



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senate Bill 2813, SD1 – Relating to the Disability and Communication Access Board
Special Fund

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports this Administration bill whose purpose is to broaden the use of the existing DCAB Special Fund to permit the receipt of funds from sources other than interpreter credentialing fees by amending §348F-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Monies now in the fund would remain as an account with the current purpose of interpreter credentialing (testing or continuing education unit program).

With the decline of available general funds, DCAB is exploring other options for revenue generation specifically via House Bill 2553. This housekeeping bill would provide the flexibility needed. There is no cost to this bill.

We request that the effective date of the bill be changed to "Upon Approval" rather than July 1, 2050.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Respectfully submitted,


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