



# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

Ka 'Oihana Ho'oka'a'ike no ka Po'e Kīnānā

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Disability and Communication Access Board  
General Board Meeting  
May 21, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to participate as follows.

### **Physical Meeting Location**

Kamamalu Building  
1010 Richards Street, Room 111A and 111B  
Honolulu, HI 96813

### **Participate Virtually via Zoom**

Click on the link below or copy and paste it into your web browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83219504340> & Enter the Meeting ID: 832 1950 4340

### **To Join by phone**

Dial 1-646-568-7788 and enter meeting ID: 832 1950 4340

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### **HOW TO TESTIFY:**

**Written testimony** – There is no deadline for submission of testimony, however, to ensure the public as well as Board members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, we request written testimony be submitted no later than 9:00 a.m. one business day prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.

- **To Submit by Email:** Email the Disability and Communication Access Board at [dcab@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:dcab@doh.hawaii.gov). Please include TESTIMONY in the subject line.
- **To Submit by U.S. Postal Mail or Hand-Delivery:**

Attention: Disability and Communication Access Board – Testimony  
Disability and Communication Access Board  
1010 Richards Street, Room 118  
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

- **To Submit via Facsimile:** (808) 586-8129

**Oral testimony** will be accepted via the remote testimony link or in-person at 1010 Richards Street, Room 111A and 111B, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813.

Testimony or comments presented by members of the public during the Board meetings shall be limited to three (3) minutes per agenda item. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 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 Board meeting agendas.

Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Board meetings on each agenda item. Public comment or testimony, if any, shall be presented on each agenda item before the Board deliberates on the item. After all public comment or testimony is presented, the Board shall deliberate on the agenda item without further comment or testimony from the public unless further public comment or testimony is requested by the Board.

## **AGENDA**

### I. Call to Order

#### Review Remote Meeting Procedures

- This meeting is being recorded.
- A quorum of Board members is required to be visible on screen.
- If quorum is not achieved at the beginning of the meeting, the meeting will be cancelled within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time and updates will be made to any posted notices or calendar accordingly.
- If a Board member leaves the meeting permanently at any time, the Board member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the meeting will adjourn at that time.
- If a Board member leaves the meeting temporarily, the Board member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the Chair shall call a recess. If the Board member does not return within ten (10) minutes, the meeting will be adjourned.
- Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
- Identify yourself before speaking however public testifiers may use an alias to maintain anonymity.

### II. Roll Call/Introductions

### III. Statement from Public and Written Testimonies Submitted

### IV. Anticipated Executive Session

The Board may convene in executive session pursuant to HRS §§92-4 and 92-5 for the following purposes:

- To consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding the

recruitment and hiring process for the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) Executive Director position, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4).

- To consult with the Board's attorney regarding the establishment and scope of a Permitted Interaction Group related to the DCAB Executive Director recruitment process, including development of a recruitment timeline, position advertisement, salary range, applicant review procedures, interview process, reference checks, and recommendation procedures, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4).

V. Return to Open Session

Announcement of matters discussed in executive session and any motions for action, if applicable.

VI. Discussion and Approval on the Recruitment and Hiring Process for the DCAB Executive Director position

- A. Discuss and possible action advertising for the DCAB Executive Director position.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Establishment of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for the DCAB Executive Director Recruitment Process.

The Board may discuss and vote on the establishment of a Permitted Interaction Group to:

1. Develop a proposed recruitment timeline for the DCAB Executive Director position;
2. Review and recommend a salary range;
3. Review applications and identify qualified applicants for interviews;
4. Conduct interviews and reference checks;
5. Present findings and recommendations to the full Board at a subsequent meeting.

VII. Discussion and Approval of meeting minutes of April 1, 2026

VIII. Executive Director's Report

1. Thirty-Third Legislature, 2026 Report on number of bills testified and highlight of bills and resolutions that passed and awaiting action by the Governor who must issue an intent-to-veto list by June 30, 2026 (35<sup>th</sup> day after adjournment) and issue final vetoes or allow bills to become law without a signature by July 15, 2026.

- A. [House Bill 1800 House Draft 1 Senate Draft 1 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to the State Budget. Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2025-2027 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. (CD1)

Link to House Bill 1800 House Draft 1 Senate Draft 1 Conference Draft 1:  
[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1800&year=2026](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1800&year=2026)

The Disability and Communication Access Board's general fund decreased from \$767,346 to \$744,846. This reduction impacts expenditures only.

- B. [Senate Bill 2921 Senate Draft 1 House Draft 1 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to State Funds. Transfers to the general fund the excess balances of various non-general funds and programs. (CD1)

Link to Senate Bill 2921 Senate Draft 1 House Draft 1 Conference Draft 1:  
[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2921&year=2026](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2921&year=2026)

The Disability and Communication Access Board's Special Fund transfers \$1,000,000 to the general fund. This transfer may have a long-term impact on DCAB operations.

- C. [House Bill 469 House Draft 2 Senate Draft 2](#) - Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to issue a disability travel placard to an applicant who has a valid removeable windshield placard or disabled paid parking exemption permit but does not have a valid special license plate, and provides proof of travel.

Link to House Bill 469 House Draft 2 Senate Draft 2:  
[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=469&year=2026](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=469&year=2026)

- D. [House Bill 2443 House Draft 1 Senate Draft 1 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to Disaster Services. Integrates the needs of individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs into emergency planning, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities. Establishes a Disability Integration Specialist position, to be located in the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, who shall provide programming support for disability community projects that promote accessibility, inclusion, and equity in disaster management. Appropriates funds.

Link to House Bill 2443 House Draft 1 Senate Draft 1 Conference Draft 1:  
[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2443&year=2026](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2443&year=2026)

- E. [Senate Bill 2851 Senate Draft 1 House Draft 2 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to Deaf Individuals. Authorizes deaf motor vehicle owners to register their vehicle as being owned by a deaf individual so that a deafness designation appears when a law enforcement officer accesses the motor vehicle's information. Effective 1/1/2027.

Link to Senate Bill 2851 Senate Draft 1 House Draft 2 Conference Draft 1:  
[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2851&year=2026](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2851&year=2026)

- F. [Senate Bill 2852 Senate Draft 1 House Draft 2 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to Civil Rights. Requires the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission to adopt rules on digital accessibility for places of public accommodation that are consistent with certain federal regulations. Specifies that a violation of the rules is an unlawful discriminatory practice. Establishes that it is an unlawful discriminatory practice for a place of public accommodation to deny a person

with a disability full and equal enjoyment of their goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations, or information related thereto, by requiring the use of information and communication technology that is not accessible to the person.

Link to Senate Bill 2852 Senate Draft 1 House Draft 2 Conference Draft 1:  
[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2852&year=2026](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2852&year=2026)

- G. [Senate Concurrent Resolution 63 Senate Draft 1](#) – Requesting the Disability and Communication Access Board to Study the Communication Needs of Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind in Health Care Settings and Make Necessary Revisions to the Guidance for Health Care Providers.

Link to Senate Concurrent Resolution 63 Senate Draft 1:  
[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=SCR&billnumber=63&year=2026](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SCR&billnumber=63&year=2026)

## 2. Personnel

1. Governor Green Approved to Establish and Fill Exempt DCAB Program Specialist Position Pursuant to Act 250, SLH 2025 and Reorganization to add a section, Technology Accessibility Staff.
2. Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Workforce Development Division, Hele Imua Program.

DCAB serves as a host agency and anticipates being matched with a Gallaudet University student intern to support the Communication Access Program. The intern will assist with the study on the communication needs of individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind in health care settings.

3. Report on staff attendance at trainings, conferences, and events.
  1. Waiialua District Park, Community Assistance Center, March 26–28, 2026.
  2. University of Hawaii at Manoa, Communication Access and OnDemand Interpreting for the Deaf Community, April 13, 2026.
  2. University of Hawaii at Manoa, Tuesday Seminar: ASL and Interpreter Training Program, April 21, 2026.
  3. Waianae Community Assistance Center, April 25, 2026.

## IX. Committee Reports

### A. Legislative Committee

1. The Committee met on February 20, 2026, March 16, 2026, and March 31, 2026.
2. Discussion and approval of February 20, 2026, March 16, 2026, and March 31, 2026 minutes.

### B. Standing Committee on Communication Access

1. The Committee met on April 26, 2026.

- a. Update of drafting the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Workshop Funding Application Form for the public seeking funding support to provide workshops for American Sign Language interpreters to receive CEUs to maintain their credential.
- b. 2026 Communication Access Conference is scheduled for September 26, 2026.
- c. Update of drafting a Disability and Communication Access Board Guiding Principles on Communication Access.
- d. Report on the outcome of an applicant for the Hawaii Quality Assurance System (HQAS) test.

#### C. Standing Committee on Parking

The Committee meeting scheduled for May 18, 2026. The posted agenda items included:

- a. Disability Parking Placard Issuance Statistics for Quarter 3, Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- b. Update on State Legislation, [House Bill 469 House Draft 2 Senate Draft 2](#), Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to issue a disability travel placard to an applicant who has a valid removeable windshield placard or disabled paid parking exemption permit but does not have a valid special license plate, and provides proof of travel.

Link to House Bill 469 House Draft 2 Senate Draft 2:

[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=469&year=2026](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=469&year=2026)

(i) Administrative Rules Amendment Process.

- c. Proposed Draft Survey to Disability Parking Permittees.
- d. Review of [New Mobility Article](#) "A Malpractice Case Against ParkingMD: A new website promising to make getting disabled parking permits "fast & easy" threatens to destroy an already flawed system."

Link to the New Mobility article:

<https://newmobility.com/a-malpractice-case-against-parkingmd/>

- e. Review of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Draft Plan of Action.  
The plan of action purpose is to formalize the Board's philosophy that underlies its policy statements, and to set forth the goals and objectives that guide its actions for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

#### D. Standing Committee on Transportation

The Committee meeting scheduled for May 18, 2026. The posted agenda items included:

- a. Review of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Draft Plan of Action.  
The plan of action purpose is to formalize the Board's philosophy that underlies its policy statements, and to set forth the goals and objectives that guide its actions for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

- b. Discussion on inviting County of Hawaii Transit Program Manager to present to the Transportation Committee.
- c. [Departmental Communication No. 129](#) – Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity’s Annual Report. Discussion on Goal 3: Enlarge and improve the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility (AAQHF) at HNL.

Link to the Departmental Communication No. 129:

[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure\\_indiv.aspx?billtype=DC&billnumber=129&year=2026](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=DC&billnumber=129&year=2026)

E. Special Parent Information Network (SPIN)

1. Mental Health Awareness Month Activities.

The month of May raises awareness and acceptance of children and adults with mental health conditions. SPIN’s informational table will be at a resource fair hosted by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division at Windward Mall on Friday, May 15, 2026 and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Malama Da Mind on May 16, 2026 at Prince Kuhio Place in Hilo.

2. SPIN News – May 2026 issue.

The quarterly issue announced the seven annual SPIN awards winners with a description of their contributions to children with disabilities and their families. Also highlighted were three consequential education-related bills awaiting review by the Governor, an article on Rett’s Syndrome, and three infographics.

Copies of the newsletter can be found at <https://spinhawaii.org/newsletter-download/>

X. Old Business

A. ADA Coordination.

1. Review statistics of ADA technical assistance program.

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

XII. Adjournment

**How to Request Accommodation:**

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to disability, contact Cindy Omura or Scott Castor at (808) 586-8121 or [dcab@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto: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.

**Meeting Materials and Other Information:**

The agenda and meeting materials for this meeting are 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/>.

If the remote connection (via Zoom) is lost, the meeting will be recessed for up to thirty (30) minutes to restore communication. If the connection is lost, we will attempt to restart the

meeting again with the same link. If the Committee is unable to reconvene the meeting because neither audiovisual communication nor audio communication can be reestablished within thirty minutes, the meeting will be automatically terminated.

If you have trouble entering the meeting, please contact Cindy Omura or Scott Castor at (808) 586-8121.