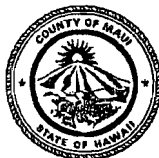


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Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs  
Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: SB3272 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT  
TO THE COUNTIES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING PLACARDS TO  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Dear Chair Ige, Chair Baker, and Members:

SB3272 establishes a reimbursement appropriation to the counties for providing and administering the State's function of distributing disabled handicap placards. The reimbursement will be through the State Department of Health Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB).

The County of Maui has been assisting the State to effectuate this program by processing applications and distributing handicap placards through our Department of Finance-Division of Motor Vehicles and Licensing (DMVL). The County distributed over 2,050 placards annually in FY2004 and FY2005. DCAB and the County have been committed to conduct this service as a resource to a very fragile segment of our population.

Unfortunately, to offer this function at our County facility places an operational burden on the DMVL which is already constrained with limited resources. State funding through this reimbursement program has not always covered the full cost to administer this program. In fiscal year 2004 and 2005, the County received only 50% of the legislative appropriation — \$9,495 in each of the two years. Fortunately, the full appropriation was released to the County last year. Nonetheless, the County of Maui estimates that this level of funding is insufficient to meet the costs of supplies, personnel, rent, and related services to fully administer this program. Cost evaluations for this service have placed an annual estimate of approximately \$43,000 to run this program.

**I encourage you to support SB3272.** The DCAB and the Counties need this funding in order to continue providing this worthwhile service through County facilities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

KALBERT K. YOUNG  
Director of Finance, County of Maui