



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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### TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

#### House Bill 1284 – Relating to Parking

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) 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. This testimony represents a position voted upon by the Legislative Committee of the Board

DCAB supports House Bill 1284 Relating to Parking which will increase the fines for first time and subsequent violations that may be assessed for the unauthorized or improper use of a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities. The bill doubles the current fine cited in §291-57(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which is \$250 but not more than \$500. There is an issue with having the court charge the fine stated in the statute, so it is unclear whether or not increasing the fine will be an effective means of enforcement for improper use of a reserved accessible stall.

It may be more effective to earmark any fines collected for improper use of a reserved accessible stall to create an educational video or parking education program to instruct the public about the need for accessible spaces for use by individuals with mobility impairments and why it is not appropriate to "use the space just to run in for a minute."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comments: I strongly support passage of HB 1284. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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