

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Voting Members:

Carol Fukunaga, Chair; Kymberly Marcos Pine, Vice-Chair
Ikaika Anderson, Stanley Chang, Breene Harimoto

Committee Meeting Held
August 20, 2013

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development, to which was referred Resolution 13-186 entitled:

“RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT TO THE CITY FROM THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE OF TRAVEL TO KAOSHIUNG, TAIWAN, TO ATTEND THE ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT 2013,”

transmitted by Communication MM-128, dated August 9, 2013 from the Office of the Mayor, reports as follows:

The purpose of this Resolution is to accept a gift of travel valued at approximately \$5,000 for a delegate to attend the Asia Pacific Cities Summit in Kaohsiung, Taiwan on September 8-11, 2013.

In Mayor’s Message Number 128, the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu explained that she will be participating in the Summit at the invitation of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. The focus of this 14th annual Asia Pacific Cities Summit will be on economic development.

Hawaii has a long relationship with Taiwan. Your Committee finds that having a representative from the City government in attendance at the conference will promote and strengthen the economic ties between Honolulu and Taipei, as well as with the other Asia Pacific cities and enterprises participating in the conference. The City

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administration explained that this conference “will provide an unparalleled opportunity to discuss ways to further cooperate in economic development, assist companies looking for business opportunities with Honolulu, and expand tourism to Honolulu.”

Your Committee respectfully requests that the Managing Director provide a written report to the Council within 30 days after completion of the conference. Your Committee looks forward to the Managing Director’s findings and recommendations, including any new economic ventures and initiatives that the City of Honolulu can pursue with its sister cities and other Asia-Pacific partners, new business partnerships and investments, and expansion of tourism-related activities like heritage and educational tourism with its Asia-Pacific neighbors.

Section 13-113 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, provides as follows:

The Council, on behalf of the City, may accept gifts or donations of money, securities or other personal property or of real estate or any interest in real estate.

To implement this Charter provision, the Council adopted Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, which establishes guidelines for the solicitation and receipt of gifts by executive agencies.

Your Committee further finds that acceptance of this gift conforms with the applicable provisions of Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, and that this gift will benefit the people of the City and County of Honolulu.

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Your Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 13-186 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Fukunaga, Anderson, Chang, Harimoto, Pine – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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