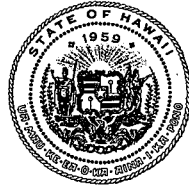


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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 916, S.D.1

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The Department of Transportation supports HB 916, relating to parking for persons with disabilities. This bill will amend Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to increase motor vehicle registration fees by \$1.00 to offset the cost to pay for the parking placard program for persons with disabilities.

The Department of Transportation feels this fee is reasonable, and supports it because it will help defray the costs of running the program to continue to serve the disabled community. Rather than being 100% funded from the general fund, the placard-parking program will be supported by the new revenue source created from the \$1.00 increase in motor vehicle registrations. This new funding source will help to ensure the parking program continues to exist to provide the quality level of service.

We defer to DCAB regarding financial implications of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

#### House Bill 916, SD1 - Relating to Funding for Parking for Disabled Persons

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) strongly supports House Bill 916, SD1 to amend §249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, increasing the motor vehicle registration fee by \$1 to pay for the parking program for persons with disabilities.

DCAB is the State agency responsible for the overall coordination and administration of this federally required program. The parking program is managed through a centralized, Internet-based database operated by DCAB staff. DCAB enters into memorandums of agreement with the Counties to issue first time and replacement placards on a walk-in basis at Satellite City Halls. The renewals are issued through a mail-in process by the DCAB office.

DCAB supports the amendments in Senate Draft 1 and requests that the bill be passed out of Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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