

ADA Coordinator's Activities September 2007

ADA - Title II & S. 504

- Followed up with Mass Transit Administrator regarding allegations that Hele-On buses were not providing service to persons with disabilities in Kailua - Kona. Complaint was not substantiated;
- Attended Hawaii Disability Rights Public Meeting regarding public transit and other issues;
- Responded to request regarding provision of Sign Language Interpreters for Senior Job Fair;
- Forwarded complaint re County vehicles parked in spaces requiring disability placards to Director – Parks and Recreation for follow-up;
- Responded to two inquiries regarding replacement of two TDDs (Telephone Devices for the Deaf) in Mayor's Office;
- Asked Police to install signage and provide an alternate method of access (to telephone only) in Public Safety Building, Hilo;
- Wrote letter to Executive Director of East Hawaii Cultural Center regarding ADA improvements required for by lease;
- Received information that the Department of Parks and Recreation will modify signage prohibiting animals to exclude prohibition of service animals;
- Responded to inquiry regarding adequate notification for auxiliary aids for Senior Job Fair;
- Followed up on request for on-street accessible parking space with requestor and Engineer VI Traffic Division, visited site and forwarded recommendations to Traffic Division;
- Commented on issues related to ADA compliance and Friends of the Zoo to Department of Parks and Recreation;
- Received information that grab bars were installed at Kona Community Aquatic Center shower following a request;
- Received letters sent from Big Island architects to Mayor Kim regarding the negative impact of Bill 151 on accessibility features of facilities;
- Followed up with Managing Director re accessibility improvements to Old Kona Airport and Department of Land and Natural Resources ADA Coordinator, visited site and forwarded concerns to DLNR;
- Notified Traffic that pedestrian hand signals at Haili Street and Keawe had been spray painted black.

Title III

- Referred inquiries from social worker Hale Anuenue to Fair Housing Officer at Office of Housing and Community Development;
- Provided information regarding service animals to candy store owner;
- Sent information regarding accessible bus tours to Volcano to DCAB;
- Followed up with Office of Management re captioning for "What's Up in the County".

Other ADA Activities

- Attended Disability and Communication Access Board Conference – Design for Life;
- Attended Quarterly County ADA Coordinators Meeting with DCAB;
- Coordinated Mr. Bill Hecker's, AIA and ADA expert retained in Russell v. County of Hawaii, delivery of two sessions re Program Access and S. 504 Boot Camp to 71 employees;
- Coordinated walking tour of downtown Hilo for review of curb cuts and potential spaces for accessible on-street parking with Bill Hecker and Engineer VI, Traffic Division, Public Works.