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LATE TESTIMONY

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**TESTIMONY TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
HOUSE BILL 230, RELATING TO PARKING FOR PERSONS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

Aloha, Chair Yamane and members of House Committee on Health,

My name is Francine Aona Kenyon. I am an avid deaf advocate and because of rheumatoid arthritis in both knees and limited walking ability, I use a permanent parking placard.

In relation to the House Bill 230, Relating to Parking for Persons with Disabilities, I am in firm opposition to this bill.

If 25 nursing facilities were issued special license plates or removable windshield placards, then available accessible parking stalls would be occupied. This will cause me and other individuals who need the space to be inconvenienced because there is no parking space available.

I notice more and more young, apparently healthy people parking illegally in accessible parking stalls using placards issued to an elderly family member, **BUT** the person is **NOT** with them! This happens repeatedly, and the car is not ticketed for illegal parking. It's not right.

The nursing facility can just simply drop off the patient with a personal assistant in the front of the facility and park somewhere else using a regular parking stalls like everyone else. The nursing facility can even use or parking placard issued to the patient with disabilities and park in the stall legally. There is not need for this bill.

Again, on behalf of people with disabilities, I strongly oppose House Bill 230, Relating to Parking with Disabilities. Please hold this bill in committee. Mahalo!

Sincerely,



Francine Aona Kenyon