

August 29, 2016

MEMO TO: Michael P. Victorino, Chair
Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

F R O M: Elle Cochran
Councilmember



SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO
2017 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE** (PAF 16-151)

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 3(2) on your Committee's agenda.

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Attachment

Resolution

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APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2017 HAWAII
STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE
PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO ALLOW PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES TO INDICATE ON THEIR
IDENTIFICATION CARDS THEIR DISABILITY

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities have the desire to indicate their disability on their identification cards, such as the State identification card, driver's license, or identification card for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, enactment of State legislation allowing identification cards to indicate a person's disability would allow the person access to certain eligible public services and help identify the disability to public safety personnel in case of emergency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That the proposed State bill, attached as Exhibit "A," to allow persons with disabilities to indicate on their identification cards their disability, is approved for inclusion in the 2017 Hawaii State Association of Counties Legislative Package; and
2. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive Committee.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. This legislature finds that persons with
2 disabilities have the desire to indicate on their identification
3 cards, such as the State of Hawaii identification card, driver's
4 license, or an identification card for persons with
5 disabilities, their disability.

6 Because not all disabilities are outwardly visible, the
7 disclosure of a disability on a driver's license or
8 identification card can assist first responders in determining
9 the best way to treat, assist, or communicate with the person.

10 Having a license or identification card clearly indicating
11 a person's disability will allow the person access to certain
12 services such as special seating on public transit or at public
13 events. The "disabled" notification on the card indicates that
14 a person has a disability and does not take the place of
15 existing public service qualification procedures.

EXHIBIT "A"

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1 To mitigate potential abuse, medical documentation is
2 required to support a person's request for indication of a
3 disability on their identification card.

4 Those who choose to include information about their
5 disability on their driver's license, State identification card,
6 and identification card for persons with disabilities may do so
7 under this Act.

8 SECTION 2. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding new definitions to be appropriately inserted
10 and to read as follows:

11 "Disability" means any physical, mental, or neurological
12 impairment that severely restricts a person's mobility, manual
13 dexterity, or ability to climb stairs; substantial loss of sight
14 or hearing; loss of one or more limbs or use thereof; or
15 significantly diminished reasoning capacity.

16 "Person with disabilities" means any person with a
17 permanent or temporary disability.

18 SECTION 3. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
19 by adding a new section to part VI to be appropriately
20 designated and to read as follows:

21 "§286- Driver's license for persons with disabilities."

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1 Persons with disabilities may opt to identify their
2 disability on their driver's license upon receipt of the
3 required documentation as stated in this section, from the
4 person requesting its inclusion. The driver's license shall
5 display the "disabled" notation on a location designated by the
6 department."

7 SECTION 4. Section 286-305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **"§286-305 Contents and characteristics; form. (a) Each**
10 identification card issued by the examiner of drivers shall
11 display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and
12 shall display the following inscription:

13 "STATE OF HAWAII IDENTIFICATION CARD"

14 (b) The examiner of drivers, after obtaining the
15 fingerprint of the applicant as provided in this part and after
16 obtaining the information required by or pursuant to this part,
17 shall issue to each applicant an identification card in a form
18 and with identifying information that the director deems
19 necessary and appropriate, including a notation of veteran
20 status, if desired by the applicant, on the front of the card
21 where applicable; provided that such notation shall not include
22 any designation other than the term "veteran". As used in this

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1 subsection, "veteran" means any person who served in any of the
2 uniformed services of the United States and was discharged under
3 conditions other than dishonorable.

4 (c) The identification card shall not display the
5 cardholder's social security number.

6 (d) The identification card shall be designed to prevent
7 its reproduction or alteration without ready detection.

8 (e) The identification card for individuals under twenty-
9 one years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the
10 examiner distinguishing it from that issued to [a] an individual
11 who is twenty-one years of age or older.

12 (f) Persons with disabilities may opt to identify their
13 disability on their identification card upon receipt of the
14 required documentation from the person requesting its inclusion.
15 The identification card shall display a notation of disability
16 status, if desired by the applicant, on the front of the card
17 where applicable; except that such notation shall not include
18 any designation other than the term "disabled."

19 SECTION 5. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
20 by adding a new section to part XVI to be appropriately
21 designated and to read as follows:

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1 "§286- Identification card for persons with
2 disabilities. (a) The department shall issue identification
3 cards to persons with disabilities pursuant to section 286-305.

4 (b) The identification card for persons with disabilities
5 shall include characteristics and content pursuant to section
6 286-305. On the reverse side of the identification card shall be
7 a space within which the department shall enter such disability
8 information the applicant may request.

9 (c) The department may include a notation of disability
10 status, if desired by the applicant, on the front and may print
11 the disability information on the reverse on any driver's
12 license or identification card issued pursuant to the provisions
13 of this chapter upon receipt of the required documentation from
14 the person requesting its inclusion.

15 (d) Temporary disabilities. An identification card for
16 persons with a temporary disability shall be issued upon
17 presentation of a sworn affidavit of at least one medical doctor
18 attesting to such disability and estimating the duration of the
19 disability. Identification cards indicating temporary
20 disabilities shall be issued for periods of one year, and a
21 current affidavit of a medical doctor attesting to the

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1 continuance of such disability shall be presented at each
2 request thereafter."

3 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 2, 2018.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

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