



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 764

Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Disability and Communication Access Board
Gubernatorial Nominee, Summer Kozai
For a Term to Expire June 30, 2025

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the re-nomination of Ms. Summer Kozai to the Board for a second full-term to expire on June 30, 2025.

The Disability and Communication Access Board 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.

DCAB is mandated to have persons with disabilities or their family members serving as a majority of members. Ms. Kozai fulfills this mandate as she is a person with a mobility disability. In addition, Ms. Kozai is a handler of her service dog, Trooper.

Ms. Kozai serves as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Parking. Her input as a user of parking stalls reserved for permittees with a placard has assisted the Board in amending its current Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 219, "Parking for Persons with Disabilities." As a user of a service animal, she has been able to provide input on the issues relating to service animals. Ms. Kozai also serves as a member of the Board's Executive Committee.

In addition to her personal experience, Ms. Kozai brings strong analytical skills to the table as an auditor for the federal government and her dual Masters Degrees in Business Administration and Accounting. We value her past and continued input.

We ask that the Senate confirm Ms. Kozai to a position on the Board. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole
Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 231
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message 764 Nomination of Summer Kozai to the Disability and
Communication Access Board

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

I support the nomination of Summer Kozai to serve another term on the Disability and
Communication Access Board (DCAB) representing people who have mobility disabilities.

I am testifying as a business owner, disability advocate, and retiree of the Disability and
Communication Access Board (DCAB). I have known Ms. Kozai for more than six (6) years. She
is a strong advocate for people who have mobility disabilities and serves on DCAB's parking
committee.

Before retiring from my job at DCAB, I asked Ms. Kozai to be a speaker on a panel of people
who use service animals at a conference sponsored by the Hawaii Department of
Transportation. She was an excellent panelist and contributed a great deal to the presentation.
She has been an active participant on DCAB's Standing Committee on Parking and at board
meetings. She has been an asset to DCAB as a board member and member of the disability
community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of her re-nomination to the Disability and
Communication Access Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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