equally accessible regardless of gender, when doing so is feasible and cost effective.
8. [SB 3002 SD1](#) – Making an Appropriation to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, Established Pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. Makes an appropriation to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups.

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 need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to disability, contact Scott Castor at (808) 586-8121 or email dcab@doh.hawaii.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled.

Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible 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, Hawai'i 96813 and on DCAB's website at: <https://health.Hawai'i.gov/dcab/dcab-agendas-and-minutes/>