



# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### Disability and Communication Access Board Legislative Committee Meeting

November 3, 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**

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84707885227> and enter Meeting ID: 847 0788 5227

### **To join by phone**

Dial 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 847 0788 5227

### **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.

**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:  
Attn: Executive Director, 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. 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule
- VI. DCAB Legislative Procedures
  - A. Determining Types of Positions to Take on Bills
    - a. Support – DCAB supports the bill's subject matter without suggesting changes. Requires written testimony.
    - b. Support Intent – DCAB supports the concept of the bill and suggests changes. Requires written testimony.
    - c. Oppose – DCAB is against the concept of the bill and suggests the bill be deferred or amendments to the bill. Requires written testimony.
    - d. No Position – Comments – DCAB staff understands and empathizes with the intent of the bill and offers comments about how the bill will impact people with disabilities as written and/or what amendments might improve the bill. Requires written testimony.
    - e. Monitor – DCAB staff tracks the bill and if necessary, brings to the Committee when the bill may have an impact on the disability community. No written testimony required.
  - B. Standing Authorization for Testimony Submission: All testimony submitted per the following pre-approvals shall be reported to the Legislative Committee at the next meeting.
    - a. Authorize testimony on legislative measures and policies that align with DCAB's *Guiding Principles*, and *Plan of Action* when timing does not allow for prior Committee review.
    - b. Authorize DCAB staff to prepare and submit testimony in support of state legislation that reinforces, codifies, or re-establishes disability and civil rights protections equivalent to or derived from federal law or regulation.
    - c. Authorize testimony for official companion bills and resolutions when the Legislative Committee has previously taken a stance on the companion bill or resolution.
    - d. Authorize testimony for bills and resolutions which are functionally similar to bills or resolutions the Legislative Committee has previously taken a stance on.

VII. Review and vote of DCAB Legislative Position Statements and Determine Subject Matter Categories for 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, 2026 Bills

Non-discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities/Civil Rights

- **Support** legislation to remove discriminatory language and/or strengthen non-discriminatory language as it affects persons with disabilities.
- **Support** legislation for the provision of reasonable modification of policies, practices and procedures in state government programs and services to provide for equal access for persons with disabilities.
- **Monitor** legislation for separate identification cards for people with disabilities in addition to a driver's license or a state identification card.
- **Support** legislation that requires the House and Senate to permit remote testimony, via telephone, at public hearings.

Service and Other Animals

- **Support** legislation to clarify state law in areas such as certification or licensure.
- **Support** the interest of individuals with service animals when considering legislation to eliminate discriminatory inquiries or practices when entering places of public accommodation.
- **Oppose** expansion of service animal legislation to assistance animals or other emotional support animals in settings other than housing.
- **Support** legislation that seeks to clarify the professional-client relationship that must exist when a professional is providing credible evidence that an individual has a disability and requires an assistance animal.

Building Code, Design, and Facility Access

- **Support** legislation to ensure that applicable codes incorporate or reference the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines (FHAG), and the Hawaii Outdoor Developed Areas Accessibility Guidelines (HODAAG) as a minimum.
- **Support** legislation that mirrors best practices or expanded access for persons with disabilities.
- **Support** legislation to promote increased accessible housing or residential settings not covered by the Fair Housing Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act or exceed federal guidelines.
- **Oppose** legislation that would require DCAB to perform tasks that DCAB staff have no expertise.
- **Support** legislation to increase building accessibility for persons with disabilities that exceed federal guidelines for entities covered by the Fair

Housing Act (example: require elevators, require a percentage of units be on the ground floor).

#### Communication Access

- **Support** legislation involving services, rules, regulations, and other policies to enhance effective communication, including web accessibility and emergency broadcasts.
- **Monitor** and write testimony regarding rulemaking and pilot programs on improving accessibility for people with communication disabilities.
- **Support** legislation proposing funding to support efforts to increase the number of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters in the State.

#### Education

- **Monitor** legislation impacting students with disabilities, including, but not limited to the State Performance Plan for Special Education (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).
- **Monitor** legislation that implements special education policies, programs and supports to identify unmet needs of students with disabilities.

#### Community Based Services and Employment

- **Support** legislation to expand, improve, or develop community-based services for persons with disabilities.

#### Emergency Preparedness

- **Support** legislative efforts to secure emergency preparedness funds with focus on individuals with disabilities and other access and functional needs during a natural or man-made disaster.
- **Seek and support** legislation for a Disability Integration Specialist with the focus on individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs during a natural or manmade disaster or emergency.

#### Transportation and Mobility

- **Support** legislation in accordance with the DCAB guiding principles on public transit fixed route bus and paratransit service regulations relating to transportation services that impact people with disabilities, including fare and fare categories for paratransit service and for fixed route service.
- **Support** legislation for additional seating and transit safety measures for persons with disabilities beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Support** updates to state statutes, administrative rules and policies to ensure disability access in air travel and related transportation services.

- **Support** legislation authorizing the creation of a state level Airport Authority, including the creation of a formal disability committee to advise on programs, services, and policies at Hawaii State Airports.
- **Support** testimony for the State Department of Transportation to create a disability committee to advise on programs, services, and policies at Hawaii State Airports.
- **Monitor** legislation relating to pedestrian safety.
- **Support** legislation to establish a rebate program for the purchase of electric mobility devices as defined in 28 CFR §35.104 and 28 CFR § 36.104 comparable to other programs, such as the one provided for electric bicycles and mopeds.

#### Parking

- **Support** legislation that would allow permittees who qualify for a Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permit to receive the parking fee exemption through a special license plate.
- **Support** legislation relating to efforts to issue citations for illegal parking in accessible parking spaces consistent with the penalty amounts provided under Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 291, Part III.
- **Support** legislation regarding methods for members of the public to report the use of an expired disability parking placard to obtain parking privileges or a vehicle parked in an access aisle while displaying a disability parking placard or special license plates.
- **Support** legislation enforcing accessible parking design requirements.
- **Support** legislation to reserve van accessible spaces for use by permittees who use a wheelchair or scooter and/or use a vehicle with a side mounted lift or ramp.
- **Support** legislation to amend the meter fee exemption from “2.5 hours or the maximum time the meter allows” to “4.5 hours.”
- **Support** legislation to increase the minimum number of parking spaces for persons with disabilities or study the issue.
- **Support** legislation to establish a disability travel placard.

#### Administration

- **Support** legislation consistent with facilitating the operation of DCAB as a Board or Commission.
- **Oppose** legislation that would change the status of DCAB.

## Other

- **Support** legislation to provide a tax credit, deduction or tax exemption on the sale of mobility enhancing equipment or durable medical equipment, hearing aids, prosthetic devices, and prescription drugs sold pursuant to a licensed practicing physician's prescription when the basis for the acquisition of the item is due to a person's disability.
- **Support** legislation that includes a representative from DCAB on a task force if the bill or resolution includes a position above and there is adequate staffing to attend and participate in meetings.
- **Oppose** legislation that includes a representative from DCAB on a task force if the bill or resolution does not align with DCAB legislative positions or if there is not adequate staffing to attend and participate in meetings.

## VIII. Legislative Bills (bill numbers are still pending)

- A. Bill 2026-0016 HB HMSO-1 - Relating to Parking. Prohibits the issuance of a citation for encroachment into an access aisle by a vehicle with a disability parking permit unless an oral complaint is made to a law enforcement officer or 911 dispatcher by a person who also has a valid disability parking permit and whose access was directly impeded. Requires a law enforcement officer to verify the validity of the complainant's disability parking permit before issuing a citation.
- B. Bill xx-xxx – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Establishes a disability travel placard to be issued to an existing permittee for use at the travel destination.
- C. Bill xx-xxx – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Amends the parking fee exemption from 2.5 hours or the maximum time the meter allows whichever is longer, to be four and a half hours.
- D. Bill xx-xxx – Relating to Disaster Services. Establishes the position of Disability Integration Specialist, to be located in the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, who shall provide programming support for disability community projects that promote accessibility, inclusion and equity in disaster management. Appropriates funds.

## IX. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for the Board's agenda at the next meeting.

## X. Adjournment

If you have a disability and require an auxiliary aid or service or other accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact Cindy Omura or 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/>.