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March 16, 2010

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Yamane 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 THE INTENT OF 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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Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator

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Rosie Rowe
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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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Committee on Health
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 441
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane and Committee Members:

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

The City and County of Honolulu has no objections to S.B. No. 2105 SD2, 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.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) strongly supports Senate Bill 2105, Senate Draft 2 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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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**Hearing March 16, 2010
Testimony on S.B. 2105 SD2
(Relating to Parking For Disabled Persons)**

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

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

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter L. Fritz", written in a cursive style.

Peter L. Fritz

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March 16, 2010

The Honorable Ryan Yamane
Chair
House Committee on Health
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RE: SB 2105, SD 2 Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

Dear Chair Yamane and members of the House Health Committee,

My name is Debbie Jackson and my mother uses a parking permit for persons with disabilities. She had a stroke approximately five years ago and has had problems walking long distances, so she applied for, received and uses a parking permit for persons with disabilities. I also have other family members and friends who use parking placards because they have difficulty walking.

I support this bill on behalf of my mother, other family members and friends who use parking placard for persons with disabilities. Extending the validity of a permit/placard from 4 to 6 years is a good idea because having the placard for a longer time period is more convenient for the user who will renew it less often, and more cost effective for government.

As long as the program remains in operation, I have no objection to the Disability & Communication Access Board being the issuing agency instead of the county. I urge you to pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


Debbie Jackson

TO: House Committee on Health
Tuesday, Mar. 16, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329

FROM: Kirby L. Shaw
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SUBJ: SB 2105, SD2 - RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice-Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health
Kirby L. Shaw – Individual with a disability, parking placard holder
Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Support for SB 2105, SD2 - 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, SB 2105, SD2, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons, is of significant interest to me.

I am writing to express strong support for SB 2105, SD2. 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/
KIRBY L. SHAW

March 16, 2010

Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health

RE: SB 2105, SD2, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

Representative Yamane and Members of the House Committee on Health.

I am writing in support of SB 2105, SD2, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons.

I have family members who benefit from the parking program for persons with disabilities and feel strongly that their quality of life and independence in our community is heavily contingent on a well administered state program. Extending the effective date of the parking permits by two years will be a cost benefit to the state as well as benefit to person with permanent disabilities whose condition is unlikely to change over time.

I urge you and the Committee to move this bill forward. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

/s/

TEODORO P. LAZAGA

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From: HMS Testimony
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 12:59 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: FW: SB 2105, SD2 Testimony

From: Regina Edwards [mailto:ReginaE@LSIhawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 11:47 AM
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Subject: SB 2105, SD2 Testimony

RE: SB 2105, SD2

Dear Chairperson Joseph M. Souki & Vice –Chairperson Karen Awana, & Members of the Committee:

My name is Henry Wilks; as a placard carrier, I support Bill 2150, SD2. I agree that the responsibility of the issuing agency for all aspects of handicap placards should lay with the State as opposed to The City & County. This is something I have been looking forward to. I do not believe The City & County have the resources necessary to keep up with the increasing numbers of the handicap population in Hawaii. For these reasons I urge you to pass this bill.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Wilks