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April 5, 2023

The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB415 HD2 SD1 Making an Appropriation to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, Established Pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

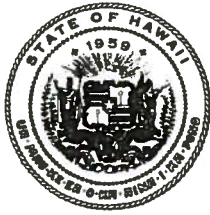
The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **supports HB415 HD2 SD1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2013.

First, we would like to thank the legislature for placing this task of implementing the recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management within the Department of Transportation. We need to develop and establish a mobility management program that supports the counties' growing transportation needs for riders with limited mobility, which includes individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as our kupuna. Every county has their unique needs, so we require a variety of transportation options. We appreciate the legislature assuring the work of the Mobility Management task force will be implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB415 HD2 SD1**.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill 415 HD2 SD1 – Making an Appropriation to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, Established Pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 415 HD2 SD1 – Making an Appropriation to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, Established Pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. This bill would make an appropriation to the department of health to implement the recommendations of the statewide mobility management task force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

Reliable transportation is essential for people with disabilities to be independent, have an active lifestyle, and access necessary services such as medical care. Something as simple as obtaining accessible transportation to a doctor's appointment can be crucial for getting medications and treatment. Implementation of mobility management strategies will improve the delivery of coordinated transportation services and provide people with disabilities access to the most suitable and appropriate transportation options.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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The State Legislature
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
Conference Room 211
10:00 a.m.

TO: The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

RE: Support for H.B. 415, HD2, SD1 Relating to Mobility Management

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social impact organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and nearly 140,000 in Hawaii. We advocate at the state and federal level for the issues that matter most to older adults and their families, including transportation.

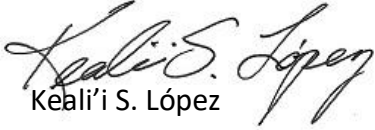
AARP **supports H.B. 415 HD2, SD1** to develop and establish a mobility management program that support the counties' growing transportation needs for riders with limited mobility, and/or disabilities including kupuna who need a variety of transportation options. "Mobility management is an integrated strategic approach in coordinating a full range of mobility services in communities and transcends beyond the fixed-route transit services (i.e. public bus system). While no two mobility programs look alike, a robust program typically comprises a multiagency partnership which includes social service agencies, senior programs, non-emergency medical providers and taxi companies; use of information technology systems in real time, and a one-stop travel information and trip planning systems."¹

While the four counties in Hawaii have their respective mobility management programs, the state can further assist them by leveraging federal funds, establishing a statewide purchasing cooperative to procure new vehicles, technologies and equipment and data-sharing across a network of different transportation providers.

It is paramount that Hawaii has a comprehensive transportation system work that can offer consumers efficient, safe, and affordable transportation options and gives them full access to the economic, health and social aspects of their communities.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support for **H.B. 415, HD2, SD1.**

Sincerely,


Keali'i S. López
State Director

¹ Statewide Mobility Management Report to the Twenty-Ninth Legislature -2015, Hawaii Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging.

Testimony of James Gashel

Submitted for National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii

Committee on Ways and Means (WAM)

Hawaii State Senate

Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2023

April 5, 2023, 10:00 AM, hearing on HB415, H.D. 2, S.D. 1

Good morning chair, vice chair, and members. I am James Gashel, representing National Federation of the Blind (NFB) of Hawaii, proudly supporting HB415, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, on behalf of people with transportation needs due to age or disability. Thank you for scheduling this hearing.

Driving a car is something most people basically take for granted. It may be hard to imagine what life would be like if you couldn't drive, but that's the daily reality for many of our Kupuna, those of us who are blind of any age, and for many others with disabilities.

HB415 asks the state to fund positions to help plan and coordinate transportation services for people who need public transportation as an essential service. This is intended to address the many instances of spotty or nonexistent transportation services, especially in our more rural counties. The need has been documented by a task force on mobility management within the Department of Health and reported to the Legislature on January 30, 2015.

The needs identified in that report are as real and compelling as they were when the task force was in effect. These needs will not be resolved by doing nothing. Therefore, the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii respectfully requests that the identified positions in the Department of Health be funded.

Mahalo for allowing this bill to proceed.



Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Senate Committees on Ways and Means

**04/05/2023 10:00 AM
CR 211 & Videoconference**

HB415 HD2 SD1

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ACT 214, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2013.

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports Measure HB415 HD2 SD1.**

The OahuMPO is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the island of Oahu responsible for carrying out a multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range (25-year horizon) metropolitan transportation plan, referred to as the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) that encourages and promotes a safe and efficient transportation system to serve the mobility needs of people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, and takes into consideration resiliency needs, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution ([23 CFR 450.300](#)).

The purpose of HB415 HD2 SD1 is to make appropriations to the department of health to implement recommendations to the statewide mobility management task force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii (Act 214) established a task force on mobility management within the department of health which is tasked with providing recommendations on establishing transportation framework to assist elders and individuals with disabilities with transportation needs, statewide. This has enabled users to better access transportation services and remain within their respective communities.

We find that HB415 HD2 SD1 supports OahuMPO's goals of: 1) increasing the availability of active transportation, especially regarding ADA-accessibility, 2) promoting a more equitable transportation system, and 3) developing a more integrated transportation for all users.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Testimony of Donald Sakamoto
Committee on Ways and Means (WAM)
Hawaii State Senate
Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2023
April 5, 2023, 10:00 AM, hearing on HB415, H.D. 2, S.D. 1

Good morning chair, vice chair, and members. I am Donald Sakamoto, a member of the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, in full support of HB415 H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

This is a very important bill for those who are elderly and disabled especially, for those who are living on our neighbor islands. A lot of these individuals should be able to live at home with the supports they need so that they can participate in communities that value their contributions especially in rural communities, many residents are without family members nearby to provide transportation and are too frail or disabled to access public transit. Furthermore, this bill means hope for better opportunities to enable the disabled and elderly people to improve their daily lives.

The bill truly acknowledges the need for a Mobility Management Plan to address the county elderly and disabled island residents who are seeking the best help with their transportation needs. In fact, The bill does include in having one mobility manager in each of the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui; one statewide outreach position; and one statewide coordinator to ensure that all of the counties are working together for the betterment of the elderly and disabled residents. Also, the bill mentions that appropriate funds will be established to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. The time is to prepare in having better and fair transportation services now for the elderly and disabled residents who live in our neighbor island counties, and not later on. Famous “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail” by Benjamin Franklin. Mahalo and I truly urge you all to prepare and please support to move this bill forward into law.