

# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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#### NOTICE OF MEETING

# Disability and Communication Access Board Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

January 18, 2023

1:00 p.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, Hawaii 96813

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- By email to: <a href="mailto:dcab@doh.hawaii.gov">dcab@doh.hawaii.gov</a>
- 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. Introductions
- III. Written Public Testimonies Submitted ReviewA. Request to amend state law to allow two long term placards.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2022.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics Update.
  - B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations Update.
  - C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals Update.
  - D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval Update.
  - E. Public Education Efforts.
    - 1. Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse Number of Submissions Update.
    - 2. Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces Number of Submissions Update.
    - 3. Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permit, Public Service Announcement in Midweek
  - F. Van Accessible Spaces
    - 1. Request State and local governments to increase the number of accessible and/or van accessible parking spaces at their facilities.
    - 2. Public Education Options: "Park with Aloha" theme.
      - A. Voluntary Signs for Van Accessible Spaces Update.
      - B. User Guide 2023 Update.

- Draft Letter Requesting private entities with parking facilities to consider providing accessible parking spaces and/or van accessible parking spaces that exceed the minimum number required by the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and other accessibility considerations.
- G. Proposed Draft Amendment to Hawaii Revised Statutes §291-58 to authorize the Counties to enforce the requirements for the minimum number of accessible parking spaces, minimum number of van accessible parking spaces and other accessible parking space design requirements, at places of public accommodation.

# VI. New Business

- A. Proposed change in HRS penalty for misuse of placard.
- B. Proposed changes to design of Hawaii Disability Parking Placards.
  - 1. No Parking Fee Exemption
  - 2. Penalty for misuse (if HRS is amended)
- VII. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration on a future Committee agenda.
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

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#### **MINUTES**

# Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

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

Date: January 18, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Summer Kozai, Chairperson; Violet Horvath, Gerald Ohta, Charlotte

Townsend Board Members; Kirby Shaw, Bryan Mick, Curtis Motoyama,

Romala Sue Radcliffe, Staff

ABSENT: Pauline Aughe, Board Member

I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

- II. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.
- III. Chairperson Summer Kozai reported one (1) testimony was submitted to request an amendment to the State law to allow for two long term placards so that one may be sued at the airport. Staff mentioned that California provides its residents a travel placard for this purpose. The Committee adopted a motion that the exploration of a travel placard be made a part of the next Plan of Action (M/S/P Ohta/Townsend).
- IV. The Committee approved the November 10, 2022 meeting minutes (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend).

# V. Old Business

# A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that in the second quarter of fiscal year 2023, approximately seven thousand two hundred (7,200) placards were issued. Three hundred twenty (320) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, one thousand eight hundred (1,800) were temporary. Five thousand three hundred (5,300) were long term. DCAB issued two thousand four hundred (2,400) long term placards and thirty four (34) Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP). The placard renewal rate was sixty three percent (63%).

B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations

This quarter, DCAB emailed nine hundred sixty nine (969) permittees to notify them of their pending permit expirations.

# C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

The year 2030 and all month decals will be procured.

# D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

Estates of the four thousand three hundred forty four (4,344) deceased permittees were contacted by mail. As of January 9, 2023, one thousand seven hundred (1,700) placards were returned, three hundred fifty (350) placards were reported as lost and six hundred (600) letters were returned to DCAB as undeliverable.

# E. Public Education Efforts

# Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

During the second quarter of fiscal year 2023, eight (8) inquiries were submitted through the webpage to report abuse of a disability parking permit.

# Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces

Zero (0) submissions were made to the webpage.

# <u>Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permit, Public Service Announcement in</u> Midweek

DCAB ran a public service announcement in the December 14, 2022, issue of Midweek to remind permitees that permits no longer confer a parking meter fee exemption.

# F. Van Accessible Spaces

A draft letter was reviewed by Committee members to ask Governor Green to install more accessible spaces and van accessible spaces in addition to those required under the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines at State parking lots. Seeking broader consensus, Committee members suggested prior to sending the letter to the Governor that DCAB staff contact the departments who maintain the larger State parking lots such as the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Department of Transportation to seek their cooperation.

Bryan Mick spoke with the City and County of Honolulu Council staff about revising Ordinance of Honolulu 15-24-11. This could be amended to apply to all City lots and insert a parking chart that mirrors the ADA brackets but has higher numbers for larger parking lots. The fines in section (e) of the Ordinance also need to be updated to conform with State law. The Council staff were not in favor as they worried about existing contracts with parking lot vendors and the impact this might have on revenue. The letter to the Governor could be edited and sent to the County Mayors instead.

A graphic artist will provide a draft of the design of the metal voluntary information sign for places of public accommodation to place at their van accessible parking spaces, "Park with Aloha". These signs could alert drivers of the need to keep van accessible spaces available for side lift or ramp equipped vehicles when possible.

The User Guide now includes a "Park with Aloha" flyer that was developed to educate permittees and the public about the need to keep van accessible spaces usable for vans. Flyers were provided to the Counties; the flyer is issued with all permits.

Draft of Letter to Request Parking Lot Owners to Provide Accessible Parking Spaces That Exceeds the Minimum Number Required by the ADA Accessibility Guidelines

Bryan Mick provided a draft letter and Committee members made several suggestions to add in a graphic about van space design and a table of recommended spaces. The letter will be revised to include these suggestions.

Proposed Draft Amendment to the Section 291-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes to Authorize the Counties to Enforce the Requirements for the Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces, Minimum number of Van Accessible Parking Spaces and Other Accessible Parking Space Design Requirements, at Places of Public Accommodation

Committee members reviewed a fact sheet and a bill to change Section 291-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with suggested amendments authorizing the Counties to adopt ordinances enabling them to enforce the number, location, signage, and design of accessible parking spaces. This is identical to how the State Legislature approached the requirement for large parking lots to provide electric vehicle (EV) charging spaces. The bill will be introduced by Senator Chris Lee.

# VI. New Business

# Proposed Change to HRS – Penalty for Misuse of Placard

Bryan Mick shared the State of Illinois's motor vehicle code for unauthorized use of placards which includes stiffer penalties for the use of a deceased permittee's placard. The placard reads: "...unauthorized use may result in a \$600 fee and the suspension of Driver's Licenses."

#### Proposed Changes to Design of Hawaii Disability Parking Placard

Committee members suggested that DCAB staff continue to look for ways to enhance the Hawaii Disability Parking Placard.

# VII. Open Forum

Committee member Gerald Ohta asked about placards from Japan. Bryan Mick explained the processed DCAB uses to assist Japanese visitors who bring their Japanese placards to use while visiting Hawaii.

# VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

# IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

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