

Transportation Committee Charter

Committee Type:	Standing Committee
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I. Purpose

The Transportation Committee addresses one of the most significant barriers to independent living for people with disabilities in Hawaii: accessible and reliable transportation. The Committee works to identify transportation challenges, advocate for improvements, and collaborate with public and private transportation providers to ensure that people with disabilities have equitable access to transportation across all islands.

II. Scope of Authority

- Identify and prioritize transportation barriers facing people with disabilities across all Hawaiian islands, with particular attention to neighbor island and rural communities.
- Research and evaluate existing transportation services, including paratransit, public transit, ride-sharing, and other mobility options.
- Develop and recommend transportation policy positions for the Council's consideration.
- Collaborate with public transit agencies, the Department of Transportation, and other stakeholders to advocate for accessible transportation improvements.
- Monitor legislation, regulations, and funding opportunities related to accessible transportation.
- Coordinate with the Advocacy Committee on transportation-related legislative and policy initiatives.
- Gather community input on transportation needs through surveys, public forums, and partnerships with CILs.

III. Composition

The Transportation Committee shall consist of:

- A Committee Chair appointed by the SILC Chair
- At least two (2) additional Council members
- The Executive Director (non-voting, staff support)

Representatives from public transit agencies, disability transportation services, and community organizations may be invited to participate in an advisory capacity.

IV. Meetings

- The Transportation Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently as needed.
- A majority of Committee members shall constitute a quorum.
- Meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone, or by video conference.

V. Responsibilities

Needs Assessment

- Compile data on transportation needs and gaps from community surveys, CIL reports, and other sources.
- Identify disparities in transportation access between Oahu and neighbor islands.

Advocacy and Collaboration

- Develop relationships with transportation agencies, elected officials, and community partners.
- Advocate for funding, policy changes, and service improvements that increase accessible transportation options.
- Participate in public comment processes on transportation plans and projects.

Education and Awareness

- Educate Council members and the community about transportation rights under the ADA and other applicable laws.

- Share information about available transportation resources and how to access them.

VI. Reporting

- The Committee Chair shall report on transportation activities and issues at each regularly scheduled Council meeting.
- Minutes of all Transportation Committee meetings shall be recorded, approved, and made available to Council members.

VII. Review

This charter shall be reviewed annually by the Transportation Committee and the full Council.