

# Hawaii State Association of Counties

Counties of Kauai, Maui and Hawaii, City & County of Honolulu



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SPECIAL HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 28, 2011  
Honolulu Hale, Council Chambers (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by President Mel Rapozo at 10:05 a.m. The following members comprised a quorum:

County of Kauai:	President Mel Rapozo
County of Hawaii:	Vice President K. Angel Pilago
City and County of Honolulu:	Secretary Stanley Chang
County of Maui:	Treasurer Joseph Pontanilla
Others Present:	Honolulu Councilmember Ikaika Anderson Honolulu staff Laura Figuera Honolulu staff Kekoa McClellan Honolulu staff Andrew Sekine Kauai staff Ashley Bunda Maui staff Kirstin Hamman

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Pilago made a motion seconded by Treasurer Pontanilla to delete agenda item V.A.2. ("A Bill for an Act Relating to the Labeling of Genetically Engineered Crops"). The motion was approved. The Committee approved the agenda as amended.

III. MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the October 6, 2011, HSAC Executive Committee meeting.



#### IV. HSAC 2012 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

##### A. Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food

(Letter dated September 8, 2011 from K. Angel Pilago, Vice Chair of the Hawaii County Council to Mel Rapozo, President of the HSAC Executive Committee, transmitting a proposed draft bill relating to the labeling of genetically engineered whole food and justification sheet; and requesting approval of the draft bill for inclusion in the HSAC legislative proposals.)

(Communication dated October 10, 2011, from County Clerk Jeffrey T. Kuwada, County of Maui, transmitting copies of Resolution No. 11-104, Resolution No. 11-105, and Resolution No. 11-106 which were adopted by the Council of the County of Maui at its October 7, 2011 meeting.)

Vice Chair Pilago stated that the Hawaii County's proposed bill is truth-in-labeling legislation; it does not take a position for or against genetically modified products.

After discussion, Vice Chair Pilago withdrew Hawaii County's proposed draft bill relating to the labeling of genetically engineered whole food and justification sheet in favor of Maui County's proposed draft bill on the same subject.

The Committee voted to approve Maui County's proposed draft bill for the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

##### B. Electronic Waste Recycling

(Letter dated September 8, 2011 from K. Angel Pilago, Vice Chair of the Hawaii County Council, to Mel Rapozo, President of the HSAC Executive Committee, transmitting a proposed Resolution Requesting the State Legislature to Adopt House Bill 1521 (HB 1521) Relating to an Amendment to Chapter 339, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Regarding Electronic Waste Recycling for approval and to submit the resolution for the 2012 Legislative Session.)

The Committee voted to approve an HSAC Resolution Requesting the State Legislature to Adopt House Bill 1521 (HB 1521) Relating to an Amendment to Chapter 339, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Regarding Electronic Waste Recycling.

##### C. Transient Accommodations Tax

(Communication dated September 30, 2011, from County Clerk Jamae K. K. Kawauchi, County of Hawaii, transmitting copies of

Resolution No. 123-11 and Resolution No. 139-11 which were adopted by the Council of the County of Hawaii at its September 21, 2011 meeting.)

After discussion, Vice Chair Pilago withdrew Hawaii County's proposal relating to the transient accommodations tax in favor of the Honolulu Council's proposal on the same subject. See HSAC Executive Committee meeting November 3, 2011, agenda item VI.C.9.

D. Traffic Fines

(Communication dated October 10, 2011, from County Clerk Jeffrey T. Kuwada, County of Maui, transmitting copies of Resolution No. 11-104, Resolution No. 11-105, and Resolution No. 11-106 which were adopted by the Council of the County of Maui at its October 7, 2011 meeting.)

Treasurer Pontanilla stated that this proposal would require the State to transmit to the county a percentage of fines collected for uncontested traffic infractions committed in that county.

The Committee voted to approve this item for the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

E. Review of HRS 201H Projects

(Communication dated October 10, 2011, from County Clerk Jeffrey T. Kuwada, County of Maui, transmitting copies of Resolution No. 11-104, Resolution No. 11-105, and Resolution No. 11-106 which were adopted by the Council of the County of Maui at its October 7, 2011 meeting.)

Treasurer Pontanilla stated that this proposal would increase the amount of time county councils have to review HRS 201H projects from 45 to 60 days.

The Committee voted to approve this item for the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

F. Agricultural Product Branding and Country or Region of Origin Labeling

(Communication dated October 17, 2011, from Council Vice Chair K. Angel Pilago, County of Hawaii, transmitting a proposed draft bill and justification sheet relating to agricultural product branding and country or region of origin labeling for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.)

Vice Chair Pilago stated that this proposal relates to branding agricultural products and labeling with the country or region of origin.

The Committee voted to approve this item for the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

G. Gallonage Tax on Liquor

(Communication dated October 17, 2011, from Council Vice Chair K. Angel Pilago, County of Hawaii, transmitting a proposed draft bill and justification sheet relating to gallonage tax on liquor for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.)

Vice Chair Pilago stated that this proposal would increase the gallonage tax on liquor and transfer the additional revenue to the counties.

The Committee voted to approve this item for the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

H. Definition of Indigency

(Communication dated October 17, 2011, from Council Vice Chair K. Angel Pilago, County of Hawaii, transmitting a proposed draft bill and justification sheet relating to the definition of indigent and partially indigent for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.)

Vice Chair Pilago stated that this proposal relates to the definition of "indigent" and "partially indigent."

The Committee voted to defer this item until the November 3, 2011, HSAC Executive Committee meeting.

I. Exemption for Sewer Connection

(Communication dated October 17, 2011, from Council Vice Chair K. Angel Pilago, County of Hawaii, transmitting a proposed resolution which was approved by the Council of the County of Hawaii at its October 19, 2011 meeting regarding exemption for sewer connection to be included in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.)

Vice Chair Pilago stated that this proposal would request the Department of Health to amend its administrative rules to allow up to a 10-year exemption period before connection to a sewer system.

Honolulu staff Sekine commented that the proposal in its present form does not seem to be appropriate for inclusion in the HSAC Legislative Package.

The Committee voted to approve this item as an HSAC resolution separate from the legislative package.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Schedule next meeting.

The Executive Committee will meet on November 3, 2011 at Honolulu Hale.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stanley Chang', written in a cursive style.

STANLEY CHANG

Secretary

Hawaii State Association of Counties