

JAN 25 2012

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FUNDING FOR PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds that the statewide
2 parking program for persons with disabilities, as established
3 under part III of chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes pursuant
4 to the federal Uniform System for Handicapped Parking Act, and
5 administered by the disability and communication access board,
6 provides individuals with mobility disabilities the ability to
7 travel and park in accessible parking stalls. The purpose of
8 this Act is to fund the disabled person parking program with
9 revenues from a portion of the motor vehicle registration fee.

10 SECTION 2. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "**§249-31 State registration fee.** (a) All vehicles and
13 motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 249-1,
14 including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided
15 in sections 249-4 and 249-6, shall be subject to a [~~\$45~~] \$46
16 annual vehicle registration fee. The fee shall be paid each
17 year together with all other taxes and fees levied by this

Report Title:

Disabled Persons Parking; Funding

Description:

Increases the state vehicle registration fee by \$1, to be deposited into the Disability and Communication Access Board Special Fund to cover the costs of administering the parking program for persons with disabilities.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to increase the annual vehicle registration fee by \$1, which will be deposited into the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) accessible parking account within the DCAB Special Fund to cover the costs of administering parking for persons with disabilities.

MEANS: Amend section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The program now is 100 percent general funded. The new fee, including money paid to the counties, will allow the program to be self-sufficient. Reliance on general funds is expected to be reduced in the subsequent biennium by approximately \$503,000.

Impact on the public: The public will benefit because general funds will be freed up for other important purposes through a nominal \$1 increase in an annual fee.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Department of Transportation collects fee from the counties.

GENERAL FUND: Should the bill pass in 2012, the DCAB general fund requirement will be reduced in the subsequent biennium by approximately \$503,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

HTH 520.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

The counties must change their computer program for the motor vehicle registration fee to collect the additional \$1.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

January 1, 2013.