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## CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SPEND A DAY WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

HONOLULU – The Developmental Disabilities Council will host individuals with developmental disabilities and their families at the State Capitol for an opportunity to meet with State Legislators. The "Day at the Capitol", March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will provide 50-60 individuals with disabilities from Oahu and neighbor islands the opportunity to attend meetings with their representatives, participate in Legislative activities and receive tours of the State Capitol.

"This is a great opportunity for persons with developmental disabilities and their families to voice their concerns about disability-related issues that impact their lives and disability measures before the Legislature. They can make a difference in their lives as well as for others through the legislative process," says Waynette Cabral, Executive Administrator to the Developmental Disabilities Council.

The Developmental Disabilities Council has organized the "Day at the Capitol" for citizens with developmental disabilities since 2000. For more information on participating in this annual event contact the Developmental Disabilities Council at 586-8100.

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