

Hawaii State Association of Counties

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



MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 3, 2011
Honolulu Hale, Council Chambers
Honolulu, Hawaii

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by President Mei Rapozo at 10:37 a.m. The following members comprised a quorum:

County of Kauai:	President Mei Rapozo
County of Hawaii:	Vice President Angel Pilago
City and County of Honolulu:	Secretary Stanley Chang
County of Maui:	Treasurer Joseph Pontanilla
Others Present:	Honolulu Councilmember Nestor Garcia Honolulu staff Andrew Sekine Honolulu staff Mark Aoki Honolulu staff Gail Myers Maui staff Kirstin Hamman Kauai staff Ashley Bunda Robert Bunda

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.



III. MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the October 28, 2011, Special Executive Committee meeting.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

Vice President Pilago made a motion seconded by Treasurer Pontanilla to approve the Treasurer's Reports of August and September 2011. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Pontanilla stated that the annual conference income will be finalized and the budget updated upon collection of outstanding registration fees.

B. County Reports

1. Maui County Report. Treasurer Pontanilla reported that the Maui County Council will address disparities in agricultural tax rates in the next year. The Council also is planning to reduce the homeowners exemption in order to generate revenue for the county.
2. Hawaii County Report. Vice President Pilago reported that the Hawaii County Council is working on the building code and plans to finalize the code by mid-January. He cautioned members to be aware of potential conflicts with the state over the building code. He also informed members that the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs were working with the County and the local public access cable channels on a new agreement.
3. City and County of Honolulu Report. Secretary Chang informed members that the County is preparing for the APEC conference. The Council has also recently received a report from the City Administration regarding alternative methods in dealing with sewage sludge.
4. Kauai County Report. President Rapozo informed members that the Council is working on property tax issues, including the methodology of taxing solar power installations on agricultural land.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Vice President Pilago withdrew the item proposing a draft bill for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package relating to the definition of indigent and partially indigent.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012 HSAC Annual Operating Budget.

Treasurer Pontanilla explained to the Committee that an amendment to the budget was necessary to account for the \$5,000 given by HSAC to the Pacific Gateway Center in support of the Sister-Cities Summit.

Vice President Pilago made a motion seconded by Treasurer Pontanilla to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012 HSAC Annual Operating Budget by increasing the line item "Executive Committee Miscellaneous" by \$5,000 and reducing the line item "Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses" by \$5,000. The motion was approved.

- B. Discussion and approval of proposed 2012 HSAC Annual Meeting dates.

The item was deferred.

- C. Discussion and approval of the City and County of Honolulu's proposals for the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

The following proposals for the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package were presented to the Committee by Secretary Chang:

- 1. Employees' Retirement System

The Committee voted to approve a proposed draft bill providing the counties with representation on the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

- 2. Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund

The Committee voted to approve a bill, H.B. No. 175, H.D. 2 (2011), providing the counties with representation on the Board of the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

- 3. Type II Adult Residential Care Homes

The Committee voted to approve a proposed draft bill requiring publication of notice and holding a public hearing for applications for Type II Residential Care Homes for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

4. Reimbursement for costs related to APEC Leaders Meeting

The Committee voted to approve, with amendments to correct technical errors, a State Concurrent Resolution urging the United States to reimburse the counties for all costs relating to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders Meeting, for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

5. Bargaining unit for water safety officers

The Committee voted to approve, with amendments to correct technical errors, a proposed draft bill creating a new bargaining unit for water safety officers employed by the State and Counties for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

6. Easing visa restrictions for the People's Republic of China

The Committee voted to approve a State Concurrent Resolution urging the United States Government to ease visa restrictions for the People's Republic of China for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

7. Beach park liability protection

The Committee voted to approve a proposed draft bill providing the counties with liability protection for natural conditions on or near public beach parks for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

8. State funding for activities mandated to the counties

The Committee voted to approve, with amendments to correct technical errors, a State Concurrent Resolution urging the State to provide funding for any activities mandated to the counties by the State for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

9. Maintaining the county share of the transient accommodations tax

The Committee voted to approve a State Concurrent Resolution urging the State to preserve the counties' share of the transient

accommodations tax for inclusion in the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package.

President Rapozo called for a recess at 11:40 a.m.

President Rapozo reconvened the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Schedule next meeting.

The Executive Committee meeting was scheduled for December 23, 2011 at Honolulu Hale.

B. Other Announcements

Honolulu Councilmember Garcia informed the members that he would participate in a teleconference with NACo taskforce members in preparation for the NACo legislative conference. He also thanked members for previous participation in NACo activity and encouraged their continued participation.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Very truly yours,



STANLEY CHANG
Secretary

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