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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senate Bill 3272 – Making an Appropriation for the Reimbursement to the Counties for the Issuance of Parking Placards to Persons with Disabilities

The Disability and Communication Access Board is in strong support of Senate Bill 3272 because it would appropriate an additional \$150,290 as a stipend to the four counties for issuing parking placards to persons with disabilities on behalf of the State. However, the appropriation should be FY 05-06 not 06-07. Our Supplemental Budget Request in the Administrative package contains the \$150,290 for FY 06-07.

Pursuant to the purpose of this bill, the Board recommends the amendments below to clarify its intent.

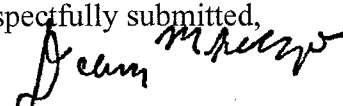
1. Amend page 2, section 2, line 21 by replacing “2006-2007” with “2005-2006” to indicate that the appropriation is intended to reimburse the counties for the current fiscal year.
2. Amend page 3, section 2, lines 4-7 to read as follows:


The City and County of Honolulu	\$ 115,470.00
The County of Hawaii	\$ 14,380.00
The County of Maui	\$ 11,305.00
The County of Kauai	\$ 9,135.00
3. Amend section 3 by changing the language to enable the counties to receive the appropriated funds within the current fiscal year.

The Board urges your support for Senate Bill 3272 with suggested amendments because it would provide the necessary funds to the counties for their part in issuing parking placards on behalf of the State.

Thank for the opportunity to provide comment on this important bill.

Respectfully submitted,


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