



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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### INTERPRETIVE OPINION

Pursuant to §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), all buildings and facilities constructed by, or on behalf of the State or any county, shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and amendments. In accordance to HRS §103-50 and Chapter 11-217, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Disability and Communication Access Board has authority to issue interpretive opinions to HRS §103-50 design standards.

***Docket:*** **DCAB 2008-07:** Does the shower configuration shown in ADAAG Fig. 57(b) provide equivalent facilitation to the shower compartments specified in ADAAG 4.21.2 for use in a non-transient lodging application?

***Summary:*** ADAAG Section '4.21 Shower', defines an accessible shower as either a 36" x 36" transfer shower or a roll-in shower measuring 30" x 60" minimum. It further states that if a seat is used in the 30" x 60" minimum roll-in shower it shall be a folding type and references ADAAG Fig. 57. ADAAG Figure 57 depicts two roll-in showers: Fig. 57(a), a 30" x 60" minimum roll-in shower with a fold-down seat and Fig. 57(b), a roll-in/transfer shower that is 36" wide by a minimum of 60" deep. The configuration, shown in Fig. 57(b), is only allowed in transient lodging applications.

ADAAG Section 2.2 allows for 'equivalent facilitation' where the alternate design is substantially equivalent to or provides greater access.

***Ruling:*** For buildings or facilities subject to HRS §103-50,

#### **ADAAG Section 4.21 Shower Stalls**

The shower configuration in ADAAG Fig. 57(b) provides equivalent facilitation to showers specified in ADAAG 4.21.2 and can be used in non-transient lodging applications.

[Rul: 11/19/08] (Auth and Imp: HRS §103-50)

If you have any questions or comments regarding this ruling, please call us at 586-8121.

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