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November 5, 2026

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

Regarding: Bill 58 (2026) – Relating to Shared Micromobility Vehicles

Dear Chair Waters and Council Members:

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent on Bill 58 (2026), Relating to Shared Micromobility Vehicles.

The bill proposes amending the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) 2021 §15-31.5 to add the following provision:

"(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), within the Waikiki special district, the city may immediately remove and store any SMV deployed or parked in a manner that fails to comply with the requirements in this section without prior notification to the operator. The city must notify the operator after removal and storage of an SMV."

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) Guiding Principles on the Mobility and Safety of Pedestrians with Disabilities states that government entities should "[e]nsure that any new modes of transportation do not encroach on the accessibility of existing infrastructure, such as sidewalks, curb ramps, entrances to buildings or sites, or parking meters." Dockless transportation systems pose challenges to this principle, because improperly parked devices can quickly create access barriers for pedestrians with disabilities.

DCAB has previously testified that allowing operators up to four hours to remedy an obstruction is far too long for pedestrians with disabilities to wait for a blocked path of travel to be cleared. A barrier that persists for hours significantly compromises safety and access.

For this reason, DCAB urges the Council to amend ROH by extending the immediate-removal authority beyond Waikiki to all areas of the City and County of Honolulu. Eliminating the grace period citywide would better protect pedestrian safety and ensure unobstructed access for pedestrians with disabilities.

We further recommend updating the ordinance language to reflect current terminology, placing "disabled parking stall" with "accessible parking space" and to add "access aisle" to the things which may not be blocked.

SECTION 2. Section 15-31.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

" **§15-31.5 Shared micromobility vehicle deployment and parking.**

(a) An operator is responsible for ensuring that its SMVs and SMV users comply with the following requirements:

(1) An SMV must be standing upright when deployed and parked on city property;

(2) An SMV may not be deployed or parked on a sidewalk, street, or highway controlled by the city except in accordance with a valid SMV parking permit;

(3) An SMV may not be parked in a manner that impedes vehicular traffic on a street or highway, or impedes pedestrian traffic on a sidewalk; and

(4) An SMV may not be parked in a manner that obstructs all or a portion of a bus stop, a commercial loading zone, [~~a disabled parking stall~~] an accessible parking space, an access aisle, or zone, curb ramp, or driveway.

(b) [~~Any SMV deployed or parked in a manner that fails to comply with the requirements in this section must be re-parked or removed by the operator. If the director, an authorized city employee or agent, or a police officer notifies an operator of non-compliance with the requirements in this section, the operator must remedy the non-compliance within four hours of receiving the notice. If the non-compliance is not remedied within such time, the city may remove and store the offending SMV.~~] The city may immediately remove and store any SMV deployed or parked in a manner that fails to comply with the requirements in this section without prior notification to the operator. The city must notify the operator after removal and storage of an SMV."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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