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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS AND JUDICIARY
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1009, S.D. 1

February 27, 2025
10:25 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO PARKING

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 1009, S.D. 1, does the following: 1) establishes a State reserved parking space enforcement fine for parking in parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities or electric vehicles; 2) increases the fines for any person who parks a non-electric vehicle in a space designated and marked as reserved for electric vehicles; and 3) requires the fine to be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund (SRSPSF).

B&F notes that pursuant to Section 37-52.3, HRS, special funds should reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue. As such, it is unclear on the nexus between the assessment of fines collected from parking violations in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities or electric vehicles and the SRSPSF.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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FEBRUARY 27, 2025, 10:25 A.M.
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S.B. 1009, S.D. 1

RELATING TO PARKING

Chairs Rhoads and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Moriwaki, and Members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) offers comments on S.B. 1009, S.D. 1 which establishes a state reserved parking space enforcement fine for parking in parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities or electric vehicles, increases the fines for any person who parks a non-electric vehicle in a space designated and marked as reserved for electric vehicles, and requires the fine to be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund.

DAGS Automotive Management Division (AMD), which employs 29 staff that operates, maintains, and performs enforcement at all DAGS parking facilities, is self-

funded through the state parking control revolving fund. For all fines collected by DAGS enforcement staff at DAGS managed facilities, we request that these fees continue to be deposited into the state parking control revolving fund. This fund will continue to support our current operations and maintain DAGS AMD as a self-funded agency. The proposed statute conflicts with DAGS statute, Hawaii Revised Statutes section 107-11, which directs fines collected to the state parking revolving fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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February 27, 2025

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY, AND WAYS AND MEANS

Senate Bill 1009 SD1– Relating to Parking

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent of Senate Bill 1009 SD1 – Relating to Parking. This bill establishes a state reserved parking space enforcement fine for parking in parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities or electric vehicles. It increases the fines for any person who parks a non-electric vehicle in a space designated and marked as reserved for electric vehicles. And it requires the fine to be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund.

Abuse and misuse of reserved accessible parking spaces is a frequent complaint by disability parking permittees, and an enhanced penalty will help deter this abuse. As currently drafted, the bill only imposes the enhanced penalty when a person using a disability parking permit is unable to produce the identification card issued with the placard, in violation of §291-57 (b), Hawaii Revised Statutes. DCAB recommends amending Senate Bill 1009 SD1 to impose the fine on other types of accessible parking space violations, such as failure to display a valid parking permit and parking in an access aisle.

DCAB recommends replacing Sections 2 and 3 of the bill in their entirety with the following:

SECTION 2. Section 291-57, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended ~~[by amending subsection (b)]~~ to read as follows:

- "(a) Any person who uses a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities who:
- (1) Fails to properly display a disability parking permit;
 - (2) Displays an invalid disability parking permit;
 - (3) Uses a disability parking permit that was not issued to that person or to any passengers occupying the vehicle in the parking space; or
 - (4) With or without a disability parking permit:
 - (A) Parks in an access aisle; or
 - (B) Obstructs the ingress or egress to a parking space reserved for a person with a disability;

shall be guilty of a traffic infraction under chapter 291D ~~[and shall]~~, be fined ~~[no]~~ not less than \$250 nor more than \$500, and pay any costs incurred by the court related to assessing the fine; provided that a person with a disability who has been issued a valid disability parking permit that is currently in effect, and who has failed to display the disability parking permit while parking in a space reserved for persons with disabilities,

shall pay a fine of [no] not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, and any costs incurred by the court related to assessing the fine. In addition to any other applicable penalties and fines, any person who violates this subsection shall be assessed a state reserved parking space enforcement fine of \$100 provided that a person with a disability who has been issued a valid disability parking permit that is currently in effect, and who has failed to display the disability parking permit while parking in a space reserved for persons with disabilities, shall not be assessed the fine. The fine shall be enforced and collected by the district courts and be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund.

(b) Any person who uses a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities and refuses or fails to present an identification card issued under this chapter or the rules adopted thereunder to an enforcement officer upon request shall be guilty of a traffic infraction under chapter 291D [~~and shall~~], be fined [~~no~~] not less than \$250 nor more than \$500[-], and pay any costs incurred by the court related to assessing the fine. In addition to any other applicable penalties and fines, any person who violates this subsection shall be assessed a state [accessible] reserved parking space enforcement fine of \$100. The fine shall be enforced and collected by the district courts and be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund."

SECTION 3. Section 291-72, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) Any person who parks a non-electric vehicle in a space designated and marked as reserved for electric vehicles or parks any vehicle in a parking space equipped with an electric vehicle charging system while not actively charging shall be guilty of a traffic infraction under chapter 291D [~~and shall~~], be fined not less than [~~\$50~~] \$250 nor more than [~~\$100,~~] \$500, and [~~shall~~] pay any costs incurred by the court related to assessing the fine. In addition to any other applicable penalties and fines, any person who violates this subsection shall be assessed a state [accessible] reserved parking space enforcement fine of \$100. The fine shall be enforced and collected by the district courts and be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund."

Thank you for considering our position.

Respectfully submitted,



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February 25, 2025

SUPPORT FOR SB1009 SD1 (RELATING TO PARKING)

Dear Chairs Dela Cruz and Rhoads, Vice-Chairs Moriwaki and Gabbard, and members of the Committees,

Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association supports SB1009 SD1, which *Establishes a state reserved parking space enforcement fine for parking in parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities or electric vehicles. Increases the fines for any person who parks a non-electric vehicle in a space designated and marked as reserved for electric vehicles. Requires the fine to be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund.*

This policy will help reduce misuse of parking spaces designated for persons with disabilities and electric vehicle owners who are actively charging their vehicles.

The penalties will discourage inappropriate use of the parking stalls and maximize their intended value.

I urge you to support SB1009 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Noel Morin
President
Hawaii EV Association

Hawaii EV Association is a grassroots non-profit group representing electric vehicle owners in Hawaii. Our mission is to accelerate the electrification of transportation through consumer education, policy advocacy, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure expansion. For more information, please visit hawaiiev.org.



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SENATE COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS AND JUDICIARY
Thursday, February 27, 2025 — 10:25 a.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports SB 1009 SD 1, Relating to Parking.

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Mariah Yoshizu, and I am the Government Affairs Associate at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports SB 1009 SD 1, which establishes a state reserved parking space enforcement fine for parking in parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities or electric vehicles; increases the fines for any person who parks a non-electric vehicle in a space designated and marked as reserved for electric vehicles; and requires the fine to be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Special Fund.

Although current transportation planning and decision-making have provided important Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects and have added facilities through Complete Streets approaches, many schools remain less accessible for keiki walking or rolling to school. The lack of complete, safe and comfortable bike and pedestrian networks puts keiki at risk, especially among growing safety concerns in these areas. An analysis of Hawai'i EMS calls found that pedestrian and bicycling injuries to children are most likely to occur during the hours they are traveling to and from school.¹ Overall, walking and biking in Hawai'i have gotten progressively more dangerous in the last 20 years, and we are now ranked the 12th most dangerous state to walk and bike.²

Other states have made firm commitments to protect children's school trips. For example, Colorado dedicates more than \$2.5 million per year in both infrastructure and programmatic monies. These projects range from new sidewalks, lighting and trails, to softer solutions like walking school buses, maps and trip trackers to encourage healthier active living. The more we can support affordable options for keiki to get to school and protect them when they are walking and rolling, the better off our communities will be.

¹ <https://www.hiphi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/SRTS-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

² <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/>

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Advisory Committee’s January 2025 Annual Report³ outlines several critical findings regarding school transportation and safe routes to school in Hawai‘i. National research shows that SRTS programs can significantly increase walking and biking to school, with participation rising 18-37 percent, while simultaneously reducing pedestrian injuries in school zones by 44-75 percent. The need for these programs is widespread, as approximately 77 percent of Hawai‘i residents live within one mile of a school. Furthermore, a preliminary analysis has already identified more than \$800 million in SRTS infrastructure needs across the state.

Furthermore, a preliminary analysis has already identified more than \$800 million in SRTS infrastructure needs across the state. The SRTS Program needs consistent funding to meet growing safety challenges. A sustainable funding source, such as the proposed fee, is critical for projects that protect our communities and students.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

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Government Affairs Associate

³ <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HWY-S-25-2.45019-DOT-Report-for-Act-244-SLH-2023-Safe-Routes-to-School.pdf>

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Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2025 10:25:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB 1009, SD 1 passage this session. Changing the signage to read "State reserved parking enforcement fine" with the fine amounts on every sign may be a deterrent to those individuals parked illegally. However, the enforcement piece is sorely needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support SB 1009, SD 1.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2025 10:25:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanette Vinton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and committee members,

I strongly support the passage of SB1009 SD1, which establishes stricter enforcement and fines for improper parking in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities and electric vehicles (EVs).

Reserved parking spaces for persons with disabilities are critical to ensuring their mobility and access to public spaces. Similarly, EV charging stations are key to support the growing adoption of electric vehicles. Enforcement and increasing fines for violations will deter improper use and safeguard these essential resources for their intended users.

Sincerely,

Nanette Vinton

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