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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing date: February 28, 2013

Time: 2:00 PM

Testimony on H.B. 892 HD 1

(Relating To Funding For Parking For Disabled Persons)

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify **in support** of H.B. 892 HD 1.

My name is Peter L. Fritz. I am an attorney, an individual with a disability and member of the Disability and Communications Access Board ("DCAB").

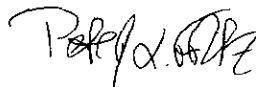
This bill Increases the state vehicle registration fee by \$1, to be deposited into the Disability and Communication Access Board Special Fund to cover the costs of administering the parking program for persons with disabilities.

DCAB is the State agency responsible for the overall coordination and administration of this federally required program. Currently the program is one hundred percent general funded with the exception of a small percentage of temporary or replacement placards issued for which the user pays a nominal fee of \$12.

I support this bill for the following reasons:

- This bill would create a revenue stream from the motor vehicle registration fee with a modest assessment of \$1 on the motor vehicle registration fee. This nominal increase will ensure the continued existence of this program in a manner that ensures quality and integrity of the program and not tap into limited general funds.
- Because the placards are issued to motor vehicle owners, it is appropriate for the cost of the program to be paid by motor vehicle owners. The placards are transferable to any vehicle and only vehicles can park in accessible parking stalls.

Respectfully submitted,



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