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SUBJ: HB 2574 - RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

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Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice-Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health
Kirby L. Shaw – Individual with a disability, parking placard holder
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Support for HB 2574 - Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

Dear Health Committee,

I am an individual with a disability who uses a power wheelchair. I have a van that deploys a ramp from the passenger side of the vehicle. I need to park my van in a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities that provides an adjacent access aisle. Because I have a parking placard, I am able to use such parking spaces. Thus, HB 2574, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons, is of significant interest to me.

I am writing to express strong support for HB 2574. The bill amends the existing statute by defining "issuing agency" to mean the Disability and Communication Access Board, an agency of the State of Hawaii. This designation is appropriate because it comports with 23 CFR 1235, which makes each state responsible for establishing a uniform system of parking for persons with disabilities, including the issuance of disabled parking placards.

In addition, the bill extends the certification of disability from four (4) years to six (6) years. This modest change will reduce the burden of obtaining recertification of eligibility for individuals with permanent conditions such as myself. If an individual's eligibility status changes or the individual passes away while the placard is still valid, the administrative rules (§ 11-219-8, HAR) provides a mechanism for recovery of the placard. Importantly, under this amendment, the State's cost would decrease because the number of renewal placards issued per year would correlatively decrease.

Therefore, for the reasons above, **I urge the committee to support this bill.** Thank you for considering my testimony. Please contact me by mail, e-mail, or phone if you have any questions. Mahalo nui.

Sincerely,

 /s/
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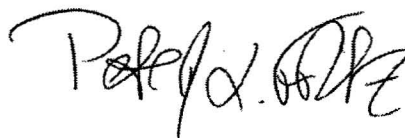
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**Hearing February 2, 2010
Testimony on H.B. 2574
(Relating to Parking For Disabled Persons)**

Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Nishimoto and members of the Committee:

My name is Peter Fritz and while I am the current Chairperson of the Disability and Communication access Board ("DCAB") I am testifying in my personal capacity. I support the intent of H.B. 2574, but I prefer H.B. 1860 HD 1 because HD 1 already contains the modifications requested by The Department of Customer Services ("DCS") of the City and County of Honolulu clarifying that the State shall reimburse the counties for the issuance of the removable and temporary removable windshield placards, license plates, and identification cards on the State's behalf.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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HB 2574 RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, REP. RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the House Committee on Health. My name is Art Frank from Waianae and I have been a user of disabled parking for over 31 years. I've been an advocate on disabled parking ever since I started driving with hand controls and I have testified for or against dozens of disabled parking bills over the years. Most bills I've agreed with, but there have been some that I have disagreed with, or strongly disagreed with. In fact I recall knocking heads with my friend Francine Wai of DCAB in hearings a couple of times because I strongly disagreed with two of her bills in the past. There were other disagreements but too insignificant for me to remember.

As far as HB2574, after questioning and discussing this bill with the staff at DCAB, I as a long time user of the disabled parking program strongly support this bill 100%. In fact in one part of this bill changing the placards from 4 years to 6 years I suggested doing that way back because it made more sense to me. Four years comes by too fast to me, but more important using the same placards for six years cuts your cost by 50%. In addition amending the bill from the counties to the "issuing agency" meaning DCAB again makes sense to me since DCAB has been responsible for the disabled parking placards all these years anyway so why not amend the statute to show this fact.

I request your support of HB2574 because it's really the common sense thing to do. Mahalo nui loa.

ART FRANK,
USER OF DISABLED PARKING
FOR 31 YEARS