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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

House Bill 571, HD1 – Relating to the University of Hawaii

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) is a statewide Governor-appointed Board with a majority of its members being persons with disabilities or family members. The Board's mission is to advocate and promote full inclusion, independence, equal access, and quality of life for persons with disabilities in society. This testimony represents a position voted upon by the Legislative Committee of the Board.

DCAB takes no position but provides comments on House Bill 571, HD1 Relating to the University of Hawaii which will appropriate moneys for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to develop a communication and outreach plan for emergency management and disaster preparedness, update the Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards, and conduct education and outreach throughout the State.

Our office focuses on community education and outreach to individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs during an emergency or a disaster. We have referred this publication to the adult residential care home providers and to other community living facilities for persons with disabilities. We believe that this is an excellent opportunity for the University to expand the publication to include these types of facilities for individuals with disabilities in their community education and outreach planning efforts. We would be willing to collaborate with the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program to include information for this target population.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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rodney boucher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs and Committee members, I support HB571 and its crossover SB. I stand by my previous supportive testimony. As a Community Volunteer Leader in Disaster Preparedness I have used the Sea Grant Homeowners Handbooks to great success at the dozens of community presentations that I have given. This year will be the 7th Annual Get Ready Ewa Beach Preparedness Fair and Sea Grant materials & handbooks have consistently been a showcase of the Fairs. I appreciate all of the efforts to provide these products to the Hawaii public. Mahalo, Rodney Boucher

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BY

DOLAN EVERSOLE

Chairs Kahele and Nishihara, Vice-Chairs Kidani and Wakai and Committee Members.

Aloha - I am Dolan Eversole, testifying as a public constituent of Senate District 9.
I AM TESTIFYING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB571 HD1.

The University of Hawaii Sea Grant College's long history (10+ years) of community outreach and education has provided critical information on natural hazard preparedness. This outreach effort will develop new outreach methods and products for Hawai'i as well as support ongoing efforts to provide updated hazard and preparedness information to the Hawai'i's vulnerable communities. The University of Hawaii Sea Grant (Hawai'i Sea Grant) routinely carries out community hazard outreach and has a demonstrated capacity to carry out such an effective outreach effort.

The University of Hawaii Sea Grant College's [Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards \(Handbook\)](#) is a highly effective component of disaster preparedness outreach. The Handbook is easily understood by the public and enhances our citizen's resilience and ability to prepare appropriately for disasters. Included are important cost-effective measures citizens can take to retrofit their homes so that they can shelter in place and take care of their families.

I have personally utilized the recommendations provided in the Handbook to strengthen my own home for hurricane winds and found the handbook extremely helpful and easy to utilize for this purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 571, HD1.

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