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The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 2105 SD2 – 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 SB 2105 SD2**. 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 SB 2105 SD2.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senate Bill 2105, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 - Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) strongly supports Senate Bill 2105, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 which amends Section 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to improve the administration of the parking program for persons with disabilities. DCAB is the State agency responsible for the overall coordination and administration of this federally required program. DCAB is also responsible for promulgating administrative rules, Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 219, to implement the program. This bill is a companion to House Bill 2574 passed earlier by this Committee.

Although the counties have issued the permits on behalf of the State, the proposed amendment in the bill more accurately reflects the legal requirements of the federal law while still providing the State with the flexibility needed through agreements with the counties similar to drivers licenses, motor vehicle registration fees, etc. Federal law, P.L. 100-641, the Uniform System for Handicapped Parking (1991) establishes the State as the entity responsible for the program. Thus, the permit (placard or license plate) is a State permit and the federal requirements are imposed on the State, not the counties. Section 2 of the bill allows DCAB to enter into an agreement with the counties to issue placards on behalf of DCAB/State with financial arrangements contingent upon funding.

The bill also removes the reimbursement rate to the counties from the statute and places it into administrative rules. As public policy, the rates should not be in the statute. The bill also permits the counties to retain any transaction fees collected, an amount they currently remit to the State general fund. This will simplify accounting.

Finally, the bill also extends the life of the placard from four to six years. This will, in the long run, be a cost saving measure that will not compromise the integrity of the certification process. It will also make it more convenient for the customer with a disability to have the placard remain current for a longer period of time.

We strongly urge your passage of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

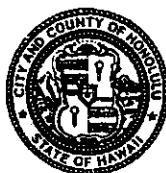
Respectfully submitted,

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March 31, 2010

The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
and Committee Members
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Subject: S.B. No. 2105 SD 2 HD1, Relating to Parking For Disabled Persons

The City and County of Honolulu has no objections to S.B. No. 2105 SD2 HD1, which clarifies that the State is responsible for the disabled parking program and the counties will be reimbursed for the distribution of the identification cards, placards and license plates.

We recommend that the effective date be amend to upon its approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

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TO: House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, Mar. 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
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SUBJ: SB 2105, SD2, HD1 - RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice-Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance
Kirby L. Shaw – Individual with a disability, parking placard holder
Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Support for SB 2105, SD2, HD1 - Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Kirby Shaw. I am an individual with a disability who uses a power wheelchair. My van deploys a wheelchair ramp from the side of the vehicle and therefore I use parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. Because I have a parking placard, I am able to use such parking spaces. Thus, SB 2105, SD2, HD1 Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons, is of significant interest to me.

I strongly support for SB 2105, SD2, HD1. The bill amends the existing statute by defining "issuing agency" to mean the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), an agency of the State of Hawaii. This designation is appropriate because it comports with 23 C.F.R. 1235, which makes each state responsible for establishing a uniform system of parking for persons with disabilities, which includes issuing disabled parking placards. This amendment makes sense because DCAB administers the State's parking program as established by the Legislature.

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. Importantly, **this amendment will reduce the State's costs** because the number of renewal placards issued per year would correlatively decrease. This is smart legislation.

Therefore, for the reasons above, **please support SB 2105, SD2, HD1.** Please contact me if you have any questions. Mahalo nui.

Sincerely,

/s/
KIRBY L. SHAW

March 31, 2010

Representative Marcus Oshiro
Chairperson
House Committee on Finance

RE: S.B. 2105, SD2, HD1, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

Representative Oshiro and Members of the House Committee on Finance,

I am writing in strong support of S.B. 2105, SD2, HD1, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. This bill would place the issuance of the Parking for Disabled Persons program within a state agency, namely the Disability and Communication Access Board. Federal guidance gives the responsibility for this program to state agencies. The bill would also expand the eligibility requirement from 4 years to 6 years for persons with a permanent disability.

The parking program offers a valuable service that allows my wife to continue to work and contribute to the well being of our family. We believe that this legislation will ensure the programs effectiveness and longevity, and ask for your support.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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/s/

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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**Hearing March 31, 2010
Testimony on S.B. 2105 SD2
(Relating to Parking For Disabled Persons)**

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and members of the Committee:

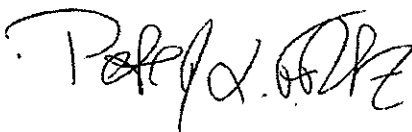
My name is Peter Fritz and I am testifying **in support** of S.B. 2105 SD2 HB1

This bill designates the Disability and Communication Access Board ("DCAB") as the issuing agency for placards, temporary placards, special license plates, and identification cards for individuals with disabilities and the elderly. It is anticipated that bringing issuance and renewals of placards for the disabled under the control of the DCAB will enable the DCAB to more efficiently and cost effectively service the growing population of elderly drivers and disabled individuals.

In addition, this will provide the State with the flexibility to allow the Disability and Communication Access Board to enter into agreements with the counties to issue placards on behalf of the State. It will also result in an administrative cost savings, by extending the duration of a placard's validity from four to six years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,



Peter L. Fritz

FINTestimony

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Testimony for House Committee on Finance, 3/31/2010 at 7:00 pm

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Comments: The purpose of this bill is to transfer responsibility for issuing removable windshield placards, temporary removable windshield placards, special license plates, and identification cards, from the counties to the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB). This bill also extends the duration of a removable placard's validity from four to six years.

I am a Hawaii resident and user of the removable windshield placard for the last 38 years due to my hip disability since birth. My 87 year old mother who has difficulty walking and uses a cane chair is also a user of a removable windshield placard. She lives with my sister and is driven to her numerous doctor appointments and able to sustain living at home with my sister's family due to this facility access tool.

This bill amends and clarifies the issuance role of DCAB for the special license plates, identification cards, and verifier of the applicant's disability in requesting a second placard. This bill will result in a cost savings as users will not need to be issued their placard so frequently.

I am in strong support of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for FIN 3/31/2010 7:00:00 PM SB2105

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Comments:

Chairman Oshiro and members of the Committee: My name is Anthony Lenzer. I have a neurological problem which makes walking for any distance difficult. For several years, I have had a disability placard, and it has been a Godsend. I live in Kailua, and frequently have to drive to town for medical appointments, meetings, etc. The placard allows me to park at or near the site, and, in addition, saves me parking money, which is important when you are retired and on a fixed income.

SB2105 extends the usable life of a parking placard from four to six before renewal is required. This is important for users, inasmuch as it means fewer trips to the issuing agency, which will be especially appreciated by those with more severe disabling conditions. Perhaps more relevant to your Committee, the longer time period should mean less costs to the state in processing requests and issuing placards. In these very difficult times, any appropriate way to reduce state expenditures should be welcome.

I therefore urge your to pass SB 2105, and thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.