



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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March 17, 2014

### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

#### Governor's Message 606

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Disability and Communication Access Board  
Gubernatorial Nominee Peter Fritz

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) is pleased to support the reappointment of Mr. Peter Fritz to our Board.

Mr. Fritz brings many perspectives to the DCAB Board. He is a person with a disability representing the hard of hearing population and he is the sibling of a person with a significant disability as well. In addition, Mr. Fritz is an attorney in private practice, who has a keen interest in disability and employment law.

Mr. Fritz is currently the Chairperson of the Board, a position that he has held in the past as well. He also served as Chair of the Legislative Committee in prior years, and is a member of the Board's Executive Committee. He has been particularly instrumental in raising awareness relating to open and equal access in government, including access to the web and other digital formats. He is a strong proponent of using technology in a manner that enhances the lives of individuals with disabilities, ensuring that it is presented in an accessible format. He has been vigilant in advocating for positions at the Legislature that impact the civil rights of individuals with disabilities.

We strongly support Mr. Fritz's nomination to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI  
Executive Director

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THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Hearing March 17, 2014  
Testimony on G.M. 606

Chair Green, Vice-Chair Baker, and members of the Committee thank you for the opportunity to present information about myself for your consideration of my reappointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board ("DCAB").

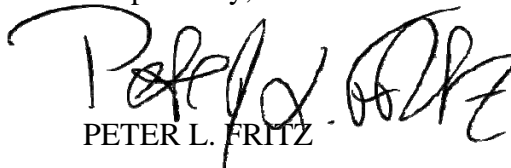
I have been an advocate for the legal rights of the disabled and I am looking forward to continuing to apply my professional skills and more than 30 years of experience as an attorney to help fulfill the mission of DCAB.

I share DCAB's mission of ensuring that people with disabilities are valued equally and participate fully. While serving on the board, I will draw upon my analytic skills and experience as an attorney, Administrative Rules Specialist for the Hawaii Department of Taxation, and as personal advocate for persons with disabilities.

Because of my hearing impairment, I have a personal familiarity and understanding of the relationship of laws and disabilities. As someone who has a sibling with cerebral palsy, I have an understanding of the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. I have been an advocate of barrier free design and access to education long before the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. My experience will enable me to make a contribution to DCAB

Thank you for considering my nomination to the DCAB.

Respectfully,

  
PETER L. FRITZ

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**THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014**

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

**Hearing March 17, 2014, 1:45 pm  
Testimony on GM 606  
(Relating to Confirmation of Peter L. Fritz)**

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee, I strongly support the nomination of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board, and urge his confirmation.

I have known and worked with Peter in different capacities for over 10 years. Peter is a caring and concerned individual who takes seriously community affairs and their impact on citizens, especially those with disabilities. Peter has first-hand knowledge of disabilities, including his sister's situation and his own hearing loss.

Peter performed eight years of service on the State Rehabilitation Council, which is comprised of consumers, service providers and nonprofit organizations. The Council reviewed programs of the Department of Rehabilitation Services to determine how well it provided services and how to improve those services. The Council also evaluated and made recommendations for requests for proposals submitted to the Council. Peter also practiced ADA law for employment and public accommodations, and knows the laws that concern the disabled.

Peter has now served one term on the Board and is its current Chair. Peter's commitment to the Board's mission and service to the community is to be commended. Peter deserves to be reappointed.

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Kamikawa

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March 14, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: Testimony in Support of Peter Fritz's Reappointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board**

Dear Senator Green:

I am writing to support Peter Fritz's reappointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

I have known Peter personally and professionally for more than fifteen years. I know that Peter has a sister who is disabled, and I know that Peter has always been passionate about issues that impact individuals with disabilities, such as accessibility. I believe Peter to be honest, thoughtful, and hard working. He has a good heart. I wholeheartedly support Peter Fritz's reappointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



J. Thomas Maloney, Jr.