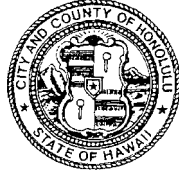


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February 3, 2006

Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Health
Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
The Senate
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Subject: S.B. No. 2504, Relating To Parking For Persons With Disabilities

The City and County of Honolulu agrees with the intent of S.B. No. 2504, which requires the State to reimburse the counties for expenses incurred for administering the parking placard program for persons with disabilities.

For fiscal year 2005-2006, the Disability and Communications Access Board (DCAB) is reimbursing the City and County of Honolulu \$71,430, which is only a fraction of the cost for administering this program. We estimate that we will be issuing approximately 18,690 placards by the end of this fiscal year.

We believe that the reimbursement rate of \$12 per placard issued for the upcoming fiscal year is fair. However, the majority of the cost for issuance of these placards are personnel cost which may or may not be tied to the rate of inflation. We recommend that the bill be amended by allowing the disability and communication access board to work with the counties to determine the reimbursement rate on an annual basis.

The City and County of Honolulu urges your favorable action on S.B. 2504 as amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura", is written over a horizontal line.

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
Licensing Administrator

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