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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
and
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
Twenty-Third Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Baker and Ige and Members of the Committees:

**SUBJECT: SB 2504– RELATING TO PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Department of Health.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SB 2504**. The bill requires the State to reimburse counties for issuing parking placards to persons with disabilities.

The intent of SB 2504 to amend Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding a new section, "Reimbursement to counties" would provide permanency of the statewide parking program. The provision for the State to provide reimbursement to the Counties would eliminate year-to-year funding based on budgetary priorities. It is important for the Counties to be reimbursed for placards issued on behalf of the State to qualified persons with a disability.

The Council defers to the Disability and Communication Access Board regarding its ability to determine the rate of inflation for the rate of the per unit cost reimbursement to the Counties.

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It is essential that the integrity of the parking program be maintained and that future funding does not jeopardize continuation of the program. The passage of SB 2504 would address the above.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



Mark Romoser
Chair