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The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
House Committee on Transportation  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Souki and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HB 2574 HD1 – RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS**

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Department of Health.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF HB 2574 HD1**. The purpose of this bill is to designate the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) as the issuing agency responsible for removable windshield placards, temporary removable windshield placards, special license plates, and identification cards. The bill also deletes the Counties as the issuing agency and increases qualifying disability from four to six years.

Designating DCAB as the issuing agency would result in an increase in overall administrative efficiency in implementing the parking program and elimination of unnecessary duplication between DCAB and the Counties. Extending the life of the placard from four to six years would be a cost savings to the State and not negatively affect the integrity of the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2574 HD1.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator

Handwritten signature of Rosie Rowe in black ink.

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Chair



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In reply, please refer to:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**HOUSE BILL 2574, HD1 RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**February 10, 2010, 9:30 a.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this Administration  
2 bill.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Neutral

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The Disability and Communication Access Board, an agency  
5 attached to the Department of Health, is the state agency responsible for the overall coordination  
6 and administration of this federally required (PL 100-641) program. The proposed changes and  
7 rationale are:

- 8 1. Clearly sets forth the State/Disability and Communication Access Board as the issuing  
9 agency. The permit is a state permit and federal requirements are imposed on the state,  
10 not the counties. Although the counties have issued the permits on behalf of the state,  
11 this amendment more accurately reflects the legal requirements of federal law while still  
12 providing the state with the flexibility needed should the program need to revert to the  
13 state in the future. Section 2 of the bill allows the Disability and Communication Access  
14 Board to enter into agreements with the counties to issue placards on behalf of the  
15 State/Disability and Communication Access Board with financial arrangements  
16 contingent upon funding.

- 1 2. Removes the reimbursement rate to the counties from the statute and places it into the  
2 administrative rules. As public policy, the rates should not be in the statute. The  
3 amendment also permits the counties to retain any fees collected, an amount they  
4 currently remit to the state general fund. This will simplify accounting procedures.
- 5 3. Extends the life of the placard from four to six years. In the long run, this will be a cost  
6 saving measure that will not compromise the integrity of the certification process.
- 7 4. Makes other housekeeping amendments.
- 8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**TO:** COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
Rep. Karen Leinani Awana, Vice Chair

**FROM:** Eudice R. Schick  
PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs)

**SUBJECT:** HB 2574, HD 1

**HEARING:** Wednesday, February 10, 2010 9:30 a.m. Room 309

**POSITION:** Support of HB 2574, HD1

I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA, the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, which is an appointed Board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of the Board.

PABEA supports the establishment of the Disability and Communication Access Board as the issuing agency of all removable placards, vehicle license plates and identification cards for Disabled Parking. Also, extending the life of the placards from 4 to 6 years will help the disabled person by having to make fewer trips and will save the department money having you distribute the placard less frequently.

Your support of HB 2574, HD1 is appreciated.

Eudice R. Schick, Chair PABEA