



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

Legislative Committee Meeting

May 19, 2026
12:00 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 browser window:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/88615866872> and enter Meeting ID: 886 1586 6872

To join by phone

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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 Committee 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 Legislative Committee at dcab@doh.hawaii.gov. Please include TESTIMONY in the subject line.
- **To Submit by U.S. Postal Mail or Hand-Delivery:**

Attention: Legislative Committee – 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 Committee 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 Committee meeting agendas.

Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Committee meetings on each agenda item. Public comment or testimony, if any, shall be presented on each agenda item before the Committee deliberates on the item. After all public comment or testimony is presented, the 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 Committee.

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.
- 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 calendars accordingly.
- If a Committee member leaves the meeting permanently at any time, the Committee member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the meeting will adjourn at that time.
- If a Committee member leaves the meeting temporarily, the Committee member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the Chair shall call a recess. If the Committee 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. Approval of Minutes.

1. February 20, 2026.
2. March 16, 2026.
3. March 31, 2026.

V. Update on Number of Bills Committee took a position on and the number of testimonies submitted by staff.

VI. Update on certain bills and resolutions that did not pass.

- A. [House Bill 1531 House Draft 2](#) / [Senate Bill 2121](#) – Relating to Emergency Announcements. Requires the Governor or mayor of a county, during a state of emergency, to provide an American Sign Language interpreter at each live broadcast press conference. Requires the Governor or mayor of a county to provide a primary pool feed for any live official announcement that includes an American Sign Language interpreter in a picture-in-picture window, and does not require broadcasters that rebroadcast the official announcement to independently generate or insert this accessibility feature. Requires, to the fullest extent possible, that the American Sign Language interpreter's face, body, arms, and hands are visible. Effective 7/1/3000.

Link to House Bill 1531 House Draft 2:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1531&year=2026

Link to Senate Bill 2121:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2121&year=2026

- B. [House Bill 1668 House Draft 1](#) – Relating to Medicaid. Requires the Department of Human Services to allow a full earned income disregard for individuals with disabilities who are between the ages of sixteen and sixty-four years when determining eligibility for Medicaid. Takes effect upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Effective 7/1/3000.

Link to House Bill 1668 House Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1668&year=2026

- C. [House Bill 1994](#) / [Senate Bill 2853](#) – Relating to Service Animals. Requires sellers or providers of emotional support animals, as well as those issuing verifications of a disability-related need for an emotional support animal, to provide written notice of certain laws relating to emotional support animals. Requires persons or businesses that sell or provide certificates, vests, or identification tags that identify an animal as an emotional support animal to provide to the buyer or recipient written notice of certain laws relating to emotional support animals. Establishes penalties.

Link to House Bill 1994:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1994&year=2026

Link to Senate Bill 2853:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2853&year=2026

- D. [House Bill 1995](#) / [Senate Bill 2850](#) – Relating to Parking for persons with Disabilities. Provides that people who are blind or deaf are eligible to apply for and receive a disabled paid parking permit.

Link to House Bill 1995:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1995&year=2026

Link to Senate Bill 2850:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2850&year=2026

- E. [House Bill 1996 House Draft 1](#) / [Senate Bill 2848 Senate Draft 1](#) – Relating to Hearing Aids. Exempts from the general excise tax, gross receipts from the sale of hearing aids received by a hospital, infirmary, medical clinic, health care facility, pharmacy, or a practitioner licensed to administer drugs to an individual. Effective 7/1/3000.

Link to House Bill 1996 House Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1996&year=2026

Link to Senate Bill 2848 Senate Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2848&year=2026

- F. [House Bill 2217 House Draft 2](#) / [Senate Bill 2305](#) – Relating to Identification. Allows applicants for driver's permit, driver's license, or civil identification cards to request a disability notation on their permit, license, or identification card. Requires the Department of Transportation to establish public outreach efforts and coordinate with state and county law enforcement agencies regarding the disability notation. Effective 7/1/3000.

Link to House Bill 2217 House Draft 2:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2217&year=2026

Link to Senate Bill 2305:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2305&year=2026

- G. [House Bill 2442 House Draft 2](#) / [Senate Bill 2936 Senate Draft 1](#) – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Beginning 7/1/27, increases the number of required accessible and van-accessible parking spaces in parking facilities with more than twenty-five parking spaces that are covered by title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, with an exception for qualifying public entities managing large parking inventories that are otherwise compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Effective 7/1/3000.

Link to House Bill 2442 House Draft 2:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2442&year=2026

Link to Senate Bill 2936 Senate Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2936&year=2026

- H. [House Bill 2489 House Draft 1](#) / [Senate Bill 2412 Senate Draft 1](#) – Relating to the University of Hawaii. Appropriates moneys to establish a bachelor's degree program in American Sign Language interpretation at the University of Hawai'i Manoa campus with a multi-year plan to include a master's degree program for interpreter training. Effective 7/1/3000.

Link to House Bill 2489 House Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2489&year=2026

Link to Senate Bill 2412 Senate Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2412&year=2026

- I. [Senate Bill 2366](#) - Relating to Parking for Persons with Disabilities. Amends the fee exemption period for individuals possessing a disabled paid parking exemption permit from the first 2.5 hours or the maximum amount of time the meter allows, whichever is longer, to the first 4.5 hours.

Link Senate Bill 2366 -

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2366&year=2026

- VII. Update on certain bills and resolutions that passed and are awaiting action by the Governor who must issue an intent-to-veto list by June 30, 2026 (35th day after adjournment) and issue final vetoes or allow bills to become law without a signature by July 15, 2026.

- A. [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

- B. [House Bill 1894 House Draft 1 Senate Draft 1 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to Education. Requires the Department of Education to include the instruction of braille and provision of braille instructional materials under certain circumstances; provide braille literacy support services; cooperate with the Department of Human Services when requested to submit information necessary to maintain a register of the blind in the State; provide comprehensive information about braille literacy services, assistive technology devices, and assistive technology services, including educational programming options; and participate in the development of section 504 plans and individualized education programs. Appropriates funds.

Link to House Bill 1894 House Draft 1 Senate Draft 1 Conference Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1894&year=2026

- C. [House Bill 1974 House Draft 1 Senate Draft 1 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to Health. Requires and appropriates funds for the State Health Planning and Development Agency to develop and publish a state plan on hearing loss.

Link to House Bill 1974 House Draft 1 Senate Draft 1 Conference Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1974&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

- E. [House Concurrent Resolution 154](#) – Requesting the County of Hawai'i to Expand the Hele-On Shared Ride Program to Serve the Entire Island of

Hawai'i Including Rural and Underserved Areas Such as West Hawai'i, North Kohala, South Kohala, Ka'u, and Puna.

Link to House Concurrent Resolution 154 -

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HCR&billnumber=154&year=2026

- F. [Senate Bill 2268 Senate Draft 2 House Draft 1 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to Equity. Requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects planned and designed after 7/31/2027 to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within the building in a public restroom, with certain exceptions. Makes conforming amendments to sections 489-6, 489-7.5, and 489-8, HRS, to prevent conflicts among the provisions.

Link to Senate Bill 2268 Senate Draft 2 House Draft 1 Conference Draft 1 -

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2268&year=2026

- G. [Senate Bill 2727 House Draft 1 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to Discrimination. Lengthens the statute of limitations to file a complaint of discrimination with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission to one year.

Link to Senate Bill 2727 House Draft 1 Conference Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2727&year=2026

- H. [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

- I. [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

- J. [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.

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

- K. [Senate Concurrent Resolution 62 Senate Draft 1](#) – Requesting the 911 Board to Establish or Utilize an Appropriate Working Group to Engage with the Disability Community to Address Continuing Access Issues in the State’s Emergency and 911 Response Systems.

Link to Senate Concurrent Resolution 62 Senate Draft 1 :
https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SCR&billnumber=62&year=2026

- L. [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

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

VIII. 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. 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 (30) 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.