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Aloha,

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) would like to provide testimony in support of Resolution 25-153 – Approving for inclusion in the 2026 Hawai'i State Association of the Counties Legislative Package a State Bill Relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Please find our testimony attached.

Mahalo,

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August 19, 2025

The Honorable Nohelani U'u-Hodgins  
Chairperson  
and Members of the  
Committee on Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency  
Maui County Council  
Kalana O Maui Building  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Regarding: Resolution 25-153 – Approving for inclusion in the 2026 Hawai'i State  
Association of the Counties Legislative Package a State Bill Relating to the  
Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Dear Chair U'u-Hodgins and Members of the Committee on Government Relations, Ethics,  
and Transparency:

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Resolution 25-153,  
which approves for inclusion in the 2026 Hawai'i State Association of the Counties  
Legislative Package a State Bill Relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

The proposed bill would allow licensed psychologists from other states to provide services  
in Hawai'i through telepsychology, as well as limited in-person practice across state lines.  
This measure would expand access to mental health care, particularly for people with  
disabilities who often face barriers to in-person services, such as limited accessible  
transportation.

Access to timely mental health care is essential for all community members. Prolonged wait  
times can worsen mental health conditions and increase hardship for individuals with  
disabilities. Allowing out-of-state psychologists to practice in Hawai'i would reduce these  
wait times and improve access to critical services both through telehealth and in-person  
care.

DCAB supports this resolution as a necessary step to improving access to mental health  
services in Hawai'i.

Thank you for concerning our position on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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