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SB 2105, SD 2 RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

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

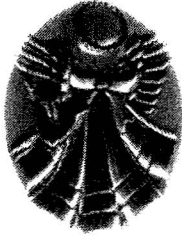
TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2010 @ 9:30A.M. CONF. ROOM 329

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 in 1978, 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. 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.

As far as SB 2105, SD2 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 SB 2105, SD2 because it's really the common sense thing to do.
Mahalo nui loa.

ART FRANK,
USER OF DISABLED PARKING
FOR 31 YEARS



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Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 9:30 AM in Conference Room 329

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

SENATE BILL 2105, SENATE DRAFT 2 (SENATE STANDING CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2520) – RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

My name is Francine Aona Kenyon and am a deaf advocate.

I strongly support the Senate Bill 2105, Senate Draft 2, Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons, that designates disability and communication access board as issuing agency for removable windshield placards, temporary removable windshield placard, special license plates, and identification cards; deletes counties as issuing agency; and increases the time period that a placard is effective from four to six years.

I have held the permanent removable windshield placards in both states, Maryland and Hawaii, since 1980.

I had a knee surgery on my left knee in 1973 and it has worsened gradually every year, developing the rheumatoid arthritis. I remembered my orthopedic surgeon in Maryland scolding me that because I did not give enough time to allow my knee to heal from the surgery, the second knee surgery was necessary in order to get it fixed again. Because of activities I was involved in, I could not proceed with the second surgery. He also alerted me that if I did not get the second knee surgery on my left knee, I would suffer the arthritis on both knees. I told him I would take the risk because of my active involvement in the sports then.

Recently, my current physician said that it is not possible for me to have knee replacement caps because of pressures on my knees due to being overweight.

I agree that the placard be extended from four to six years, saving more money for the state to purchase the placards every six years, instead of four years. Also, six-year placards would lessen our headaches, renewing every four years.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to testify on behalf of the Deaf community.

Sincerely,

Francine Aona Kenyon
Deaf Advocate

March 16, 2010

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**To:
Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto., Vice-Chair
25th Legislature
Committee on Health
Tuesday, March 16, 2010
9:30 AM, Room 312**

**Re:
SB 2105 SD2**

**Aloha Representative Yamane, Representative Nishimoto, and
Members of this committee;**

I am Louise Horio, a person with disabilities. I am writing in support of SB 2105 SD2. This bill designates DCAB as the issuing agency for the disabled parking program. It also extends the time period for a permanent placard from 4 years to 6 years. Having and using this placard is very important to me because it enables me to be able to continue to do things as independently as possible.

Thank you for considering my letter of support for SB 2105 SD2.

**Respectfully submitted,
Louise Horio**