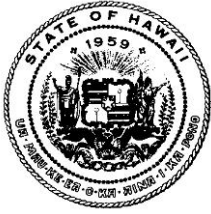


PARKING COMMITTEE 1/13/25

LIST OF BOARD PACKET DOCUMENTS

1. Parking Committee Agenda for 1/13/25.
2. Parking Committee Draft Minutes for 9/24/24.
3. Parking Committee Draft Minutes for 11/15/24.
4. Parking Permit data analysis report for October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.
5. Parking Committee report (various statistics relating to parking program).
6. Photo of obstructed accessible parking space.
7. Updated informational poster for parking permit issuing locations.
8. Draft Press Release
9. Letter sent to Retail Merchants Association.
10. Letter sent to Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.
11. Letter regarding concerns with the accessibility of the State Capitol building.
12. Draft Legislation – Establishing a surcharge for accessible parking space violations and distributing 50 percent of the fine to county police departments.
13. Draft Legislation – Authorizing counties to adopt and enforce design standards for accessible parking spaces.
14. Draft Legislation – Establishing a travel placard to be used by Hawaii residents when they travel.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

January 13, 2025
12:00 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

Participate Virtually via Zoom

Click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser window:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83016345634> and enter Meeting ID: 830 1634 5634.

To join by phone

Dial 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 830 1634 5634.

Public Testimony

Oral testimony - Members of the public may present comment or testimony on each agenda item.

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.

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

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. Written Public Testimonies Submitted - Review
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2024, and November 15, 2024.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Disability Parking Placard Issuance Statistics for Quarter 2 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – Update.
 - B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations for Quarter 2 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – Update.
 - C. Procurement of Disability Parking Placards and Month/Year Decals – Update.
 - D. Death Records Crossmatch and Disability 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. Television Public Service Announcements.
 4. Updated Posters for Issuing Locations.
 - F. Van Accessible Spaces
 1. Public Education Options: “Park with Aloha” Theme.
 - A. Voluntary Informational Signs for Van Accessible Spaces at Places of Public Accommodation – Update.
 - (1) Draft Press Release.
 - (2) Letter to Retail Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce.
 - G. State Capitol Building, Parking, and Accessibility Concerns - Update.

- H. United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - [Accessibility of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations](#). – Update
 - I. Possible State Legislation
 - 1. Sharing fines for accessible parking space violations using [Hawaii Revised Statutes §291C-111 \(c\)](#) state highway enforcement program surcharge as a model.
 - 2. Authorizing the Counties to enforce design guidelines for accessible parking spaces.
 - 3. Establishing a disability parking travel placard for Hawaii residents to use when traveling off island.
 - J. Concern with medical facilities that only accept parking payment via smartphone and public transportation systems considering eliminating cash.
- VI. New Business
- A. Meetings with Parking Enforcement Agency Officials
 - 1. New Corporal in charge of City and County of Honolulu Volunteer Special Enforcement Officer Program (VSEO)
 - 2. City and County of Honolulu Police Chief Joe Logan (pending)
 - 3. City and County of Honolulu Council Chair Tommy Waters (pending)
 - B. Proposed procedure to send warning letters to vehicle owners who use fraudulently manufactured or altered placards.
- VII. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration on a future Committee agenda.
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Cindy Omura at (808) 586-8121 or 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 available for inspection at the DCAB office located at 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 and on the DCAB website at: <https://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/dcab-agendas-and-minutes/>.



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DRAFT MINUTES

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom and 1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Date: September 24, 2024
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPANT: Alberto Perez

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- II. Chairperson Summer Kozai reported no written public testimony was submitted.
- III. The Committee approved the July 10, 2024 meeting minutes (M/S/P Horvath/Ohta).

IV. Old Business

A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that in the first two (2) months of fiscal year 2024-2025, around five thousand five hundred (5,500) placards were issued. Two hundred fifty (250) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, about one thousand four hundred (1,400) were temporary and four thousand (4,000) were long term. DCAB issued one thousand seven hundred (1,700) long term placards and eighteen (18) Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP). The placard renewal rate was seventy two percent (72%).

B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations

Bryan Mick reported that in the first two (2) months of fiscal year 2024-2025, DCAB emailed one thousand two hundred ninety-two (1,292) permittees to notify them of their pending permit expirations. Applications were attached to the emails.

C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

The procurement process for month and year decals has begun.

D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

Four thousand three hundred sixty five (4,365) death retrieval letters were sent out to the estates of permittees to retrieve the placards. Thirty-six percent (36%) of the placards were returned to DCAB.

E. Public Education Efforts

Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

Four (4) inquiries were submitted through the DCAB webpage to report abuse of a disability parking permit. Two (2) letters were sent to permittees as a result.

Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces

Four (4) submissions were made to the webpage on a non-design compliant parking space issue. DCAB sent one inquiry to Windward Mall and the Target store, who both replied that they would investigate and correct the situation.

Meeting with Spectrum – Television Public Service Announcements

Spectrum contacted DCAB to gauge our interest in airing television public service announcements (PSA). Several Department of Health agencies and programs such as the Newborn Safe Sleep Infant Project and the Fetal Alcohol Prevention Program have used Spectrum to create PSAs. Bryan Mick met with Spectrum and requested a quote. The Committee expressed their support for staff pursuing this effort.

Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permit Public Service Announcement

DCAB ran a print PSA in “Midweek” for the week of August 7, 2024. The PSA reminded readers about the end of the meter fee exemption for temporary and long term placards.

F. Van Accessible Spaces

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

Kirby Shaw is reviewing the press release about the informational sign. The press release will be sent to the Department of Health’s (DOH) Public Information Officer for distribution.

Letter to Retail Merchants Association of Hawaii and Chamber of Commerce

Kirby Shaw is reviewing the draft letter to the Retail Merchants Association of Hawaii and to the Chamber of Commerce.

G. State Capitol Building, Parking, and Accessibility Concerns

Bryan Mick shared a revised draft letter to state officials listing multiple accessibility concerns that DCAB staff observed last legislative session. Staff attended a bill signing ceremony in the Governor's Office and discovered that the ceremonial desk is arranged such that anyone using a mobility device is unable to go behind the desk and participate in the ceremony and photo. This issue was added to the letter.

V. New Business

A. Meetings with Parking Enforcement Agencies

Staff met with the Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) Chief to discuss parking enforcement efforts. DOCARE will remind its officers that citations should be issued for violation of accessible parking spaces even if not on DOCARE property.

A meeting with the City and County of Honolulu's Police Chief is pending.

B. Electric Vehicle License Plates and Disability Plates

The Department of Transportation inquired with DCAB about a license plate design that depicts both an electric vehicle designation and a disability symbol. Bryan Mick informed them there is no such license plate in the State of Hawaii.

Possible State Legislation

Bryan Mick shared three (3) DCAB bills that may be included in the Governor's 2025 package: (1) Sharing fines for accessible parking space violations using the existing state highway enforcement program surcharge as a model, (2) authorizing the Counties to enforce design guidelines for accessible parking spaces, and (3) establishing a disability parking travel placard for Hawaii residents to use when traveling off island.

C. United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Accessibility of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

A brief discussion was held, and the topic will be discussed at the DCAB full Board on September 26, 2024.

VI. Open Forum

None.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

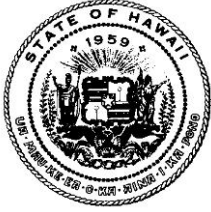
VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROMALA SUE RADCLIFFE



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DRAFT MINUTES **Standing Committee on Parking Meeting**

Location: Virtual via Zoom and 1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Date: November 15, 2024
Time: 11:00 a.m.

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

SIGN LANGUAGE

INTERPRETER: Regina Sapko

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
- II. Chairperson Summer Kozai reported no written public testimony was submitted.
- III. The Committee approved the October 3, 2024, meeting minutes as circulated (M/S/P Ohta/Horvath). The September 13, 2024, meeting minutes were deferred.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that, around eight thousand (8,000) placards were issued. Four hundred (400) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, about two thousand two hundred (2,200) were temporary and five thousand nine hundred (5,900) were long term. DCAB issued two thousand five hundred (2,500) long term placards and thirty two (32) Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP). The placard renewal rate was seventy two percent (72%).
 - 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 ninety two (1,292) permittees to notify them of their pending permit expirations.
 - C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

DCAB received 140,000 month and year decals.
 - D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

Four thousand (4,000) death record of permittees were flagged by the Department of Health's Vital Records section. DCAB will update the database and mail retrieval letters with pre-paid envelopes to the estates of deceased permittees to retrieve the placards. The goal is to have the letter ready to mail in January.

E. Public Education Efforts

Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

Four (4) 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

Five (5) submissions were made to the webpage on a non-design compliant parking space.

Meeting with Television Public Service Announcement Providers

Staff met with several television stations about the possibility of producing and airing a public service announcement (PSA) on accessible parking.

Updating Posters for Issuing Locations

Staff observed several County issuing locations displaying an old poster designed by DCAB regarding how to renew a long term placard. Staff updated the poster design and will ask the issuing locations and other places if they can display it.

F. Van Accessible Spaces

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

Kirby Shaw is still reviewing the draft press release about the informational sign.

Letter to Retail Merchants of Hawaii

Kirby Shaw is ready to send 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.

G. State Capitol Building, Parking, and Accessibility Concerns

The letter was submitted to the Department of Health's Director along with a request to submit it to the Governor and Legislative leadership.

H. United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Accessibility of Electric Vehicle
Charging Stations – Update Draft Legislation

Staff submitted testimony on behalf of the Board, the deadline was November 4, 2024.

I. Possible State Legislation

Counties to enforce accessible parking space design

This bill will allow counties to enforce accessible parking space design requirements at places of public accommodation and will provide a local enforcement mechanism when people observe non-compliant accessible parking spaces.

Travel Placard

This bill will allow 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.

Related to Parking for Disabled Persons

The bill would impose an additional surcharge or fine for violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 291, Part III and remit fifty percent (50%) to the police department in the county where the violation occurred.

V. New Business

A. Meeting with Parking Enforcement Agencies

In an effort to increase enforcement of accessible parking laws, Kirby Shaw and Bryan Mick have meet with the Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Land and Natural Resources as both Departments have uniformed officers who issues citations. Staff is still trying to meet with the Honolulu Police Chief.

B. Concerns With Medical Facilities That Only Accept Parking
Payments VIA Smartphones

Staff received a complaint about a private parking lot serving a medical building that only accepts parking payment via an app. The concern is many older people do not have smart phones and are therefore unable to make payment. This policy does not appear to violate the ADA, although reasonable modifications might be required on a case by case basis. However, the Office of Aging might introduce a bill requiring alternate forms of payment be accepted as their constituency is highly impacted by an app only payment system.

VI. Open Forum

A discussion was held on the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport interisland reserved accessible parking spaces where it occurs able construction workers enroute to the neighbor islands are using permits which may not belong to them. Committee members would love for an enforcement agency to be present in the morning or afternoon when they all return and ask them to produce the identification card establishing that the placard was issued to them. Staff will follow up with the airport and police.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROMALA SUE RADCLIFFE



Disability Parking Permit System
 Disability and Communication Access Board
 Department of Health • State of Hawaii



PARKING DATA ANALYSIS
01/09/2025

7842 Total # of Placards Issued

By Station (31)

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 00 DCAB: 2417 | 15 Hawaii Kai: 357 |
| 01 Administration: 95 | 20 Kahului: 358 |
| 02 Ala Moana: 554 | 21 Kihei: 97 |
| 03 Chinatown 94 | 22 Lahaina: 67 |
| 04: 0 | 23 Pukalani: 78 |
| 05: 0 | 24 Hana: 12 |
| 06 Kapalama Hale: 326 | 25 Molokai: 42 |
| 07 Kapolei: 666 | 26 Lanai: 10 |
| 08: 0 | 30 Lihue: 293 |
| 09 Pearlridge: 719 | 31 Kapaa: 0 |
| 0A: 0 | 40 Hilo: 514 |
| 10 Wahiawa: 300 | 41 Kona: 330 |
| 11 Waianae: 131 | 50: 0 |
| 12 Windward City: 382 | 60: 0 |
| 13: 0 | XX DCAB GK: 0 |
| 14: 0 | |

By County and DCAB

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| Honolulu: 3624 | Kauai: 293 | Maui: 664 | Hawaii: 844 |
| DCAB: 2417 | | | |

5645 Permanent Placards by County and DCAB

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|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Honolulu: 2111 | Kauai: 191 | Maui: 394 | Hawaii: 565 |
| DCAB: 2384 | | | |

2171 Temporary Placards by County and DCAB

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|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Honolulu: 1513 | Kauai: 101 | Maui: 269 | Hawaii: 279 |
| DCAB: 9 | | | |

341 License Plates Issued

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| Honolulu: 98 | Kauai: 9 | Maui: 40 | Hawaii: 35 |
| DCAB: 159 | | | |

3802 First Time Placards by County and DCAB

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|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Honolulu: 2543 | Kauai: 222 | Maui: 429 | Hawaii: 598 |
| DCAB: 10 | | | |

2428 First Time Long Term Placards by County and DCAB

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|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Honolulu: 1585 | Kauai: 153 | Maui: 260 | Hawaii: 428 |
| DCAB: 2 | | | |

3239 Renewal Placards by County and DCAB

Honolulu: 623 Kauai: 21 Maui: 96 Hawaii: 111
DCAB: 2388

777 Replacement Placards by County and DCAB

Honolulu: 456 Kauai: 47 Maui: 138 Hawaii: 135
DCAB: 1

51 Mutilated Placards by County and DCAB

Honolulu: 31 Kauai: 2 Maui: 4 Hawaii: 14
DCAB: 0

20 First Hawaii DPPEP Placards by County and DCAB

Honolulu: 0 Kauai: 2 Maui: 0 Hawaii: 0
DCAB: 18

3 Renewal of Hawaii DPPEP Placards by County and DCAB

Honolulu: 1 Kauai: 1 Maui: 1 Hawaii: 0
DCAB: 0

1 Replacement of Hawaii DPPEP Placards by County and DCAB

Honolulu: 1 Kauai: 0 Maui: 0 Hawaii: 0
DCAB: 0

0 Replacement of Mutilated Hawaii DPPEP Placards by County and DCAB

Honolulu: 0 Kauai: 0 Maui: 0 Hawaii: 0
DCAB: 0

\$34,296.00 Total Amount of Money Collected by County and DCAB

Honolulu: \$23,274.00 Kauai: \$1,770.00 Maui: \$4,470.00 Hawaii: \$4,650.00
DCAB: \$132.00

\$29,724.00 Calculated Amount for Counties to Invoice

Honolulu: (1616) x \$12.00 = \$19,392.00 Kauai: (155) x \$12.00 = \$1,860.00
Maui: (264) x \$12.00 = \$3,168.00 Hawaii: (442) x \$12.00 = \$5,304.00

PARKING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 2025

The parking committee met on January 13, 2025.

Parking Program Issuance and Statistics – Update

In the second quarter of FY 2024-2025, around 8,000 placards were issued and 350 special license plates reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, about 2,200 were temporary, 5,600 long term, and 23 were Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits. Of the long-term placards, about 2,400 were renewals issued by DCAB. The renewal rate was 68 percent.

Other Parking Activities from the Plan of Action

In the second quarter of the Fiscal Year:

2,084 emails were sent reminding permittees of a pending permit expiration.

Procurement of 23,000 temp and long term placards has begun.

A crosscheck with Vital Record flagged 3,700 records.

3 submissions were received via the webpage to report parking placard misuse and two letter were sent.

7 submissions were received via the webpage to report a non-design complaint space. One follow up with a business was conducted to confirm they had a design compliant accessible space which had been moved.

Staff met with the new Corporal in charge of Honolulu's Volunteer Special Enforcement Officer Program and is in the process of scheduling a meeting with a Deputy Police Chief to discuss the program.

Staff sent the Retail Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce a letter DCAB previously sent directly to large parking lot owners requesting they increase the number of accessible parking spaces and asked them to share it with their members.

There are three bills under review for possible submission that would impact the parking program. (1) Creates a travel placard for Hawaii residents to use when travelling (2) Authorizes the counties to enforce accessible parking design requirements (3) Establishes a special accessible parking space violation fine and remits 50 percent of the surcharge to the county police.



DISABILITY PARKING PERMIT APPLICATIONS IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Disability parking permit application form PA3 is available at county issuing agencies, the Disability and Communication Access Board, most medical facilities, by calling (808) 586-8121, or online at <http://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/>.

Take the application form to your LICENSED PRACTICING PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PAC) or ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN) and have them complete SIDE TWO. Make sure they sign, date, and fill in their medical license number. Complete side one before submitting.

If you were certified for:

1. Six month (red) temporary placard; or
2. Six year (blue) long term placard for the first time

You must submit the form to a county issuing agency:
Satellite City Hall (City and County of Honolulu),
Office of Aging (County of Hawaii),
Division of Motor Vehicles and Licensing (County of Maui),
Division of Motor Vehicles (County of Kauai).



If you were certified for:

1. A renewal of a six year (blue) long term placard; or
2. A Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permit (green) placard*

Mail the completed form and a COPY of your valid ID (e.g., driver's license, State ID, military ID, Handi-Van pass or Medicare card) to:

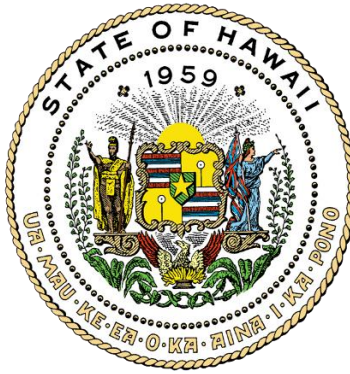
Disability and Communication Access Board
P.O. Box 3377
Honolulu, HI 96801



*For a Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permit, a copy of your valid driver's license must be included.

Please allow 7 working days for processing.

When you receive your new placard and blue ID card, you will also receive a postage paid Business Reply Mail envelope. Please insert your expired placard and blue ID card into the envelope and mail it back.



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**DESIGN FOR VAN ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES
"PRIORITY SIGN FOR LIFT OR RAMP EQUIPPED VEHICLES" RELEASED**



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 2, 2025

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HONOLULU, Hawai'i – The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), Hawai'i Department of Health, has introduced a new voluntary sign for use at reserved van-accessible parking spaces. This sign is intended for state and local governments, as well as private businesses, to place in spaces designated for van-accessible parking. It highlights that priority for these spaces should be given to side ramp or lift equipped vehicles (SRLVs).

Van-accessible parking spaces are designed to accommodate SRLVs, which require additional space to safely deploy their ramps or lifts. These spaces are typically 8 feet wide, with an extra 3 feet of width either in the parking space itself or the adjacent access aisle. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 1 in every 6 accessible parking spaces in a parking facility must be designated as van accessible. While these spaces can be used by any vehicle displaying a valid disability parking permit, regardless of whether it has a side ramp or lift, the spaces are critical for SRLVs. When these spaces are occupied by non-SRLVs, individuals with SRLVs are unable to park, exit their vehicle, or access their destination.

“Vehicles without side ramps or lifts parking in van-accessible spaces, especially when standard accessible spaces are available, is one of the most common complaints we receive from SRLV permit holders,” said DCAB Executive Director Kirby Shaw. “Our goal is to encourage those who can use standard accessible parking to do so, thereby keeping van-accessible spaces open for those who need them. This initiative is part of our ‘Park with Aloha’ campaign, which aims to improve Hawaii's parking program for individuals with disabilities.”

The new sign design can be downloaded and printed from the DCAB website: [Sign Download](#).

About the “Park with Aloha” Campaign

The “Park with Aloha” campaign encourages individuals to extend the spirit of Aloha to parking, reminding drivers that it's not enough to “Drive with Aloha”—you must also “Park with Aloha”.

About DCAB

To learn more about the Disability and Communication Access Board, visit [DCAB About Us](#).

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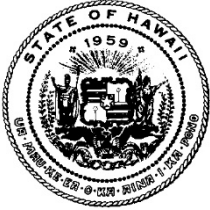
Kirby L. Shaw

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November 26, 2024

Retail Merchants of Hawaii
Attn: Tina Yamaki, President



Dear Retail Merchants of Hawaii:

Last year, the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) mailed the attached letter to several hundred places of public accommodation as defined under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These businesses had previously been identified as having parking lots with 100 or more total parking spaces. We wanted to request your assistance in forwarding the letter to your members as some of them may not have been on that mailing list.

The letter contains three requests. We are asking them to provide additional accessible and van accessible parking spaces in excess of the ADA required minimums. We have included a suggested chart. We are asking that locations with two or more accessible parking spaces voluntarily install our “priority for vehicles with a side ramp or lift” sign on their van accessible spaces. And finally, we are requesting that existing accessible parking spaces are checked to make sure they are in compliance with federal and state design requirements and best practices.

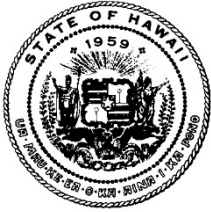
We have also attached an image depicting how the voluntary “priority for vehicles with a side ramp or lift” sign on their van accessible spaces would appear once installed.

Any assistance you can provide by circulating the letter to your membership would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

KIRBY L. SHAW
Executive Director

Attachments



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October 9, 2023

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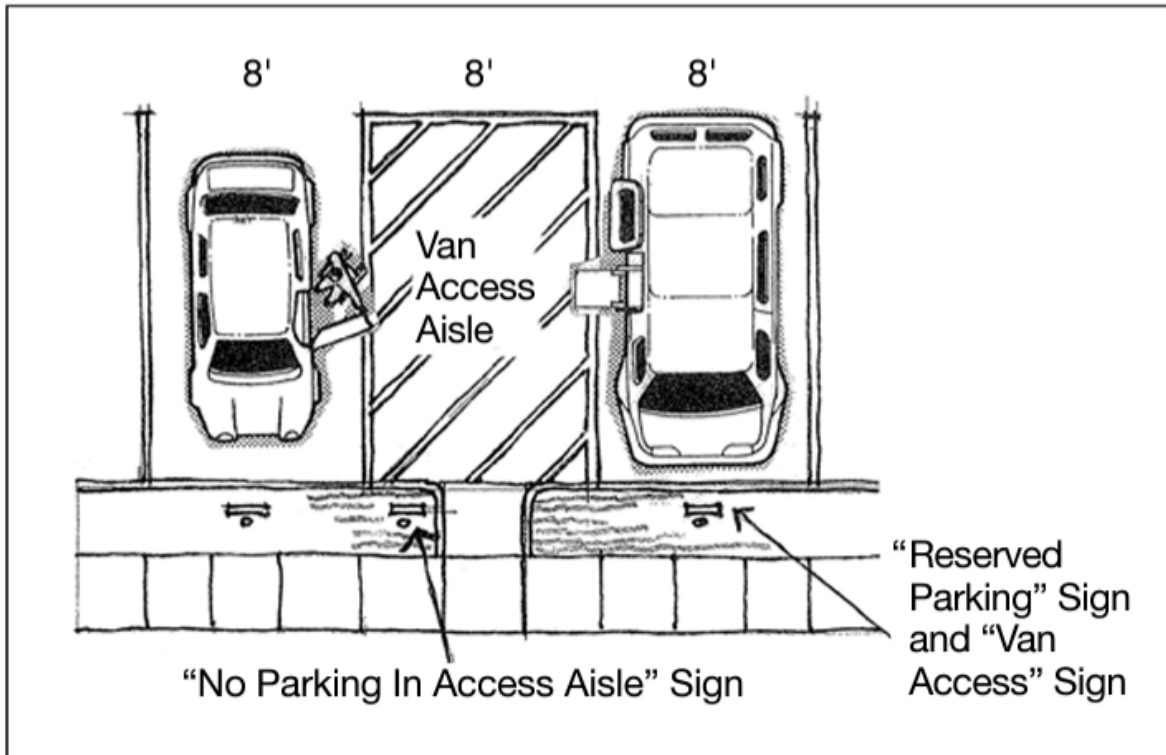


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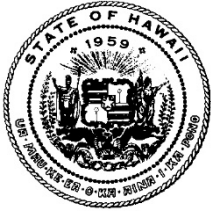
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December 3, 2024

Chamber of Commerce Hawaii
Attn: Sherry Menor, President & CEO



Dear Chamber of Commerce Hawaii:

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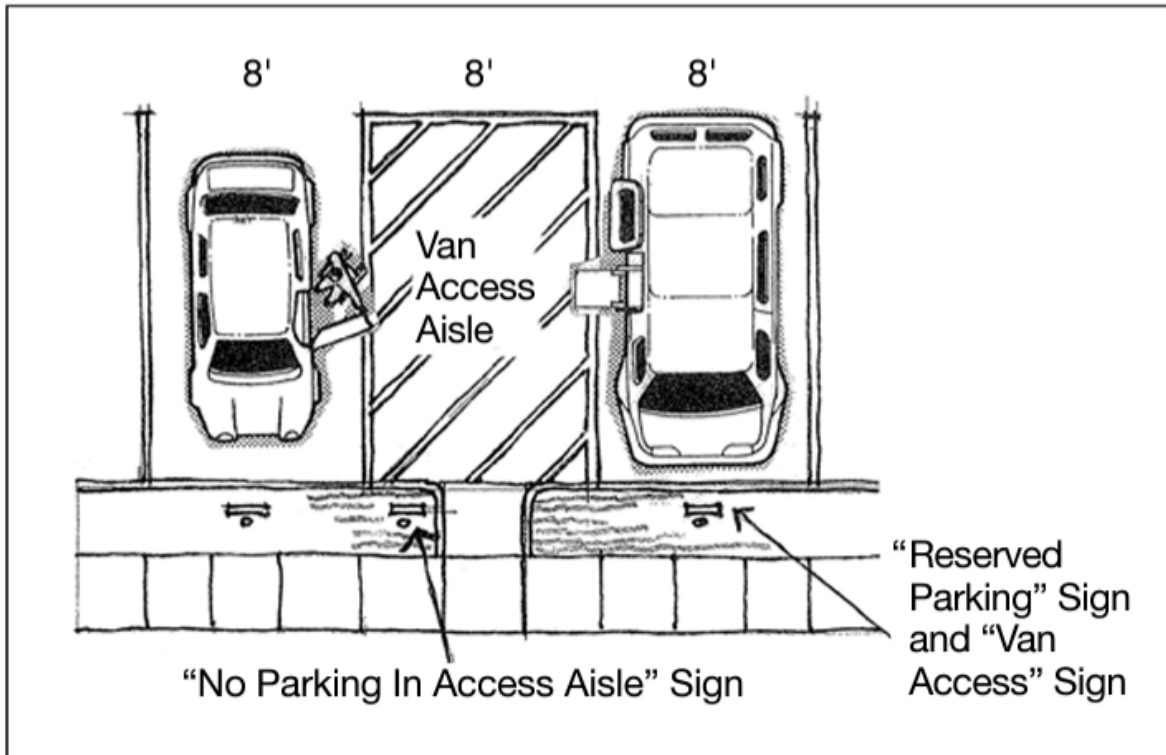


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November 21, 2024

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THROUGH: Kenneth S. Fink, MD, MGA, MPH
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FROM: Kirby L. Shaw 
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The Hawaii State Capitol is a vital public building that should exemplify the highest standards of accessibility. Ensuring equal participation for individuals with disabilities sets a precedent for all state and local government buildings.

Please contact me, Kirby Shaw, Executive Director of DCAB, at (808) 586-8121 or dcab@doh.hawaii.gov with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

c: Keith A. Regan
Comptroller
Department of Accounting and General Services

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Senate, Hawaii State Legislature

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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7 travel and park in accessible parking spaces.

8 The purpose of this Act is to allow the court to collect
9 any costs incurred by the court related to assessing a fine for
10 a violation of HRS 291-57 (b), to establish the State accessible
11 parking space enforcement surcharge, and to provide that fifty
12 percent of the surcharge shall be deposited in the State General
13 Fund with the remaining balance distributed to the respective
14 police departments of the county from which the surcharge was
15 collected to be used to enforce laws and ordinances pertaining to
16 violations of HRS 291 part III.

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1 SECTION 2. Section 291-57, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

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4 **disabilities; penalties** (a) Any person who uses a parking
5 space reserved for persons with disabilities who:

6 (1) Fails to properly display a disability parking
7 permit;

8 (2) Displays an invalid disability parking permit

9 (3) uses a disability parking permit that was not
10 issued to that person or to any passenegers occupying the
11 vehicles in the parking space; or

12 (4) With or without a disability parking permit:

13 (A) Parks in an access aisle; or

14 (B) Obstructs the ingress or egress to a parking
15 space reserved for a person with a disability;

16 shall be guilty of a traffic infraction under chapter
17 291D and shall be fined no less than \$250 nor more than
18 \$500 and pay any costs incurred by the court related to
19 assessing the fine; provided that a person with a
20 disability who has been issued a valid disability parking
21 permit that is currently in effect, and who has failed to
22 display the disability parking permit while parking in a

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1 space reserved for persons with disabilities, shall pay a
2 fine of no less than \$25 nor more than \$100 and any costs
3 incurred by the court related to assessing the fine.

4 (b) Any person who uses a parking space reserved for
5 persons with disabilities and refuses or fails to present an
6 identification card issued under this chapter or the rules
7 adopted thereunder to an enforcement officer upon request shall
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9 be fined no less than \$250 nor more than \$500 and any costs
10 incurred by the court related to assessing the fine.

11 (c) Any person committing a violation of this section
12 shall be charged, in addition to any other applicable penalties
13 and fines, a state accessible parking space enforcement
14 surcharge of \$100 to be enforced and collected by the district
15 courts and to be deposited into the state general fund; provided
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17 disbursed to the police department of the county in which the
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20 mailed to the violator pursuant to section 291C-165(b).

21 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act upon its approval, shall take effect
2 on July 1, 2025.

3 INTRODUCED BY: _____

4 BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Disabled Persons Parking

Description:

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8 travel and park in accessible parking spaces via the use of
9 parking placards. However, improper design and signage of
10 accessible parking spaces impacts access for program
11 participants.

12 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the counties to
13 adopt ordinances to enforce the accessible parking space design
14 requirements of part III of chapter 291, Hawaii Revised
15 Statutes, and any administrative rules adopted under that part.

16 SECTION 2. Section 291-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

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1 "[~~+~~]~~§291-58~~[~~+~~] Requirement to provide parking for persons
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3 [~~Beginning July 1, 2002, any public or private entity that~~
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14 of this part, and any administrative rules adopted pursuant
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17 disabilities, including but not limited to the number,
18 location, design, and signage of these parking spaces; and

19 (2) Establish penalties for failure to comply with
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2 property of places of public accommodation to enforce any
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6 489-2."

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15 "Disability Travel Placard" means a two-sided, hanger-
16 style placard issued under this part:

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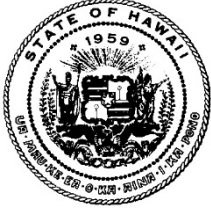
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9. **Captioning on Video Screens:** Hearing room video screens should be configured to display captions, as currently, captions are only available on screens outside the hearing rooms, hindering participation for those who rely on them.
10. **ASL Interpreter Coordination:** When requesting an ASL interpreter, it should be confirmed whether the requester will attend virtually or in person. Ideally, the interpreter attends in the same format. If an interpreter is only available via video while the individual testifies in person, a laptop should be provided at the testifier's table so the testifier may face the committee.
11. **Hearing Room Configuration:** Hearing rooms should allow adequate maneuvering space for individuals using mobility aids, such as motorized scooters or wheelchairs.

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12. **Microphone Accessibility:** Public testimony microphones should be configured for accessibility. We recommend eliminating podiums and providing tables with sufficient clearance beneath them for wheelchair users to approach the microphone. Wireless microphones would enhance flexibility.
13. **Hearing Room Retrofitting:** While we encourage retrofitting all hearing rooms for maximum accessibility, if not feasible, we suggest prioritizing selected hearing rooms for disability-related legislation.
14. **Ceremonial Desk Access:** The ceremonial bill signing desk in the Governor's Office lacks an accessible route for individuals using mobility aids to get behind the desk, preventing their participation in standard photo opportunities with the State Seal as the backdrop.

The Hawaii State Capitol is a vital public building that should exemplify the highest standards of accessibility. Ensuring equal participation for individuals with disabilities sets a precedent for all state and local government buildings.

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Thank you for considering our recommendations.

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