

**BILL053(22)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 472**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Nov 2, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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Testimony: General comments		



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November 2, 2022

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair  
and Members  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street  
Room 203  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Regarding: Bill 53 (2022) – Relating to Public Transit

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Bill 53 (2022).

DCAB has adopted Guiding Principles on Public Transit Fixed Route Bus and Paratransit Services. Principle 3 states “[s]ubsides should be provided to those who qualify as extremely low income.”

Bill 53 (2022) amends the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) 13-2.10 by adding a second method by which an applicant may qualify for the low income bus fare by providing a letter from the Social Security Administration showing eligibility to receive Supplemental Security Income. This will reduce the number of applications the Department of Community Services currently reviews to determine whether an applicant meets the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines for extremely low income households within the city for the applicable family size.

In addition, Bill 53 (2022) amends ROH 13-4.5 by establishing a new low income fare category for paratransit passengers who meet either of the two methods applicants may use to qualify for the low income bus fare. DCAB has advocated for a low income paratransit fare category for several years. This allows the paratransit standard fare to be raised in the future without harming those with limited fixed incomes who would be forced to reduce their number of trips.

Both of these proposed amendments align with our Guiding Principles.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Bill 53 (2022).

Respectfully submitted,

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