



Hawaii State Association of Counties
 Counties of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu



MINUTES
HSAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 November 13, 2014
 Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
 Honolulu, Hawaii

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by President Mel Rapozo at 10:21 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

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| County of Kauai: | President Mel Rapozo |
| County of Hawaii: | Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi |
| City and County of Honolulu: | Secretary Ikaika Anderson |
| County of Maui: | Treasurer Michael Victorino |
| Others Present: | Hawaii Councilmember Dru Kanuha
Kauai Councilmember Gary Hooser
Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa
Maui Council Chair Gladys Baisa

Honolulu staff Andrew Sekine
Honolulu staff Lisa-Ann Kimura
Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda
Honolulu staff Gail Myers
Kauai staff Ashley Bunda
Maui staff Kim Willenbrink
Herman Anzai, Office of Maui Mayor Arakawa
Melissa Miranda-Johnson, Office of Honolulu
Mayor Caldwell |

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.



III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion regarding the 2015 HSAC Legislative Package and proposed strategy for the 2015 Hawaii State Legislative Session.

Vice President Onishi reported that the Hawaii Council passed all six HSAC legislative package proposals.

Secretary Anderson reported that the Honolulu Council passed all six HSAC legislative package proposals.

Treasurer Victorino reported that the Maui Council passed five HSAC legislative package proposals, but not the proposal relating to Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES), and did not pass the proposed HSAC legislative priorities.

President Rapozo reported that the Kauai Council passed all six HSAC legislative package proposals and did not pass the proposed HSAC legislative priorities.

Responding to a question from Vice President Onishi, Maui Council Chair Baisa stated that Maui did not pass the proposal relating to PISCES because committee chair Hokama felt that the issue related more to Hawaii County than to the other counties and recommended that the Maui Council not support the proposal.

President Rapozo stated that HSAC will hold a luncheon with state legislators on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

President Rapozo invited the mayors to attend the December 12, 2014 HSAC Executive Committee meeting in Kauai.

Mayor Arakawa provided an update on the mayors' legislative package. Mayor Arakawa stated that the mayors met a few weeks ago and have not reached a consensus as to which issues to support. The legislative package will not be completed until consensus is achieved. The mayors are considering having their next meeting in Hawaii County to discuss how the other counties can assist Hawaii County in view of the situation with the volcanic activity.

Responding to a question from Secretary Victorino, Mayor Arakawa stated that the mayors have not decided on a date for their next meeting.

Mayor Arakawa stated that the GMO issue is a major concern. Mayor Arakawa indicated that one problem is that Maui County should be

defending the law, but the proponents of the new law are suing the county, so it is unclear which position the county should take.

Treasurer Victorino stated that based on discussions with Senate and House leaders, certain funding cuts will be made in the coming session, and the transient accommodations tax (TAT) may be one such cut.

Responding to questions from Vice President Onishi, Mayor Arakawa stated that the mayors have not reached a consensus on any of the HSAC legislative proposals or on any mayors' proposals. Mayor Arakawa stated that there are issues that the mayors are certain not to support, such as the lifting of the TAT cap. Mayor Arakawa further stated that the mayors are trying to arrange a meeting with the new Governor. Mayor Arakawa indicated that due to the uncertainties of dealing with a new state administration, the mayors are taking a wait-and-see position.

President Rapozo stated that 2015 HSAC legislative package will be as follows:

- 1) A bill to restore the counties' share of the transient accommodations tax to 44.8 per cent,
- 2) A bill to appropriate operating funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program,
- 3) A bill to extend the period of separation for domestic abuse,
- 4) A bill to allow non-resident victims of property crimes to testify in criminal proceedings via a live two-way video connection, and
- 5) A bill to clarify the counties' zoning authority with respect to single-family residential use and single-family transient vacation rental use.

President Rapozo called for comments or testimony from members of the audience. There were none.

At this point, Treasurer Victorino stated that Maui County has held the Treasurer position for seven years and proposed that the office be rotated among the counties. Vice President Onishi suggested that the offices be subject to two-year terms. Treasurer Victorino suggested that the office terms be set by policy instead of bylaws. President Rapozo stated that the matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The item was received.

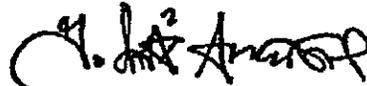
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. Anderson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

IKAIKA ANDERSON, Secretary
Hawaii State Association of Counties