

Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu

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A G E N D A

HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 10 a.m. or soon thereafter

Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room

530 South King Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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CITY CLERK
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the March 8, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.
- 2. Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

B. County Reports

- 1. City and County of Honolulu Report
- 2. County of Hawaii Report
- 3. County of Kauai Report
- 4. County of Maui Report

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

- a. Memo dated March 18, 2016, as submitted by WIR Representatives Mike White and Daniel Paleka, relating to the WIR Board of Directors Meeting at the 2016 NACo Legislative Conference.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Correspondence from the Kauai County Clerk, submitting Kauai County Council Resolution 2016-34, appointing Mel Rapozo as the HSAC Representative and Ross Kagawa as alternate, and nominating KipuKai Kualii to serve on the NACo Board of Directors.

- B. Proposed resolution before the Hawaii County Council appointing Dennis "Fresh" Onishi as HSAC Representative and Daniel Paleka as alternate, and nominating Daniel Paleka to serve on the WIR Board of Directors.



- C. Correspondence from the Maui County Clerk, submitting Maui County Council Resolution 16-66, appointing Michael P. Victorino as the HSAC Representative and Gladys C. Baisa as alternate.
- D. Correspondence from the Honolulu City Clerk, submitting Honolulu City Council Resolution 16-66, appointing Ikaika Anderson as the HSAC Representative and Joey Manahan as alternate.
- E. Correspondence from HSAC President Michael P. Victorino, relating to the Executive Committee's nominations for NACo and WIR Board of Director positions.
- F. Correspondence from HSAC Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, relating to the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 HSAC Annual Budget.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. State Legislature update and discussion on lobbying efforts

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. 2016 Hawaii State Association of Counties Annual Conference update
- B. Scheduling of the next meeting
- C. Other announcements

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 10:18 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:

President Michael Victorino,
County of Maui Councilmember

County of Hawai'i:

Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi,
County of Hawai'i Councilmember

County of Kaua'i:

Secretary Mel Rapozo,
County of Kaua'i Council Chair

City and County of Honolulu:

Treasurer Ikaika Anderson,
City and County of Honolulu Council
Vice Chair

Others Present:

Riki Hokama, County of Maui
Councilmember

Honolulu staff Lisa-Ann Kimura,
Legislative Analyst, Office of Council
Services;

Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda,
Council Liaison, Honolulu City
Council Administrative Support
Services;

Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo,
Legislative Aide, Office of
Councilmember Ikaika Anderson;



Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication
Director, Office of Council Services;
Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative
Assistant, Council Services Division.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no objections, the Agenda was approved.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the February 12, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the February 12, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report.

- B. County Reports

1. City & County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported that Honolulu City Council passed on Second Reading Bill 3, Relating to the Building Code, which requires transparent construction windows to be placed on construction wall barriers around construction sites; residential construction projects are exempt from this ordinance.

Bill 6, Relating to Nonconforming Use Certificates (NCU), provides a one-time relief for those owners of Bed & Breakfasts and Transient Vacation units who lost their NCU certificates solely for failing to apply for renewal via the City's newly automated system. New NCU certificates have not been issued since 1990. Bill 6 has been reported out for adoption by the full Council.



The Council adopted Resolution 15-29, CD1, requesting the adoption and presentation to the Council of new editions of the International Building Code. The Zoning & Planning Committee received an extensive briefing by the Department of Planning and Permitting on transit-oriented development infrastructure. The Council hosted the President and Council Members from the Guangzhou City Council in Korea. The City Council is also working with cities such as Nagaoka, Japan toward strengthening the relationships between municipalities and preparing for the upcoming Honolulu Festival scheduled for March 11-13, 2016.

2. Hawai'i County Report. Vice President Onishi reported that Hawai'i County Council is considering a proposal for a Charter Amendment to limit Councilmembers to serving 12-year terms of either three 4-year terms or six 2-year terms. The matter has been postponed pending an implementation date to take into consideration present Councilmembers. Mayor Kenoi has submitted his budget and the Council will begin hearings next month with the different departments.
3. Kaua'i County Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that the Council is entertaining a Bill which would restrict Bed & Breakfasts (B&Bs) to designated visitor destination areas (VDA) and not to allow B&Bs in residential or on ag properties; the bill is scheduled for public hearing. Regarding taxes, the State is trying to tax its residents and visitors more, as well as is the County of Kaua'i. Councilmember Yukimura introduced a .25% GET bill for the bus and a proposed increase in fuel tax of 15¢/gallon and an increase in motor vehicle weight tax of 3.38¢. The Council is awaiting the submittal of the budget by Mayor Carvalho, and the Council held its second workshop to discuss the county manager amendment, which is moving along as well.
4. County of Maui Report. President Victorino reported that the Special Committee on Governance has scheduled a meeting to take place at the University of Hawai'i Maui College to accommodate public participation. A Special Committee and Council Meeting on Lāna'i to approve the Lāna'i Community Plan will take place on Saturday. The Budget & Finance Committee is currently considering ag property tax rates (BF 70), which drew wide opposition from the community. This bill is an attempt to address



parity and fairness with ag property tax assessments. The Planning Committee also recommended passage of a revised short-term rental bill, which proposes a better method of working with short-term rentals. Mayor Arakawa will be sending over his budget as of March 21, 2016 and the Council will start working diligently conducting meetings throughout the communities. Lastly, the first 95 employees of the 675 Hawaiian Cane & Sugar employees were officially laid-off from work yesterday (March 7, 2016). The last harvest of sugarcane has started, and anticipated to conclude by December 2016. This is the last active plantation in the entire state, and the County of Maui is hopeful it will find other alternatives to keep most of that land in agriculture.

In response to a query, President Victorino reported that the plantation closed down for financial reasons. HC&S was able to survive 15 years past the closing of the last plantation on Kaua'i in 2001, but has found it no longer feasible to continue operations. HC&S projected \$31 million in losses for 2016. At one point in time, HC&S generated 14% of Maui Electric Company's (MECo) power from burning bagasse and coal; that percentage has decreased to 4.5% and resulted in a huge loss in financial compensation to HC&S. A lot of factors added to HC&S' decision to close its operations on Maui.

There being no further discussion, Treasurer Anderson moved to approve the reports from the counties, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

Treasurer Anderson noted that a detailed report will be submitted in writing. He noted that during the board meeting, Chris Rodgers stepped in as the information technology chair due to an unexpected vacancy. Mr. Rodgers explained that NACo Immediate Past President Riki Hokama issued a challenge to the executive committee to increase NACo membership across the country in all counties. Mr. Rodgers from the State of Nebraska has accepted that challenge, and has asked for kōkua from other county elected officials and commissioners to join him in meeting that challenge. The upcoming annual conference will be held in Long Beach in July. Vice President Onishi added that a board meeting is scheduled in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, on May 25-27, 2016.



Riki Hokama, NACo Immediate Past President and Maui County Councilmember, added that Hawai'i is part of the western region and is represented by Lesley Robinson from Montana. Ms. Robinson will serve as representative until December when she will be leaving the county to run for the Lt. Governor's seat at the request of Montana's current Governor, and there will be an election to fill her seat for the remaining term. A total of 15 states make up the western region, with each state having one vote. Mike White and Danny Paleka currently represent Hawai'i at WIR, and Hawai'i has a chance to fill Ms. Robinson's seat. He asked to be informed of any interest by any of the members to serve on the executive committee.

Treasurer Anderson moved to accept the NACo report, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

D. WIR Report

There was no WIR Report.

President Victorino distributed a Report on the Legislative Visits at Washington D.C. (see attachment hereto) detailing the representatives present and the topics discussed. He thanked Troy Hashimoto, Maui staff member, who compiled the information in the report.

Secretary Rapozo moved to accept the legislative report, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Annual Conference update.

Vice President Onishi distributed a flyer, noting that the theme of the conference is "Winds, Waves, and Fire... Counties on the Forefront." The conference dates are June 22-24, 2016 at the Sheraton Kona Resort and Spa at Keauhou Bay. Donations are slowly coming in. FireEye is a major sponsor of the conference and donating approximately \$20,000. Room rates for conferees at Sheraton Kona Resort is \$159 per night, and they will give first priority of oceanfront rooms to conference participants, as well as exempt the resort and parking fees. Hawaiian Airlines has been requested to sponsor the conference. Ann Botticelli is working on



the details of possibly allowing special rates for travel or providing air travel tickets. If Hawaiian Airlines will be giving air travel tickets, Vice President Onishi will ask for 25-30 roundtrip tickets for golf prizes and random drawings during the conference. Hawai'i County Council Chair Dru Kanuha is in charge of entertainment. Golf at Kohanaiki is \$60/person and is limited to 55 conference participants.

Mr. Hokama requested consideration for scheduling a workshop regarding real property, which is a common topic among the counties, so that assessors and real property tax persons have a connection to the conference for purposes of attending. Vice President Onishi noted that the conference workshop schedule was finalized on February 23, 2016.

Treasurer Anderson moved to accept the 2016 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Conference report, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. State Legislature update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

President Victorino stated that the following measures in the HSAC package are still alive at the Legislature: SB 2121 SD1, SB 2123 SD1, and SCR 22. HSAC is also tracking what happens with SB 2987.

SB 2121, SD1, Maui County's proposal for amendments to the Sunshine Law, is scheduled for hearing at the Legislature today. There is opposition to making any changes to the current law.

SB 2123 SD1, relating to zoning. Representative Angus McKelvey believes there is merit to this proposal, which is currently before the Senate. This bill is also scheduled for hearing at the Legislature today.

SCR 22, Urging Hawaii's Congressional Delegation To Propose And Pass A Proposed Amendment To The United States Constitution Clarifying That Corporations Are Not People With Constitutional Rights, And That Unlimited Campaign Spending Is Not Free Speech, was initiated by Hawai'i County. Each county has passed similar resolutions, as well as the Legislature. This measure has a hearing scheduled for March 10, 2016.



Secretary Rapozo asked for an update regarding the beach liability, which is a top priority of all counties. Maui Staff Kit Zulueta reported that both measures relating to tort liability are dead in the House and the Senate.

SB 2987. President Victorino noted that according to Senator Tokuda, it is the Legislature's way of helping the counties by increasing the appropriations from the TAT to the counties by \$103 million and keeping it permanent until July 1, 2022. The legislators are not taking into consideration the recommendations of the Working Group or any comments from the counties. Maui County Council has adopted a resolution opposing SB 2987 and putting forth their recommendation for a fair share of the TAT to the counties.

Secretary Rapozo reported speaking with Senator Tokuda, who believes SB 2987 is a great compromise. Representative Luke has mentioned proposing a different allocation. He recommended that HSAC prepare a presentation regarding the TAT funding that will be easily understood by the general public, and highlighting the legislators opposing the fair share allocation to the counties. This presentation can be shared on each island via community meetings. Secretary Rapozo stated that there is no desire by State Legislators to work with the counties on this TAT issue.

Vice President Onishi acknowledged that the TAT issue needs to be addressed, and the public should get involved at this point. It is important that the presentation identify those County services that would be funded with TAT revenue and the resulting impact on residents, such as increased taxes, from not receiving more TAT funds. The counties have always found ways of funding services so that the public does not feel the impact. The mayors and councils need to be steadfast in their belief and statements regarding curtailing costs for services provided on State property or for State purposes.

Councilmember Riki Hokama, Maui County Council, provided additional information that the State will no longer be able to collect internet sales tax which amounted to \$150 million in revenue, due to the recent ban on internet sales tax. Secondly, the State needs to fund the collective bargaining increases it helped to negotiate for State employees. He recommended explaining to the community that visitors already pay transient accommodation taxes (TAT). TAT was established to offset the Counties' expenses for services the visitor enjoys during their vacation in



the islands, but the State chooses not to reimburse the counties for their expenses. And if the counties want to continue the level of services it provides for its visitors, the community needs to pay additional funds, i.e., taxes, to further subsidize the visitor, because this is what the State is forcing the counties to do.

President Victorino proposed allocating \$10,000 for the purpose of promotions (which includes related travel costs) to inform the public about the actual benefits of receiving the TAT and the drawbacks of not receiving the TAT, and what it is costing the residents in direct costs. He also asked for clarification of HSAC's position with respect to SB 2987. Secretary Rapozo noted that he submitted testimony in opposition to SB 2987, and believes that President Victorino also sent testimony opposing the measure.

Secretary Rapozo moved to authorize allocating \$10,000 to lobby for TAT, seconded by Treasurer Anderson.

Vice President Onishi noted that more action is needed by the counties, and possibly consider a reduction of certain services because of the expenses involved. The Counties should be adding to their rainy day fund, but the bulk of county revenues are going towards these expenses and the collective bargaining increases. Fire and police services should also be compensated for their services to the visitors. The public needs to get upset at what is happening and speak up in support of the State giving the counties more TAT money.

Secretary Rapozo did not feel that reducing services was appropriate, and said that the general public does not really understand the issue of the TAT. He recommended that each county administration be requested to submit a list of services that will be cut/reduced because of the Legislature's actions regarding the TAT.

The motion to authorize allocation of \$10,000 to lobby for TAT was put, and unanimously carried.

Secretary Rapozo recommended scheduling another strategy session with the Council of Mayors to discuss TAT lobbying efforts. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2016 at 10 a.m. in Honolulu, pending the availability of the Mayors.



VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Schedule the next meeting

The next HSAC Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 10 a.m. in Honolulu.

B. Other announcements

There were no other announcements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Rapozo", is written over a horizontal line.

MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
Hawai'i State Association of Counties

Meeting summary with U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard
w/ Hawaii State Association of Counties
February 24, 2016

HSAC Attending: Mike White, Michael Victorino, Troy Hashimoto (Staff)

Gabbard Staffers: Kainoa Penaroza, Chief of Staff; Anthony Ching, Senior Legislative Assistant

- **White:** The closure of HC&S is one of the biggest issues facing our community -interested in thoughts on possibly federal response.
- **Gabbard:** Labor is most obvious place - looking at whatever programs is available - one idea is to see what proof, declaration to be met to qualify under globalization - if you look at as a whole - why have small sugar industry. What is the correlation in order to say yes, of an entire job market moved to a different market. Workforce development grants are available but we are still in search phase and working with Brian and Mark.
- **White:** Feel need to be pushing faster on pre-clearance on flights to Narita and Maui and to establish customs operation on Maui. Pre-clearance seems like better option; not competition with Kona - want to work in concert. Had some discussions with Big Island, ok giving up on Hilo International Airport. Rental car facility being constructed. Don't want to mess with internationalization as people like Isaac Hall pulling the plug. But with HC&S and Makena closing down - need to push it further a little quicker.
- Doing an EIS is currently the challenge for Maui to move forward. That is why pre-clearance is much easier. Oahu has healthy occupancy, but neighbor Islands are lagging and are in need of assistance. Biggest issue is the time it takes to get through customs, coupled with Japan and Korea, once they get to Honolulu, they not only have challenge of customs, but won't do interline of baggage. Hawaiian is charging \$300 to \$500 roundtrip for handling of baggage. 8-10 years ago had 300,000 visitors on an annual basis, but time and interconnect costs is staggering.
- Maui doesn't have the correct permitting for injection wells. 5,600 injection wells throughout Hawaii. Challenge is taking water and injecting it is a bad thing, but if you reuse water, you would put it 100 ft from ocean. Takes a minute to drain 11 feet. A lawsuit filed for earth justice, left to the clean water act and not the safe drinking water act. Applied for permit in 2012 and still haven't gotten it. In the appeals

phase - going to the 9th Circuit for a decision. Waters of the U.S. is important will have big impacts on states. Is spending \$60 million for 25% of reuse the best to do this? This will have economic impacts to small communities like Maui and other rural areas - these are the ones that take the largest economic hits. The cost if lose is \$2.5 million but going through the appeal - have over 400,000 wells throughout the United States and this will impact anyone operating injection wells.

- **Gabbard:** If you look at EPA of criteria of developing impact areas, they look at maps and create a zone, but it is not necessarily scientific therefore, need to understand their rationale for regulations.
- Immediate concern are HC&S workers and simultaneously looking at the ring of effects and how being impacted by the closure. If there is federal funding or programs - going to continue to find and bring people together to use these resources. Everyone is engaged in this. It is figuring the path and need to keep in touch to find solutions.
- **Victorino:** Hamakua plan failed and people want to see it look a certain way, like diversified agriculture, but it hasn't worked in the past. Don't want to repeat that trap. Want to work on alternatives that fit.

Notes by Troy Hashimoto – troy.hashimoto@mauicounty.us

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Meeting summary with U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono
w/ Hawaii State Association of Counties
February 24, 2016

HSAC Attending: Kipukai Kualii, Arryl Kaneshiro, Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, Mike White, Troy Hashimoto (Staff)

Hirono Staffers: Jeremy Horan, Legislative Director

- **Hirono:** Will be speaking on the floor shortly on the anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and the upcoming Supreme Court Nomination, so part of the meeting will be with Legislative Director.
- Hawaii on the Hill - Kauai strongly represented; need more people from Big Island.
- **Kualii:** funding for transportation and continued CDBG funds are very important to Kauai County.
- **Hirono:** in the budget and appropriations cycle now - have some handouts to give to the members that can be utilized to request funds.
- **White:** Thank you for voting against Wyden amendment.
- **Hirono:** Marketplace tax - why should we collect taxes for other states?
- **White:** In many cases internet companies have been collecting taxes on total charge, but only pass on the portion of the room rate only. Expedia has used money to further market to draw upon their web presence and have been doing it for 20 years. Keeping this becomes a profit for them. Wyden amendment hoses us because State is not going to get \$150 million in revenue in TAT.
- **Hirono:** Would like marketplace fairness act (enable state government to collect sales taxes and use taxes from remote retailers with no physical presence in their state) if going to eliminate internet portion.
- **Onishi:** Ford Fuchigami wrote letter to Transportation to have discussion on plans and design at Kona International Airport. Just in case something happens at Honolulu - no international flight will be able to disembark without an additional port of entry.
- **Hirono:** Seems a bit different justification than before - previously was wanting more direct flights.

- **Onishi:** If man power is cut, then won't be able to complete anything - everything is moving, but it is up to customs to monitor project and fund the positions and the relocation- when took away staff from Kona Airport - cost \$2 million to relocate them.
- **Hirono:** Always been sticking point - customs and border have no money to staff the airport.
- **Onishi:** State is willing to fly staff from Oahu to Kona, but unable to figure out how to do this.
- **Hirono:** Alan Yamamoto, my State Director is in constant contact with Ford and can follow up to see what can be done - very supportive of this project
- **White:** With closure of HC&S - need to have international airport on Maui.
- **Legislative Director Horan:**
 - o Presented 2016 Grant Funding Announcements
 - o TIGER grants are available.
 - o FIRE and SAFER grants are also available.
 - o Senator has online application to input any appropriation requests - upload documents and deadline is March 4 - 6 p.m. Hawaii Time - this will allow the office to make sure all the information is correct. Want to get most done by July.
 - o Can share these documents with constituents
- Each of these programs funded in Hawaii - if can use the money - the better angle is focus on CBP personnel accounts to try and address the staffing issue. Sometimes the agency budgets - if congress doesn't give more money, then those are areas they many have to cut. Kona situation is one that they have been trying to figure out for a while.
- U.S. Department of Transportation and State are the ones to add flight slots at Haneda
- **White:** Should have a big push for pre-clearance - would help all islands
- **Onishi:** Japan does not want to pay for the expense - United States does not want to pay for it.
- **Horan:** There are bills to prioritize visa waiver countries. Abu Dhabi pay for all costs; Japanese have previously been generous, but there have been an issue of arming guards. Negotiations are still alive - Senator spoke with Secretary Foxx before Haneda.

- Can send letters of support to the Hawaii Delegation and pre-clearance letter to Homeland Security - need to verify that - can speak to colleagues at NACo regarding the general issue of pre-clearance. With Paris incident, there is a tendency to want to make it more restrictive. Need to push for pre-clearance.
- **White:** Getting through customs in Honolulu - it takes time to get through customs and interconnect fees are very expensive. Pre-clearance is superior to avoid time to get through customs and the charge that Hawaiian makes against the other carriers is a big amount. Was told in Japan - Korean Airlines was charged \$500 for a roundtrip for interline fees.
- **Horan:** Water of the US is currently in court - many states sued and implementation was supposed to take place last summer.
- **White:** Earth Justice funded a lawsuit regarding wastewater treatment plant - been told apply for a NPDMNS permit as a federal judge said it applies to clean water act. State and Federal Government are not joining in the suit. Going to impact anyone with injection well as water is going to end up in the ocean. Permit was not processed. 5,600 injection wells just in Hawaii - first to get hit with the suit.
- **Horan:** Final regulation addressed some of the farmers concerns and the clean water act was not something they were concerned about - but interesting patch work as Feds delegate permitting work - please keep posted on the outcome. Can help to facilitate calls with the EPA. Need to speak with Alan Yamamoto about this.
- Presidents Budget includes \$2 million increase in ag inspection funding; Senator was at a hearing with Interior Secretary for the Navy's bio security plan - Interior Department is the lead for additional funding - Jen Burks in our office can fill you in on the information. Rapid Ohia Death in Presidents budget for the US Geological Survey is going to be on ground this year to provide scientific support to help address this issue. Can send letters of support to the Delegation as working on appropriation bills to take certain actions. Cannot do earmarks.

Notes by Troy Hashimoto - troy.hashimoto@mauicounty.us

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Meeting summary with U.S. Senator Brian Schatz
w/ Hawaii State Association of Counties
February 23, 2016

HSAC Attending: Michael Victorino, Ikaika Anderson, Kipukai Kualii, Arryl Kaneshiro, Riki Hokama, Don Couch, Troy Hashimoto (Staff)

Schatz Staffers: Andy Winer (Chief of Staff), Kate Howard (surface transportation, aviation, budget, appropriations adviser), Mika Morse (tax policy, banking, trade, education, tourism, criminal justice, legislative counsel), Arun Revana (Legislative Director), Michael Obeter, Amy Grace (health portfolio, senior issues, adoption issues), James Chang (ocean issues, weather, disaster, agriculture, science - from Kaimuki), Michael Beeter (climate change)

- **Hokama:** Big concerns on Maui with the closure of HC&S – both with employees being displaced and also with what will happen with the land.
- **Couch:** Metropolitan Planning Organization - having a hard time to fit a more rural area into an urban area. Injection wells in West Maui is a big concern - looking for help; it is a big issue that is going to impact coastal counties and states.
- **Kaneshiro for Onishi:** Residents of Hawaii County would like a US Customs protection facility built; CIP request of \$50 million for custom and border control.
- **Senator Schatz:** Kona airport - put language in to allow for customs and border protection and other standards. Working closely with the Governor on his CIP request; Kyle and others are looking at special facility bonds to avoid going through general revenue. In regards to staffing, need to focus on one thing at a time as first need to get the facility. Thereafter, need to be sure to have enough staffing.
- There are many legitimate reasons to make Maui an International Airport. No reason for us to say that these two efforts are in competition. All in agreement that these projects should not be in competition - have to all work together and move concurrently.
- HC&S - Tom Perez - Secretary of Labor is a friend - have been in contact with him on various options.
- Need to divide the question of workers and the issue of the land. Worker side – looking at trade adjustment assistance. Previously, plantations were not eligible. This is now more plausible as a trade issue and also have Tom Perez as an ally. Need to continue to push State Department Director as

someone needs to make an application - no guarantees, but have to pursue pretty aggressively.

- In the past, career professionals possibly have tried to apply for these funds and failed, but politics has changed a bit. Dislocated worker benefits are also available.
- Maui agriculture - pushing A&B for options - they were doing some preliminary tests. But need to do a deep dive into what is possible on the biofuels front; very few agriculture opportunities for smaller farmers as takes long-time to develop infrastructure.
- Big long-term plan has to be bio-fuels. Asked HECO to look into this heavily. A&B is doing analysis in crop testing and yields. Sometimes clean energy is cheaper, but sometimes not. Don't want to pay big amounts, but if the price comes within shouting distance, then it may be worth pursuing.
- Working hard to do everything that can be done to get this launched. At some point need to get yields back and whether the public is willing to pay for these higher amounts. Looking for opportunities on the appropriations side to look for opportunities. Need to have adult conversation about what is realistic.
- **Hokama:** Part of County's power is taxation, and looking to revamp tax code in regards to agriculture. There are many challenges with transient rentals. Want to take some advice from UH, labor education and real property to come up with tax solutions. Our people also need affordable housing. Many people are without homes and these are not the homeless. Locals are not happy with these numbers.
- **Schatz:** Many issues with housing. One is DHHL, in their coffers they simply are not spending monies. Even if you extrapolate their spend plan against \$60 million, they have - cost per home is close to \$1 million per home. Native housing has to go towards a different model. Not sure on DHHL number, but around 20,000 is on their list. Asked about amount of money needed from federal government to get everyone on land and they asked for \$10 billion. Appropriations staff went to Maui and saw 2 acre lots - but need more density just to get people off the list.
- They also need to manage their funds better, of the \$60 million they had, \$25 million was put in a certificate of deposit. Need to rethink 1 or 2 acres. Just need housing. People will rather have more space, but need to be realistic - just need homes. If going to be sustainable - cannot have 90 minute commutes.

- **Kualii:** As a homesteader - DHHL is a State agency that is failing but the need is there for the beneficiaries - desperately need housing - 2 acres is not what people are asking for. They want to get on the land. In Hanapepe on Moi road, there are 5,000 square foot lots, but fought to have a minimum of 10,000 square feet, modest size yard. DHHL has been failing, but beneficiaries are about changing the State processes. Don't force them to have \$250,000 homes.
- **Schatz:** Part of DHHL MO is to build their corpus as a trust; need some revenue to sustain the agency, but they have to shift their mentality from building corpus to put people on the land.
- **Kualii:** Went to Department of Interior directly and developed a budget better than the State, but have to bang heads against State bureaucracy.
- **Anderson:** Need to build homes that are practical; \$250,000 homes and higher are difficult to build. Rental housing would be more practical.
- **Winer:** DOI and NOAA - working on shear water and taro farmers in Hanalei. Worked closely with fisherman and sanctuary management plan. Helped to push back when the time came - went through the wars with NOAA - it was right for them to withdraw sanctuary management plan. Worked on monk seal habitat - come up with a solution. Potential expansion of Papahānaumokuākea is moving forward - if moving forward, then engagement with the counties and the State will be critical. Sub-specialty - got to know resource agencies pretty well on critical habitat issues; if need help with Federal agencies, can give guidance and how to be most efficient with time. Sometimes if doing planning, Feds can get in the way.
- **Amy Grace:** Senator Schatz just introduced a measure called CONNECT for Health Act which proposes an opening for more providers to incorporate telemedicine into their practices. This hopefully will lead to increase in access for care on neighbor islands and on Oahu - under statue - would lift restrictions of telehealth of Medicare.
- **Hokama:** Concerned that when a veteran is in jail, they lose many federal medical benefits – which leaves counties to pick up tab. In one particular county, it put their county at risk with the cost of one inmate due to their health costs.
- **Victorino:** Put some thought into closure of HC&S; hemp is being thrown around - but this has federal laws that must be changed.
- **Schatz:** No objection morally, but no analysis has been done – many think that it is a miracle crop. Name on bill to allow it to be grown and for

marijuana possession – have been liberal on issue, but doesn't mean I did analysis for central Maui. Need to be serious about what ends up getting pursued.

Notes by Troy Hashimoto – troy.hashimoto@mauicounty.us

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Meeting summary with U.S. Representative Mark Takai
w/ Hawaii State Association of Counties
February 24, 2016

HSAC Attending: Mike White, Michael Victorino, Ikaika Anderson, Troy Hashimoto (Staff)

Takai Staffers: Sean Callahan, Deputy Chief of Staff; Kana Smith, Legislative Correspondent

- **Victorino:** Closing down of HC&S is top of mind; 700 people directly/indirectly are being impacted and the question remains on what will happen to the acreage. Trying to find solutions - lots of people wanting to help; don't want another Hamakua disaster. Another big concern is that Makena Resort will also be shutting down in June.
- **Takai:** Working with the delegation and look at national farm worker assistance along with working on appropriations language.
- **White:** Working on pre-clearance; very little Asian business due to the majority of non-direct flights. Wholesalers and carriers in Japan and Korea - no break to connect, the interline costs is \$300; Korean air is \$500 per round trip. Many foreign carriers are fed up with Hawaiian.
- Another option is that Island Air can connect early from Oahu - can't interline bags if it is not Hawaiian; have to take bags and recheck. Have to focus on this; Honolulu has large flights - hotel occupancy is 10 points ahead than neighbor islands. Have lots of capacity on the neighbor islands and getting pre-clearance will help, we would like to be able to have twice the number of rooms filled.
- Have pre-clearance from Canada currently. Japan said that it could take 2-4 years to accomplish from an economic standpoint.
- **Takai:** Will work on this.
- **White:** Currently in litigation in West Maui, with Wastewater issues; State and EPA aren't joining in the litigation despite it having nationwide impacts.
- **Victorino:** If we do lose this case, going to open the flood gates and other coastal communities are going to be impacted.
- **Anderson:** Requesting continued kokua with rail - looking at the release of additional federal funding for rail. Now that GE passed, looking

forward FTA funds to be released. Previously sequestered funds is now in the presidents budget.

- **Takai:** Every state has federal transportation funds, but need to bring backlog below \$400 million, currently at \$600 million. To help rail, was trying to see if can move rail projects to the federal highway side. Farrington/Aiea/Pearl City - reconstruction of Kam Highway should have been done 5 years ago, the entire corridor needs to be reconstructed, which was going to be a rail project of \$100 million. Was able to take care of most of this with Federal Funds and this is money that HART will not have to spend. Put chain link fence along Kam Highway so could force city to do pedestrian barriers, so can use federal highways monies to include median and sidewalks. HART should realize savings of \$100 million.
- Originally put a \$750,000 for design projects and \$9 million near the watercress farm - decided to put money underground - so now city has control of timing of lights and it is all in fiber. Chain link fence cost half million. \$85 million is reconstruction, but if can include the medians then can get up to \$100 million. City didn't want to talk about it, but came out with release after governor's deadline so would not impact what was going on. Still more money that can be spent that federal highways can be spent on.
- Spend down is at \$640 million of federal highway funds - many projects that aren't going to happen and it is hard for the state to undo some of these items. Want to make sure have process. They want to undo monies and reallocate to other projects.

Notes by Troy Hashimoto – troy.hashimoto@mauicounty.us

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March 18, 2016

MEMO TO: Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive Committee

F R O M: Mike White 
Maui County Council Chair and WIR Board Member

Daniel K. Paleka, Jr. 
Hawaii County Councilmember and WIR Board Member

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (“WIR”)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT THE 2016 NACO
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

On behalf of the Hawaii State Association of Counties, we attended the 2016 Western Interstate Region Board of Directors Meeting at the National Association of Counties (“NACo”) Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. The meeting was held on Saturday, February 20, 2016, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

We received informative presentations from various organizations, including, Western Governors’ Association (“WGA”) Executive Director Jim Ogsbury. Mr. Ogsbury updated the Board on the activities of WGA and lead a discussion on ways WIR can partner with WGA in its advocacy efforts. The possible arrangements discussed ranged from a monetary agreement, which would allow for WIR logos to be placed on WGA materials, to simplify coordinating various lobbying efforts. The WIR Board is planning to formally discuss a proposal at its meeting at the WIR Conference. The WGA represents the governors of 19 western states and 3 U.S.-flag islands and serves as a bipartisan policy development, information exchange and coordinates collective action on issues of critical importance to the western United States.

Other presentations received were from Jordan Smith of the National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition, which focuses on improving and updating the Endangered Species Act. Mike Zupko of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council also shared his organizations charge, which is to provide oversight and coordination of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy.

Teton County (Jackson Hole), Wyoming is pleased to host the 2016 WIR Conference which will be held from May 25-27, 2016. They delivered an update on their planning and announced they will provide outdoor activities that take advantage of their natural beauty. They are planning optional mobile tours on May 24 for those interested in attending. Registration is currently open at www.naco.org/events/western-interstate-region-wir-conference. Members are encouraged to register early, as the conference hotel is filling up quickly.

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Rob Hagans, NACo's Chief Financial Officer, reported on WIR finance's and shared that although income from WIR conferences have exceeded budget projections, NACo still is subsidizing WIR in the amount of \$17,946 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. NACo however, anticipates this subsidy and believes that WIR is an important component of the overall organization.

The Board of Directors also passed a policy relating to the utilization of the WIR President's Account. Drafted by NACo staff, the policy outlines appropriate expenses that the President can charge to the \$5,000 budgeted allowance.

A broad discussion also took place on the WIR Advocacy Framework that was discussed at the fall board meeting. The following was adopted by the Board as their advocacy priorities for 2016:

- 1. Strengthen Local Infrastructure:** *Successful communities are built on strong infrastructure. WIR supports initiatives to strengthen local infrastructure in the West by promoting local decision making in transportation investments, prioritizing investments to modernize and improve infrastructure safety, ensuring the long term predictability and solvency of federal infrastructure investments, and maintaining and enhancing local financing options. As technology generates new economic opportunities for communities in the West, WIR also supports policies that expand local access and promote investment in and development of a modern, high-speed communications infrastructure in Western communities.*

- 2. Encourage Access to Western Lands and Responsible Development of Western Resources:** *Responsible development and improved access to Western lands and natural resources is critical to Western economies and maintaining the Western quality of life. WIR supports policies that promote the sustainable development and active management of natural resources in the West as a means of promoting community economic growth, job creation and the long-term viability of Western communities. WIR encourages the development of policies that seek to sustainably and responsibly manage activities on Western public lands in the least restrictive manner, in support of the greatest number of recreational, historic and productive uses and in consultation with local governments and stakeholders.*

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- 3. Ensure Certainty in Federal County Payments:** *Counties provide critical services to their residents and public land visitors alike. WIR supports extending full, predictable and mandatory funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which compensates counties for the services they provide on tax-exempt public lands within their boundaries. WIR further supports legislative efforts to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program, which provides bridge payments to counties to compensate for significant declines in federal revenue sharing within the National Forest System.*
- 4. Promote Safe and Healthy Communities:** *Counties invest billions of dollars to deliver public health and safety services each year. WIR supports policies that strengthen public health and well-being by maintaining and enhancing local healthcare systems, preserving the federal-state-local partnership for Medicaid and promoting access to medical and behavioral healthcare for those in need. WIR supports policies that protect public safety through intergovernmental partnerships and a comprehensive approach to addressing public safety challenges. Planning, resource sharing and mutual support is critical to addressing law enforcement and crime prevention issues facing Western counties.*
- 5. Advocate for Local Control and Strengthen the Federal Partnership:** *Western county officials have a responsibility to provide local leadership and seek community-based solutions to strengthen their counties. WIR supports a strong federal-county partnership that encourages and gives great deference to county input in federal decision making. WIR opposes policies that restrict county governance and planning, impose unfunded mandates, or unduly burden community economic development and opportunity.*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Council Chair White at (808) 270-5507 or by e-mail at Mike.White@MauiCounty.us or Councilmember Paleka at (808) 961-8026 or by e-mail at Daniel.Paleka@HawaiiCounty.gov.

cc: Members of the Maui County Council
Members of the Hawaii County Council

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March 24, 2016

Michael P. Victorino, HSAC President
Hawaii State Association of Counties
200 South High Street, Room 703
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear President Victorino:

Enclosed for your information and files is a certified copy of Resolution No. 2016-34, RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND NOMINATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, which was approved by the Kauai County Council on March 23, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA
County Clerk, County of Kauai

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Enclosure

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COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF KAUA'I

Resolution No. 2016-34

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION
OF COUNTIES AND NOMINATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS A
BOARD MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) is a nonprofit corporation comprised of members of the four County Councils of the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, each County Council represented on HSAC is a member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Western Interstate Region (WIR), an organization comprised of western counties affiliated with NACo; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the HSAC Bylaws requires each County Council to appoint one of its members to serve as an officer of the HSAC Executive Committee, and to designate an alternate member, prior to April 15 of each year, and whose terms shall begin on July 1 of the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the HSAC Bylaws also requires that in making the appointment, each Council shall delegate to the appointees sufficient authority to formulate the proposed slate of officers; and

WHEREAS, Section 5A of the HSAC Bylaws states that HSAC shall have two directors serving on the NACo Board of Directors and two directors serving on the WIR Board of Directors who are nominated to the position by the HSAC Executive Committee and the individual councils; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I, STATE OF HAWAII, THAT:

SECTION 1. Councilmember Mel Rapozo is hereby appointed as Kaua'i County Council's representative to the HSAC Executive Committee for the term commencing on July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2017.

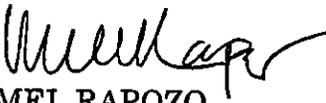
SECTION 2. Councilmember Ross Kagawa is hereby appointed as Kaua'i County Council's alternate representative to the HSAC Executive Committee for the term commencing on July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2017.

SECTION 3. The Kaua'i County Council hereby delegates to the appointees, sufficient authority to formulate the slate of officers for the term commencing on July 1, 2016.

SECTION 4. Councilmember KipuKai Kualii is hereby nominated to serve on the NACo Board of Directors for the term beginning on the last day of the 2016 NACo Annual Conference.

SECTION 5. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the HSAC Executive Committee.

Introduced by:


MEL RAPOZO

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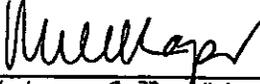
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Certificate Of Adoption

We hereby certify that Resolution No. 2016-34 was adopted by the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, on March 23, 2016.



County Clerk
Dated March 24, 2016



Chairman & Presiding Officer

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



STATE OF HAWAI'I

RESOLUTION NO. 517 16

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE HAWAI'I STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NOMINATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR ON THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Association of Counties ("HSAC") is a nonprofit corporation comprised of members of the four county councils of the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, each county council represented on HSAC is a member of the National Association of Counties ("NACo") and the Western Interstate Region ("WIR"), an organization comprised of western counties affiliated with NACo; and

WHEREAS, HSAC bylaws require that prior to April 15 of each year, each County Council appoints one of its members to serve as an officer on the HSAC Executive Committee and designates an alternate representative; and

WHEREAS, HSAC bylaws require that in making the appointment, each council shall delegate to the appointees sufficient authority to formulate the proposed slate of officers; and

WHEREAS, HSAC bylaws further state that HSAC shall have two directors serving on the NACo Board of Directors and two directors serving on the WIR Board of Directors who are nominated to the position by the HSAC Executive Committee and the individual councils; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I that Council Member Dennis "Fresh" Onishi is hereby appointed as its representative to the HSAC Executive Committee for the term beginning July 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council Member Danny Paleka is hereby appointed as Hawai'i County Council's alternate representative to the HSAC Executive Committee for the term beginning July 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the HSAC Executive Committee are delegated the sufficient authority to formulate the slate of officers for the term beginning July 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council Member Danny Paleka is hereby nominated to serve as a Director on the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors for the term beginning July 1, 2016.

Resolution

No. 16-66

APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAWAII STATE
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Hawaii State Association of Counties ("HSAC") Bylaws requires each County Council to appoint one of its members to serve as an officer of the HSAC Executive Committee, and to designate an alternate member, whose terms shall begin July 1 of the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the HSAC Bylaws also requires that in making the appointment, each Council shall delegate to the appointees sufficient authority to formulate the proposed slate of officers; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it does hereby appoint Presiding Officer Pro Tempore Michael P. Victorino to be the HSAC representative, and Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa to be the alternate representative, for the term commencing on July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2017; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the HSAC Executive Committee.

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

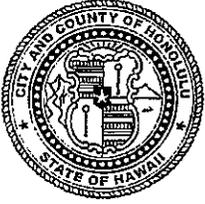
CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is **HEREBY CERTIFIED** that **RESOLUTION NO. 16-66** was adopted by the **Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii**, on the **15th day of April, 2016**, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Michael B. WHITE Chair	Donald S. GUZMAN Vice-Chair	Gladys C. BAISA	Robert CARROLL	Eleanora COCHRAN	Donald G. COUCH, JR.	S. Stacy CRIVELLO	G. Riki HOKAMA	Michael P. VICTORINO
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI
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March 17, 2016

Mr. Michael Victorino, President
Hawaii State Association of Counties
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Mr. Victorino:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Resolution 16-66, relating to appointments and nominations for the Hawaii State Association of Counties, was adopted by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen I. Takahashi", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI
City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 16-66

RESOLUTION

RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Association of Counties ("HSAC") is comprised of the members of the four County Councils of the State of Hawaii and is headed by an Executive Committee ("Committee") consisting of four officers: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the HSAC bylaws provides that prior to April 15 of each year, each County Council shall appoint one of its members to serve as an officer of the Committee and designate an alternate to serve on the Committee; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the HSAC bylaws requires each County Council to pass a resolution to approve the member appointed and alternate to serve on the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the HSAC bylaws further provide that upon passage of the resolution, each county council shall be deemed to have delegated to the appointee sufficient authority to formulate the HSAC slate of officers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it approves Honolulu Councilmember Ikaika Anderson as its designee to serve as an officer of the HSAC Executive Committee during fiscal years 2016-2017 and that Honolulu Councilmember Joey Manahan is designated as Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's alternate; and



CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 16-66

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii State Association of Counties.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAR 10 2016

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 16-66

Introduced: 03/10/16

By: ERNEST MARTIN

Committee: COUNCIL

Title: RESOLUTION RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

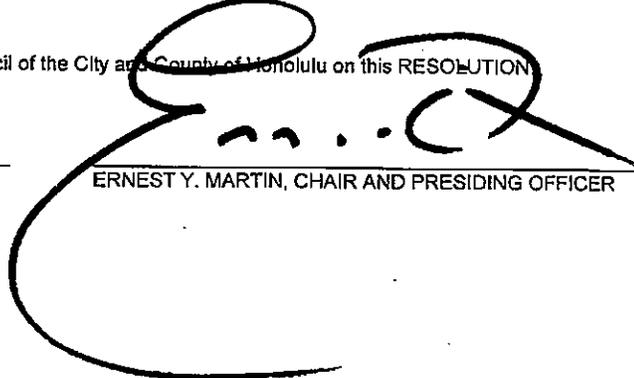
03/16/16 COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 16-66 WAS ADOPTED.

9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

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April 15, 2016

TO: HSAC Executive Committee

FROM: Michael P. Victorino, HSAC President

RE: **NOMINATIONS FOR NACo AND WIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS**

Aloha,

Section 5A of the HSAC Bylaws states that HSAC shall have two directors serving on the NACo Board of Directors and two directors serving on the WIR Board of Directors who are nominated to the position by the HSAC Executive Committee.

When approved, the Executive Committee shall submit a slate to the councils for approval. I would like to submit the following names to the board for consideration.

NACo Board of Directors

1. KipuKai Kuali`i of Kauai County Council
2. Ikaika Anderson of Honolulu City Council

WIR Board of Directors

1. Mike White of Maui County Council
2. Daniel Paleka of Hawaii County Council

Please let me know if you have any concerns.

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April 14, 2016

Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, President
Hawaii State Association of Counties
200 S. High Street, 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI, 96793

Dear President Victorino:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2017 PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

As Treasurer of the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC), I am submitting the proposed annual operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. The proposed budget details incorporate the following assumptions and changes:

1. Membership Fees of \$10,920 for each county will remain the same.
2. Conference Income will increase to \$18,000 for the June conference to be hosted by the Hawaii County Council.
3. Interest Income will remain the same.
4. The NACo Prescription Drug Marketing Fee revenue will stay the same at \$6,000.
5. The Total Revenues and Fund Balance will stay the same at \$171,872.
6. Executive Committee Travel-Air and Ground will remain at \$15,500 (\$350 x 3 members x 10 meetings + \$5,000 members' travel costs to State Legislature).
7. Executive Committee Auditing/Professional Services will remain the same.
8. Executive Committee Stationary will remain the same.
9. Executive Committee Miscellaneous will remain the same.
10. Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee expense of \$500 will remain the same.
11. Special Committee Travel will remain the same
12. Special Committee Miscellaneous will remain the same.
13. NACo Travel-Board Air and Ground will remain the same at \$18,000 (\$1,500 x 4 Board Directors x 3 meetings).
14. NACo Travel-Steering Committee-Air and Ground will remain the same (\$1,500 x 2 Steering Committee members x 2 meetings).
15. NACo Promotional will remain the same.
16. NACo and WIR dues will remain the same.
17. NACo Miscellaneous will be increasing to \$2,000.
18. WIR Travel-Air and Ground will remain at \$9,000 (\$1,500 x 2 Board members x 3 meetings).
19. WIR Promotional will be eliminated (\$2,250) and moved to HSAC Promotion and Outreach.



20. WIR Miscellaneous will be increasing to \$2,000.
21. WIR 2015 Conference (\$5,755) will be zeroed out and money added to HSAC Promotion and Outreach.
22. WIR Miscellaneous and NACo Miscellaneous (\$1,000 each) will remain the same.
23. Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses will remain the same.
24. The National Conference Fund will stay the same at \$44,000.
25. The Prescription Drug Scholarship Program will remain the same at \$7,500.
26. The County Leadership Institute Attendee expense will remain the same at \$3,000.
27. The Prescription Drug Scholarship Program will remain at \$5,000.
28. HSAC Promotion has been changed to HSAC Promotion and Outreach. This amount has been increased by \$6,005 to \$9,505 to help cover costs related to communicating HSAC activities and reports to its members, other government officials, and the public.

It is my recommendation that all four counties submit their approval or disapproval of the proposed annual operating budget to the HSAC Executive Committee before the May 2016 meeting of the HSAC Executive Committee.

Malama Pono,

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Ikaika Anderson
HSAC Treasurer

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HSAC FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016-2017 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

	FY 2016	FY2017
	Budget	Budget
<u>REVENUES</u>		
1. Membership Fees	\$43,680	\$43,680
2. Conference Income	\$15,000	\$15,000
3. Interest Income	\$28	\$28
4. Corporate Sponsorship	\$0	\$0
5. Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0
6. NACo Prescription Drug Marketing Fee	\$6,000	\$6,000
Fund Balance, prior FY	\$107,164	\$107,164
TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$171,872</u>	<u>\$171,872</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
1. Executive Committee Travel-Air and Ground	\$15,500	\$15,500
2. Executive Committee Auditing/Professional Services	\$5,000	\$5,000
3. Executive Committee Stationery	\$150	\$150
4. Executive Committee Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$2,000
5. Online QuickBooks Monthly Fee	\$500	\$500
1. Special Committee Travel	\$500	\$500
2. Special Committee Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100
1. NACo Travel-Board-Air and Ground	\$18,000	\$18,000
2. NACo Travel-Steering Committees-Air and Ground	\$6,000	\$6,000
3. NACo Promotional	\$250	\$250
4. NACo Dues	\$27,268	\$27,268
5. NACo Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$2,000
1. WIR Travel-Air and Ground	\$9,000	\$9,000
2. WIR Promotional	\$2,250	\$0
3. WIR Dues	\$3,804	\$3,804
4. WIR Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$2,000
5. WIR 2015 Conference	\$5,755	\$0
1. Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$10,795	\$10,795
2. National Conference Fund	\$44,000	\$44,000
3. Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$7,500	\$7,500
4. County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$3,000	\$3,000
5. Prescription Drug Promotion	\$5,000	\$5,000
6. HSAC Promotion and Outreach	\$3,500	\$9,505
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$171,872</u>	<u>\$171,872</u>
BALANCE	\$0	\$0

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TO: HSAC Executive Committee

FROM: Michael P. Victorino, HSAC President

RE: **LOBBYING EFFORTS AT THE 2016 STATE LEGISLATURE**

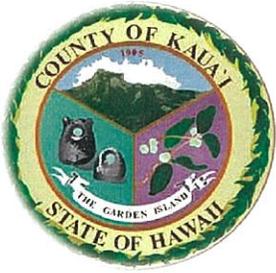
Aloha,

This report is to provide an update on the lobbying efforts done by the Hawaii State Association of Counties at the 2016 State Legislature.

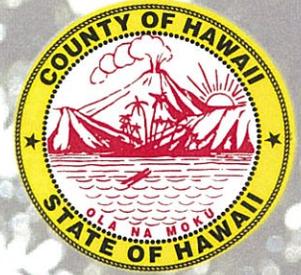
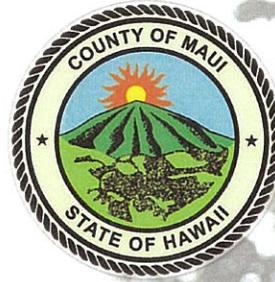
- At the March 8, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, the board authorized \$10,000 to be used for lobbying efforts, with a focus on public relations and communications. The committee selected Becker Communications, Inc. to provide services.
- Over conference calls, HSAC organized a unified effort among its members to meet with key State Legislators on April 14, 2016 to lobby for a fair share of the transient accommodations tax (SB 2987). The effort was joined by the Hawaii Conference of Mayors and all four Council Chairs.
- Among the measures HSAC has testified on, the bills that remain in motion are:
 - SB 2987 SD 2 HD 2, relating to the transient accommodations tax.
 - SB 2121 SD 1 HD 1, relating to public agency meetings and records. (HSAC Package bill)
 - HCR 29, urging Hawaii's congressional delegation to propose and pass an amendment to the United States Constitution clarifying that corporations are not people with constitutional rights and that unlimited campaign spending is not free speech.
 - SB 2250 HD 1, relating to county short term investments.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Supporting resilient communities in Hawai'i

The Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) has scheduled its 2016 Annual Conference for June 22-24, 2016, at the Sheraton Kona Resort and Spa at Keauhou Bay. The County of Hawaii will be hosting this year's conference.

The theme this year is "**Counties on the Forefront.**" Conference topics will focus on how our counties are on the front line in preparing and responding to natural disasters and are at the critical thread in supporting resiliency within our communities.

SCHEDULE UPDATE

Due to scheduling changes the agenda has been revised. Join us for the general meeting on **June 22nd**, a full day of exciting speakers and panelists that will address timely and relevant topics on **June 23rd**, and optional field trip and golf tournament on **June 24th**. Opportunities to meet guest speakers, government leaders from across the State, and other participants will be provided throughout the duration of the conference.

Additional Events:

- **Helicopter tour field trip** (Optional)
- **Golf tournament** (Optional)
- **Exhibit hall**
- **Reception and Banquet**

Because HSAC is a nonprofit organization, donations are important in helping to defray conference costs. As a conference sponsor, you will be recognized in our conference program and on our conference website. Several sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please see the attached form for details or contact us at hsac2016conference@gmail.com or 808.974.7555.

**If you are able to assist us in any way, please make your check payable to:
"HSAC Conference"**

**Mail to:
2016 HSAC Conference
P.O. Box 5240
Hilo, HI 96720**

Register for the conference on our website at hsac2016.hawaii-conference.com. Consider bringing along your family, and extending your stay through the weekend. We've secured an ocean view room rate of \$159 per night at the Sheraton Kona Resort and Spa for the duration of the conference as well as three days post and prior. You'll be amazed at how much there is to see and do in West Hawaii. Thank you, in advance, for your help in making 2016 HSAC Annual Conference a success!

Very truly yours,

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**Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, Vice President
HSAC**

**Dru Kanuha, Chair
Hawaii County Council**

Updated schedule