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The sole mission of the Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) is to protect and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities, as established in the constitutions and laws of the State of Hawaii and the United States.

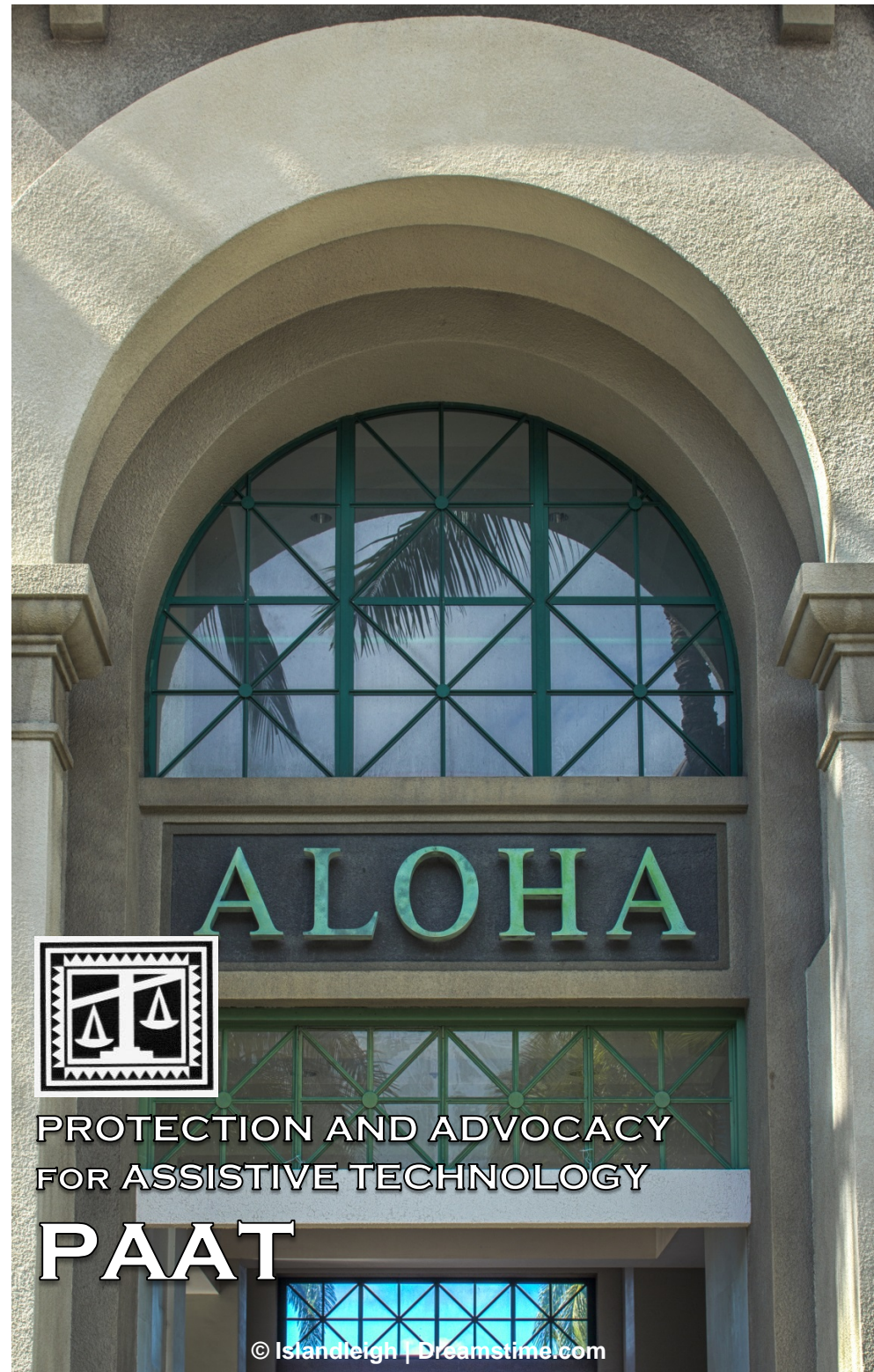
HDRC, formerly known as the Protection and Advocacy Agency of Hawaii, is a private non-profit public interest corporation established in 1977. It is Hawaii's protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities, as authorized by federal and state law and designated by the Governor. HDRC is funded by the federal and state governments and private sources to fulfill its mandate.

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PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

In 1994, Congress expanded the “Tech Act” to authorize **Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT)**, to “assist individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates and authorized representatives in accessing technology devices and assistive technology services” through case management, legal representation and self-advocacy training. In Hawaii, PAAT is operated by the Hawaii Disability Rights Center.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR PAAT?

People with disabilities who are eligible for funding of assistive technology devices and services through the Rehabilitation Act, Medicaid, Medicare, Special Education, or private insurers or other possible sources of payment, are potential PAAT clients.

HOW CAN PAAT HELP?

PAAT provides Information and Referral, and advocacy, including informal, administrative and legal remedies to obtain assistive technology for its clients.

The Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988 “Tech Act,” provided funding for each State to develop an Assistive Technology program. The current authority is **29 USC § 3001, Assistive Technology Act of 1998**. Federal administration of PAAT is provided by:

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Community Living (ACL)
Administration on Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)
330 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 401-4634
Website: <http://www.acl.gov>**

In the State of Hawaii, the Assistive Technology program is operated by the:

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