



# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### Disability and Communication Access Board

### Legislative Committee Meeting

March 21, 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, 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/81150156760> and enter Meeting ID: 811 5015 6760.

#### **To join by phone**

Dial 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 811 5015 6760

#### **Public Testimony**

**Oral testimony** - Testimony or comments presented by members of the public during Legislative Committee meetings shall be limited to one minute 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** - 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](mailto: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
  - B. Communication Access
    - [SB312](#) – Relating to Audible Vehicle Reverse Warning Systems. Requires the use of current audible reverse warning systems (back-up beepers) on state and county-owned vehicles purchased on or after 1/1/2028, with more effective broadband reversing alarms by 1/1/2028.
    - Update – [SB1494 SD2](#) – Relating to Hearing Aids. Requires health insurance policies and contracts issued on or after 1/1/2026 to provide optional coverage for the cost of hearing aids at a minimum \$1,500 per hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear every thirty-six months.
    - [SCR151](#) – Requesting the Auditor to Assess the Social and Financial Effects of Mandating Health Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids.
  - C. Service and Other Animals
  - D. Building Code, Design, and Facility Access
    - [SCR239](#) / [SR215](#) -Requesting the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the City and

County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation to Provide Universal Changing Accommodations in all State Facilities, State Parks, and City and County Parks.

E. Community Based Services and Employment

[SB 828 SD1 HD1](#) – Relating to Workers’ Compensation Medical Benefits. Expands workers’ compensation medical benefits for firefighters to include coverage for adenocarcinoma or mesothelioma of the respiratory system; cancer of the buccal cavity, colon, pharynx, and thyroid; and malignant melanoma. Specifies that an employer may prove that the cancer or disease was not associated with the firefighting duties to deny medical benefits under workers’ compensation law.

[HCR26/SCR25](#) - Requesting the State Health Planning and Development Agency and the Department of Health to Hold a Public Meeting for All Certificate of Need Applications for any Proposed Special Treatment Facility in Neighborhoods with Community Associations.

[HCR31](#)- Requesting the University of Hawaii to Explore the Feasibility of Establishing an Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center and Identify the Requirements for Receiving Federal Funding from the National Institute on Aging for Alzheimer’s Disease Research.

[HCR36/SCR28](#) – Requesting the Auditor to Assess the Social and Financial Effects of Proposed Mandatory Health Insurance Coverage for Colorectal Cancer Screenings.

[HCR39](#) – Requesting the Health Data Advisory Council to Confirm the Number of Uninsured Children Statewide and per County in 2025 and the Department of Human Services Med-Quest Division to Estimate Costs and Collaborate with the State Health Planning and Development Agency on Policy Changes Needed to Achieve the Goal of Universal Health Insurance Coverage for Children.

[SCR43/SCR45](#) – Strongly Supporting and Recommending the Implementation of the Revised 2025 Hawaii Patient Bill of Rights.

F. Transportation and Mobility

G. Emergency Management

H. Administration

I. Other

V. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for the Board’s agenda at the next meeting.

VI. Next Meeting

## VII. 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](mailto: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/>.