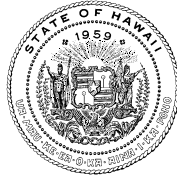


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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE COMMITTEE ON

HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

APRIL 10, 2025, 11:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 329 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.C.R. 239, S.D. 1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL CHANGING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ALL STATE FACILITIES, STATE PARKS, AND CITY AND COUNTY PARKS.

Chair Marten, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit **comments** on S.C.R 239, S. D1 which requests the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation to provide universal changing accommodations in all State facilities, State parks, and City and County parks.

DAGS requests that “where feasible and cost effective” and “this SCR should refer to the 2024 International Building Code or most up to date version which would include requirements on adult changing stations”, be inserted for State and County

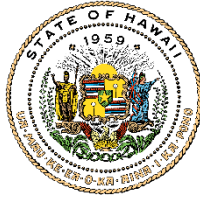
facilities implementation. The addition of this amendment allows agencies to benefit from accepted guidelines regarding this accommodation, reasonably install universal changing accommodation in existing facilities and redesign projects already in process to meet this request.

DAGS also notes that it manages a relatively small portion of the state's building inventory, and that it therefore may be useful to clarify that DAGS will be responsible for providing universal changing accommodations for the facilities which are designed, constructed, and/or managed by DAGS, as well as coordinating with other state CIP agencies to assure those agencies provide the accommodations in the buildings designed, constructed, and/or managed by those agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this measure.

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**Testimony of
DAWN N.S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS**

**Thursday, April 10, 2025
11:15 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 239, SENATE DRAFT 1
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY
OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PROVIDE
UNIVERSAL CHANGING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ALL STATE FACILITIES, STATE
PARKS, AND CITY AND COUNTY PARKS**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 239, Senate Draft 1 requests the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation to provide universal changing accommodations in all State facilities, State parks, and City and County parks. **The Department (Department) provides the following comments.**

The Department appreciates the intent of the resolution. However, the Department's comfort stations at State parks would need significant redesign and construction to accommodate this unique new feature, including an assessment of ADA requirements and internal spatial modifications to ensure accessible movement. In addition to the new maintenance requirement associated with the operation of this feature, vandalism and homelessness is a prominent challenge in several comfort stations and there is a probability that homeless may attempt to utilize this new feature in a manner not intended by the resolution.

The Department could consider the accommodation of a universal changing station feature in future comfort station designs and construction.

In addition, the Department requests that this resolution refer to the 2024 International Building Code (IBC) for design criteria relative to universal changing accommodations. This amendment would be consistent with the recommendations of an International Code Council task group comprised of architects, code officials, accessibility advocates, suppliers of adult changing tables, and caregivers of adults with disabilities. This task group's work concluded with standardized design criteria for universal changing accommodations that was added to the 2024 IBC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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April 10, 2025

The Honorable Representative Lisa Marten, Chair
House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness
The Thirty-Third Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Lisa Marten and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SCR239 SD1/SR215 SD1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL CHANGING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ALL STATE FACILITIES, STATE PARKS, AND CITY AND COUNTY PARKS.

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities respectfully submits **in support on SCR239 SD1/SR215 SD1**, which is requesting the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation to provide universal changing accommodations in all state facilities, state parks, and city and county parks.

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities supports SCR239 SD1. The resolution seeks to ensure equitable access to essential facilities for individuals with disabilities, including those in the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD) community. Families and caregivers of individuals with disabilities often face challenges in finding accessible spaces during outings or daily activities. They must meticulously plan their routes to include disability-friendly rest areas that offer safe and dignified toileting options along the way. By implementing universal changing accommodations, we can alleviate the burden on families and caregivers, enabling them to participate more fully in various activities and outings.

Moreover, this initiative will promote the integration of individuals with disabilities into public spaces, fostering a sense of inclusion and belonging. Accessible facilities are essential for ensuring the dignity and independence of individuals with disabilities, and SCR239 SD1

represents a significant step towards achieving equity in access to public accommodations for all members of our community. This creates a more accessible and inclusive environment for individuals with disabilities, ultimately enhancing their quality of life and promoting greater social integration.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SCR239 SD1/SR215 SD1.**

Sincerely,



Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

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April 9, 2025

The Honorable Lisa Marten, Chair
The Honorable Ikaika Olds, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness
House of Representatives
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
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Dear Chair Marten, Vice Chair Olds and Members of the Committee:

Subject: SCR 239 SD1 – Requesting the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation to Provide Universal Changing Accommodations in all State Facilities, State Parks and City and County Parks

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) of the City and County of Honolulu (City), is in **OPPOSITION** to SCR 239 SD1 which would require universal changing accommodations be provided in all City parks due to the limited space in the existing comfort stations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SCR 239 SD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura H. Thielen", is written over a large, stylized, cursive flourish.

Laura H. Thielen, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation

SCR-239-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/8/2025 3:06:24 PM

Testimony for HSH on 4/10/2025 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This would make community integration much easier for people with disabilities.

SCR-239-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 8:55:03 AM

Testimony for HSH on 4/10/2025 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna Mae Buscemi	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good Day All,

While I am very much for equal access to community assets I do question building new structures when the ones we have are so poorly maintained. As an example, I have reached out to my POC regarding the restroom at the skateboard park in Kapolei and offering my assistance in maintaining it, as I retired as a facility manager. The result was that the restroom has been locked and noone can use it now. Many of the restrooms along the Waianae coast are inhospitable, granted there is a large unhoused population, but does that give licesnse to abandoing the maintenance of these structures? Perhaps the monies to build new facilities should be dedicated to maintaining the current ones. Further it is not only the restrooms on the Waianae coast, the Womens restroom at Kailua beach park is in disrepair as well and that is one of the most popular tourist stops. How embarassing. Auwe.

Sincerely,

Donna Buscemi

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