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### TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

#### House Bill 537 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) opposes House Bill 537 as presented. The purpose of this bill is to require that parking placards for disabled persons bear the disabled person's photograph and prominently display its expiration date. It also establishes a penalty for using a placard after the death of the person to whom the placard was issued.

DCAB is asking that the bill be held in Committee for the following reasons:

- 1) Section 4 of the bill, page 3, line 11 and Section 5 of the bill, page 4, lines 6 and 7 (b)(1) address the issue of placing a photo on the placard. Concerns of permittees whose photos would be publicly displayed when using their parking placard are concerned about their privacy. Placing photos on the placard could identify the permittee and make them vulnerable.
- 2) Section 5, page 6, (b) on lines 4-7 of the bill for using a deceased person's parking placard is redundant and unnecessary to include because using a placard issued to another person is already unlawful and punishable by a minimum fine of \$250.
- 3) This bill has no money attached. Including the person's photograph on identification cards (instead of the placard) would require a general fund appropriation to implement, both one time costs as well as annual costs.

With respect to the need for an appropriation, in 2009 DCAB previously studied a proposal to place photos on an identification card similar to a driver's license. At that time the cost to purchase the necessary equipment was approximately \$4,000 per issuing site. There are now twenty issuing sites statewide, which would require approximately \$80,000 (in 2009 dollars) to purchase the equipment. In addition, the cost per identification card in 2009 was about \$3.10. With approximately 33,000 permits issued, the additional cost required would be about \$100,000 per year (in 2009 dollars). DCAB currently reimburses the Counties at the rate of \$12 for each placard issued except when replacing a lost or stolen placard. The Counties are likely to negotiate a higher reimbursement rate if tasked with taking photographs since their rate is based upon time involved to issue the permit plus seek compensation for mailing costs for 20,000+ placards. Therefore, annual operational costs to the Counties will also increase.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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**HB537**

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Testimony for HUS on Feb 3, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Oppose	Yes

Comments: We STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill, as it provides the criminal element the opportunity to prey upon people with disabilities. This bill, if it became law, would make it easier for criminals to specifically identify people with disabilities & target them for attack, either on the person or their vehicle or both. Secondly, people with disabilities will be the only people in our society who will be forced to have their pictures shown from their vehicles. This bill is discriminatory & clearly violates the Americans with Disabilities Act. Under 42 U.S. Code § 12101 The United States Congress found: "(a) FindingsThe Congress finds that— (1) physical or mental disabilities in no way diminish a person's right to fully participate in all aspects of society, yet many people with physical or mental disabilities have been precluded from doing so because of discrimination; others who have a record of a disability or are regarded as having a disability also have been subjected to discrimination; (2) historically, society has tended to isolate and segregate individuals with disabilities, and, despite some improvements, such forms of discrimination against individuals with disabilities continue to be a serious and pervasive social problem;..." Here, this Hawaii Legislature, in the land of ALOHA, is proposing to isolate people with disabilities. This is shameful! There are several bills pending before this body, aimed at isolating people with disabilities for punishment! Don't we have enough people in our prisons? To criminalize the most trivial aspects of the handicapped privilege, is pathetic & speaks to this governments' thirst for punishment, even for De minimis offenses! This is wrong. Please kill this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I would NOT want my picture on my placard, making me a target. Not knowing who might be watching me, will cause unnecessary stress, anxieties, and paranoia.

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