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### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS AND COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

Senate Concurrent Resolution 23/Senate Resolution 13 – Requesting the Federal Communications Commission to Require All Television Stations that Broadcast in Hawaii to Dedicate Time Slots to Educate the General Public through Public Service Announcements on How to Prepare for Natural and Man-Made Disasters

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent of SCR 23/SR 13 and provides comments. This measure requests the Federal Communications Commission to require all television stations that broadcast in Hawaii to dedicate time slots to educate the general public through public service announcements on how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters.

It is important to note that any information broadcasted on local television stations that offer public service announcements also need to be accessible to people with disabilities. This includes people who are blind, deaf, or have cognitive disabilities. Therefore, any public service announcements should include audio description for people who are blind, open captions and sign language interpreters for people who are deaf and hard of hearing and use basic English for people with cognitive disabilities.

If this amendment was added to the resolutions, we would fully support both SCR 23 and SR 13.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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