

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

Friday, February 10, 2017, at 10 a.m. or soon thereafter

Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room

530 South King Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the January 17, 2017 HSAC Executive Committee meeting

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Treasurer's Report for December 2016

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

- a. Report submitted by Ikaika Anderson on the 2016 NACo Fall Board of Directors and Rural Action Caucus meetings
- b. 2017 NACo Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. on February 25-March 1.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Maui County Council Resolution 17-12, adopted on January 20, 2017, approving the nomination of Arryl Kaneshiro to the NACo Board of Directors and Dru Kanuha to the WIR Board of Directors
- B. Honolulu City Council Resolution 17-29, adopted on January 25, 2017, approving the nomination of Dru Kanuha to the WIR Board of Directors
- C. Hawaii County Council Resolution 46-17, adopted on January 25, 2017, approving the nomination of Dru Kanuha to the WIR Board of Directors
- D. Discussion and consideration of proposed HSAC bylaw amendment submitted by Secretary Mel Rapozo, to clarify the officers' rotation schedule and procedure



- E. Discussion and consideration of proposed HSAC bylaw amendment submitted by President Stacy Crivello, to allow members of the Executive Committee to travel and attend the WIR Conference
- F. Approving the nomination of Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura to the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution
- G. Discussion on HSAC's operations capacity and resources
- H. Discussion and consideration of hiring a lobbyist for the 2017 State Legislative session.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Scheduling the next meeting
 - Friday, March 17, 2017 at 10 a.m., Honolulu Hale
- B. Other announcements

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 17, 2017
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

County of Maui:

President Stacy Crivello,
County of Maui Councilmember

County of Hawai'i:

Vice President Dru Kanuha,
County of Hawai'i Councilmember

County of Kaua'i:

Secretary Mel Rapozo,
County of Kaua'i Council Chair

City and County of Honolulu: Treasurer Ron Menor (Alternate),
City and County of Honolulu Council Chair

Others Present:

Alika Atay, County of Maui Councilmember
Kelly T. King, County of Maui Councilmember
Yuki Lei Sugimura, County of Maui Councilmember
Mike White, County of Maui Council Chair

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

Honolulu staff Kamakana Watanabe, Office of
Council Services

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

Honolulu staff Alan Texeira, Office of
Councilmember Ikaika Anderson;

County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication
Director, Office of Council Services;



Maui staff Brian Bardolini, Office of
Councilmember Alika Atay
Maui staff Lyn Ampolos, Office of Councilmember
Alika Atay
Maui staff Trinette Furtado, Office of
Councilmember Alika Atay
Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant,
Office of Council Services;
Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.
Michael Victorino, past HSAC President

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the December 22, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the December 22, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report for December 2016.

President Crivello recommended that this matter be deferred due to the absence of Treasurer Ikaika Anderson.

There being no objections, the Treasurer's Report for December 2016 was deferred.

- B. County Reports

1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Menor reported that Honolulu City Council's Public Safety & Welfare Committee



received an update on the implementation plan for moped safety checks, and an update on the Police Commission's goals and objectives. The Committee on Executive Matters reported out Resolution 16-323, naming a city entertainment venue in honor of Tom Moffat. The Committee also heard numerous resolutions with respect to the mayor's cabinet appointments. The Parks Committee discussed issues, priorities, and plans for park improvements throughout the island. The Budget Committee discussed the Honolulu Zoo Working Group Final Report, and stated its commitment towards implementing future improvements. The Committee on Transportation & Planning conducted a hearing on Bill 8, commercial activities at certain city beach parks, and received a monthly update on the Sustainable Communities Plans. The Committee on Business, Economic Development and Tourism (BET) received an update from the Mayor's Office on Economic Development, which focused on future accomplishments and goals. The BET Committee discussed critical issues affecting Waikīkī, homelessness, street vendors, traffic congestion, parking, and concerns with the tourism industry professionals, which included exploring possible solutions to ensure a better experience in Waikīkī. The BET Committee also discussed policy enforcement concerns from Honolulu Police Department, Department of Planning & Permitting, Department of Transportation Service, and the Department of Facility Maintenance. The legislative branch hosted many school children tours during the holidays, and celebrated the Council's inauguration on January 3, 2017. Treasurer Menor stated that the City Council looks forward to a very productive year and a positive and productive working relationship with HSAC.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Kanuha reported that the Hawai'i County Council confirmed Mayor Harry Kim's cabinet appointments, except for Corporation Counsel nominee Joe Kamelamela, which will be considered at the next Council meeting. Despite recent history, the Council is considering a proposal to allow certain purchases of alcoholic beverages with the Council Chair's approval. The introducer of the bill is currently working with Corporation Counsel and others to address what is appropriate for use of county funds. Vice President Kanuha also looked forward to a great legislative session and working with the HSAC executive committee.



3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that the Kaua'i County Council approved a bill that allows multifamily dwellings to be constructed on properties that qualify for additional dwelling units (ADUs). In the past, only separate, detached buildings were allowed, but the costs of constructing attached multifamily dwellings are less, and this process allows for units to come on line much sooner. On Thursday, January 19, 2017, the Council's Committee of the Whole will deliberate the repeal of Ord. No. 960, which received no public participation during the public hearing process. Most recently, the Council approved a measure that allows the golf course concessionaire to sell alcoholic beverages on the course, similar to private courses. The Mayor vetoed the bill, which was laid on the table last week. Finally, county budget preparations has commenced, with the knowledge that decisions made by the Legislature will have a huge impact. Secretary Rapozo also looked forward to a successful and productive legislative session.

Regarding the upcoming HSAC Annual Conference on Kaua'i, Secretary Rapozo requested assistance for soliciting of sponsorships, door prizes, and conference attendance. The location of the conference is the Kaua'i Beach Resort, a golf tournament and welcome banquet is scheduled for Monday, and the conference meeting is on Tuesday. The format for the conference will include a general session, two breakout sessions each for the morning and afternoon, and a closing session. Secretary Rapozo is hopeful on scheduling a legislative forum as one of the sessions. He welcomed suggestions for speakers, topics, and other ideas.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve Mel Rapozo and Aida Kawamura as signatories on the checking account for the 2017 HSAC Annual Conference to be held on Kaua'i, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

4. County of Maui Report. President Crivello reported that Maui County Council's inauguration was held on January 2, 2017, with keynote speaker Senate President Ron Kouchi, who reaffirmed his support for all counties and the need to work together. The Council's Organizational Meeting, which began at 2 p.m., ended at 3:30 a.m. the following day. At its conclusion, the members approved Mike White as Council Chair. On Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the Council held a public hearing, as requested by three



Councilmembers, regarding the committee assignments, which was resolved at 9 p.m. that same day. Business will begin rolling at the first council meeting scheduled for January 20, 2017.

There being no objections, the County reports were received for the record.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

There being no objections, the NACo report was deferred.

The 2017 NACo Legislative Conference is scheduled for February 25 through March 1 in Washington, D.C. The following Councilmembers are confirmed to attend: Valerie Poindexter, Karen Eoff, and Jenn Ruggles from Hawai'i County; Riki Hokama, Yuki Lei Sugimura, and Mike White from Maui County; and Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda. Secretary Rapozo recommended that newly elected councilmembers attend a "First Timers Orientation" to learn about NACo and the services available, many of which are free to the counties. Vice President Kanuha requested a discussion regarding setting priorities and topics for discussion with federal representatives during the NACo Legislative Conference. President Crivello noted that an agenda item for that discussion will be placed on the February HSAC meeting agenda.

The NACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 21-24, 2017 in Ohio. Secretary Rapozo stated the importance for HSAC (the Hawai'i delegation) to be well represented at the NACo Annual Meeting. HSAC will soon be making its endorsement of a candidate for the office of NACo Second Vice President, and the election of that seat takes place during the NACo Annual Meeting.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

President Crivello announced that the WIR Annual Conference is scheduled for May 24-26, 2017 in Deschutes County, Sun River, Oregon. Secretary Rapozo noted his intention to attend.

There being no objections, the NACo and WIR reports were received for the record.



V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Maui County Council Resolution 17-10, adopted on January 2, 2017, appointing Stacy Helm Crivello as HSAC representative and Riki Hokama as alternate.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Treasurer Menor, and unanimously carried.

President Crivello noted the following pending actions to solidify HSAC's board nominations: Dru Kanuha as WIR Board Member - Maui County on January 20, 2017, and both Honolulu City & County and Hawai'i County on January 25, 2017; Arryl Kaneshiro as NACo Board Member - Maui County on January 20, 2017, and Hawai'i County on February 8, 2017.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Vacancy on the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution

President Crivello noted that Councilmember JoAnn A. Yukimura, County of Kaua'i, declined to serve on this board. HSAC needs to fill the seat vacated by Councilmember Don Couch, Maui County. The second representative currently serving on this board is City Councilmember Brandon Elefante. Councilmembers in the audience requested information regarding the duties and purpose of this Board for a better understanding of what is involved should they decide to volunteer.

There being no objections, this matter was deferred.

- B. Discussion and consideration of hiring a Legislative Coordinator.

President Crivello noted that action on this matter was deferred at the December 22, 2016 meeting at the request of then HSAC President Michael Victorino to have the matter be considered by the new members of the HSAC Executive Committee. President Crivello requested a motion to establish a position of Legislative Coordinator, which Mr. Victorino has stated interest in serving.

Vice President Kanuha moved to approve establishing the position of Legislative Coordinator and contracting with Michael Victorino to serve as the Legislative Coordinator, seconded by Secretary Rapozo.



President Crivello reviewed the proposed budget submitted by Mr. Victorino for Legislative Coordinator services. Secretary Rapozo shared questions brought up by Kaua'i Councilmembers: 1. Will HSAC be required to file lobbyist reports if this position is established? 2. Will HSAC allow others to apply for this position? Secretary Rapozo believed it important to get feedback from fellow Councilmembers prior to making a decision on this matter. Vice President Kanuha also questioned the lobbyist aspect of the position, and stated that he would like the opportunity to discuss this issue further with Hawai'i County Council Chair Valerie Poindexter. Treasurer Menor stated his belief in Mr. Victorino's capability of doing an effective job in this position, but requested that the matter be deferred to allow Councilmember Anderson the opportunity to provide input and make a decision on this matter. President Crivello concurred with the request to defer, as well as providing an opportunity to obtain feedback from fellow Councilmembers.

Mr. Victorino understood that the concerns noted are legitimate, and stated he had no objection to Councilmembers obtaining the appropriate opinions, etc., to be comfortable with whatever decision is made. Mr. Victorino did his own research regarding the lobbyist question, and believed that the duties entail coordinating events with federal, state, and other organizations, not to lobby for HSAC issues. The legislative coordinator position allows for someone to be available on a moment's notice basis and can be present at the Legislature, as well as to meet with other groups as needed, especially during the month of April when Councilmembers have busy schedules dealing with the respective county budgets. Mr. Victorino noted that the position request is for six months, and the position will be assessed for effectiveness and need thereafter. Mr. Victorino reported that Maui Corporation Counsel informed him that there was no problem as long as the position did not perform any active lobbying. Mr. Victorino explained that this proposal for a legislative coordinator position will help keep the momentum going, using his knowledge, experience, and background.

President Crivello stated the need to define HSAC's desired objective with this position and whether others will be allowed to apply for the position. President Crivello stated that she will seek a legal interpretation regarding whether the legislative coordinator position is governed by the lobbyist laws, as well as researching the possibility of defining the position to preclude its classification as a lobbyist.



Secretary Rapozo spoke of the difficulty with trying to find a qualified, knowledgeable candidate at this point in time, especially due to the Legislature having a set timeline. Mr. Victorino possesses sufficient knowledge to perform the duties of legislative coordinator. The lobbying question creates a cloud of uncertainty. Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 97 defines lobbying as "communicating directly or to an agent, or soliciting others to communicate with any official in the legislative or executive branch for the purpose of attempting to influence any legislative or administrative action or a ballot issue." It also defines who needs to register as lobbyists as "anyone that spends more than \$750 in any reporting period, or spends more than 5 hours in every month of any reporting period lobbying." Mr. Victorino confirmed the restriction on former councilmembers lobbying the county on any matter for a period of one year following departure from county service. Mr. Victorino asserted that as legislative coordinator, it allows him to work with the counties. Mr. Victorino recommended that members consider renaming the position as "HSAC Coordinator."

Secretary Rapozo moved to defer action on this matter, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

C. 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc., reported that HSAC's initial press release received coverage from *Hawai'i Tribune Herald* and *West Hawai'i Today* on the Big Island, *The Garden Island* newspaper on Kaua'i, as well as *Maui News* and *Maui Now*. During the HSAC Legislative luncheon scheduled for today, January 17, 2017, the following will be available to receive commentary from Councilmembers regarding HSAC's legislative package: Kevin Dayton of the *Star Advertiser*, Wayne Yoshioka with Hawai'i Public Radio, as well as a reporter from Channel 4 and Hawai'i News Now will also stop by for comments from Councilmembers. Members discussed strategy, priorities, and assigning a key speaker to present on certain measures included in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package during the briefing. Secretary Rapozo stated that what was missing from the newspaper articles is the most important fact that the public needs to be aware of—that HSAC is supporting the TAT Report submitted by the Task Force established by the Legislature in 2014, but the Task Force Report was ignored by the Legislature.



Secretary Rapozo moved to approve a contract extension to May 2017 for Becker Communications, Inc. (Scott Ishikawa), seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2017, at 10 a.m. on O'ahu.

B. Other announcements.

Secretary Rapozo expressed his appreciation and thanks to the staff members responsible for putting together an impressive 2017 Legislative Package booklet.

Council Chair Mike White, Maui County, asked for HSAC's position on the collective bargaining raises requested by the Hawai'i Fire Fighters Association. Council Chair White mentioned that ERS (Employees Retirement System) has proposed an increase to get to full funding in 25 years. The Legislature will determine and set the rate for ERS, but it is a significant dollar increase for all the counties. This discussion is related to the TAT, because without increased revenue, sincere consideration must be given to minimize any increase in expenses.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 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

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February 2, 2017

Stacy Crivello, President
Hawaii State Association of Counties
200 S. High Street, 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI, 96793

Dear President Crivello:

SUBJECT: TREASURER'S REPORT FOR December 2016

Attached please find a report of the Association's revenues and expenses for the period of December 1 through December 31, 2016.

Mala na Pono,

Ikaika Anderson
HSAC Treasurer

Attachment

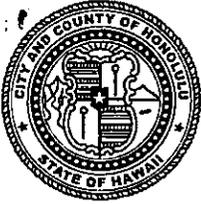


Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$215,145.10
	December	FY 2017 Year to Date	FY 2017 Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$19,168.26	\$15,000.00	
Interest Income	\$3.63	\$9.73	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$9.73	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$0.00	\$1,984.40	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$3.63	\$64,852.12	\$171,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$3.63
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$2,617.34	\$6,021.56	\$17,500.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	\$205.75	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$850.36	\$1,988.61	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.55	\$249.30	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo				
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$0.00	\$8,247.19	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$26,751.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$928.88	\$1,000.00	
		\$0.00		
WIR				
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$1,953.57	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		\$0.00		
OTHER				
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$1,504.55	\$5,331.52	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$5,013.80	\$51,677.38	\$171,872.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$5,013.80
ENDING BALANCE				\$210,134.93

Treasurer's Report for December 2016

HSAC started the month of December with a balance of \$215,145.10, expended \$5,013.80 and we ended the month of December with a balance of \$210,134.93.

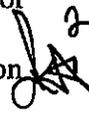


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December 11, 2016

TO: Council Chair Designate Ron Menor

FROM: Council Vice Chair Ikaika Anderson 

RE: 2016 NACo Fall Board of Directors and Rural Action Caucus Meetings

I attended the 2016 National Association of Counties Fall Board of Directors and Rural Action Caucus meetings from December 7-10. The Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) is an association comprised of all four of Hawaii's county governments- all four of Hawaii's county councils have a representative on the HSAC Executive Committee. I represent Honolulu on HSAC's Executive Committee, and serve as the organization's treasurer, which is a role I began in January 2016. Prior to serving as HSAC Treasurer, I served as the secretary. HSAC, as an organization, is a member of NACo. In addition to my duties as a member of the HSAC Executive Committee, I also serve on the NACo Board of Directors, and in my capacity as a NACo Board member I attended the NACo Board meeting during the Legislative Conference. Additionally, I serve as a member of the NACo Rural Action Caucus, and I attended the RAC meeting in this capacity.

RAC WELCOME RECEPTION

At the welcome reception, I had the opportunity to interface with my counterparts national counterparts. Issues discussed include NACo as an organization establishing solid working relationships with members of the incoming President-elect Donald Trump Administration, working to restore America's crumbling infrastructure via funding partnerships with the federal government, and the vast turnover on the NACo BOD thru retirements and term limitations of members.

FORMER NACo PRESIDENT RIKI HOKAMA

During a meeting with former NACo President and current Maui County Council Budget Chairman Riki Hokama, it was emphasized that HSAC needs to be united in our policy goals that we will advance during the 2017 State Legislative Session. Chair Hokama stated that while his Council has opposed enacting a state general excise tax (GET) surcharge on Maui County for transit projects, he remains supportive of both Honolulu's mass transit rail project and the state

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GET surcharge that assists in paying for the project. We also discussed the importance of all four councils remaining united in our position of seeking the counties' fair share of state Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) revenues, which are generated by hotel room occupancy taxes, with the state.

TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS

The benefit of tax-exempt municipal bonds was discussed during both the RAC and BOD meetings. As a matter of policy, NACo and its member counties are concerned that Congress may recommend a cap or a total repeal on bond exemptions. The first federal tax code of 1913 established tax-exempt municipal bonds as an important tool for local governments to provide infrastructure and capital services in America's counties.

The NACo has found that;

- *\$3.2 trillion in infrastructure investment was financed via municipal bonds between 2003 and 2012;

- *45 percent of long-term municipal bonds issued nationwide funded the building of schools, hospitals, roads and jails;

- *Municipal bonds maintain a track record of low default rates superior to comparable corporate bonds;

- *the federal tax-exemption for municipal bond interest represents a fair allocation of the cost of projects between federal, state/local levels of government. State and local governments invested more than double in infrastructure than the federal government;

- *Any tax imposed on currently tax-exempt municipal bond interest will affect all our citizens as investors in bonds and as taxpayers securing the payment of municipal bonds.

FORMER U.S. SENATOR BOB GRAHAM

Senator Bob Graham encouraged NACo to directly engage our citizens; he mentioned that the recent federal elections were a result of an angry electorate that feels disengaged from government and the political process. He noted how numerous successful candidates distanced themselves from the federal government- the senator specifically mentioned how Democratic Presidential nominee and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton tried and failed miserably to do this. Sen. Graham said that the real action in both government and policy is at the local level, and it's this local level that impacts citizens the most. Local government is in the best position to reestablish public trust and faith in government.

CHRIS HAND

Chris Hand is an author and former speechwriter for Sen. Graham. In a January 2016 poll of 3,000 likely GOP Primary Election voters, Hand shared that 85 percent of respondents stated their support of Donald Trump due largely in part to their distrust of government and the establishment. He also noted socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders' solid performance in the Democratic Primary against a well-established and well-funded candidate; Hand noted that Sanders' performance was especially impressive due to Sanders' status as a political independent who is not a member of any political party.

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Numerous speakers mentioned the positive impact the ACA has had across the country. The Act
*disallowed the practice of medical insurance companies denying medical coverage based on
“pre-existing medical conditions”;

*allows children to remain covered by their parents’ medical insurance until age 26;

*provides medical insurance coverage to millions of formerly uninsured Americans;

*removes the lifetime insurance benefit cap.

As President-Elect Trump has revised his position from opposition to amending the Act, NACo looks forward to working with the new administration on ACA policy.

NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors has established building a solid working relationship with the new presidential administration, diversifying NACo income streams and remaining the go-to experts on county government as priorities for the upcoming year. The Board supports reducing restrictions and guidelines on federal government grant funding; educating Congress on county issues; and enhancing the quality of life for the people our officials represent.

NACo is in a strong financial position. Our total revenues are up by 9.69%, and our proposed budget projects an increase in net operating income of more than seven percent.

NACo has relocated our headquarters to 660 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 400 as of November 1- our organization has signed a 15-year lease for this facility. The move is projected to save \$2 million versus a renewal of the lease at our former site.

In the coming weeks, I will examine policy resolution proposals of various NACo committees to see how HSAC can best contribute to policy discussions at the NACo Legislative Conference that take place in Washington, DC during the month of February.

Resolution

No. 17-12

APPROVING THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION
OF COUNTIES NOMINEES TO THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND WESTERN INTERSTATE
REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
THE TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

WHEREAS, Sections 5A and 5C of the Hawaii State Association of Counties ("HSAC") Bylaws states that there shall be two directors serving on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Counties ("NACo") and two directors serving on the Board of Directors for the Western Interstate Region ("WIR"); and

WHEREAS, there are current vacancies in Hawaii's representation on the NACo Board of Directors and on the WIR Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the HSAC Executive Committee nominated Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro to serve as NACo Director to fill the vacancy for the term ending June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the HSAC Executive Committee nominated Councilmember Dru Kanuha to serve as WIR Director to fill the vacancy for the term ending June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the HSAC Bylaws require each council to act on the proposed nominations of NACo and WIR Directors; now, therefore

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

1. That it does hereby approve the nomination of Arryl Kaneshiro, Kauai County Council, to serve as NACo Director for the term ending June 30, 2017; and
2. That it does hereby approve the nomination of Dru Kanuha, Hawaii County Council, to serve as WIR Director for the term ending June 30, 2017; and
3. 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. 17-12** was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 20th day of January, 2017, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Michael B. WHITE Chair	Robert CARROLL Vice-Chair	Alika ATAY	Eleanora COCHRAN	S. Stacy CRIVELLO	Donald S. GUZMAN	G. Riki HOKAMA	Kelly T. KING	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye



COUNTY CLERK



RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S NOMINATION TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) is comprised of the members of the four county councils of the State of Hawaii and headed by an executive committee (Committee) consisting of four officers: the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer; and

WHEREAS, through their HSAC membership, all four County Councils are also members of the Western Interstate Region (WIR), a National Association of Counties' caucus comprised of the state associations of counties in 15 member-states designated within the western region of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 5C of the HSAC bylaws states that Hawaii, pursuant to the WIR Articles of Association, is eligible for up to two Directorships to serve on the WIR Board of Directors (Board); and

WHEREAS, Article 4, Section 2 of the WIR bylaws states that vacancies on the Board shall be filled, in the case of the states' representatives, by the states themselves; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2016, the HSAC Committee recommended Hawaii County Councilmember Dru Kanuha to fill a vacancy on the WIR Board for the term ending on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Section 5C of the HSAC bylaws require each council to approve the recommendation for Hawaii County Councilmember Dru Kanuha's appointment to become effective; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it approves the nomination of Hawaii County Councilmember Dru Kanuha to serve on the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors for the term ending on June 30, 2017; and



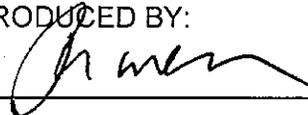
CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 17-29

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii State Association of Counties, the President of the National Association of Counties, and the President of the Western Interstate Region.

INTRODUCED BY:



(br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JAN 19 2017

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 17-29

Introduced: 01/19/17 By: RON MENOR -- BY REQUEST Committee: COUNCIL

Title: RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S
NOMINATION TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

CC-22 ANDERSON -- REFERRAL OF RESOLUTION 17-29 DIRECT TO COUNCIL
FLOOR.

01/25/17 COUNCIL RESOLUTION 17-29 WAS ADOPTED.
8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN,
MENOR, PINE.
1 ABSENT: OZAWA.

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 J. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



STATE OF HAWAI'I

RESOLUTION NO. 46 17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NOMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER DRU MAMO KANUHA 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 Board of Directors (WIR), an organization comprised of western counties that is affiliated with NACo; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of HSAC require the Directors serving on the WIR Board of Directors to be nominated by the HSAC Executive Committee and approved by the individual councils; and

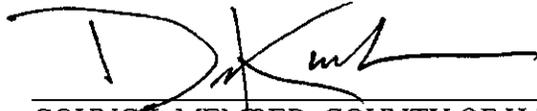
WHEREAS, on December 22, 2016, HSAC nominated Council Member Dru Mamo Kanuha to the board of the WIR for the term ending June 30, 2017; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I that Council Member Dru Mamo Kanuha is hereby approved to serve as a Director on the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties.

Dated at Kona , Hawai'i, this 25th day of January, 2017.

INTRODUCED BY:



COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL
County of Hawai'i
Hilo, Hawai'i

ROLL CALL VOTE

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on January 25, 2017.

	AYES	NOES	ABS	EX
CHUNG	X			
DAVID	X			
EOFF	X			
KANUHA	X			
LEE LOY	X			
O'HARA	X			
POINDEXTER	X			
RICHARDS	X			
RUGGLES	X			
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ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK



CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

Reference: C-59/Waived GREDC
RESOLUTION NO. 46 17

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January 27, 2017

Stacy Crivello, President
and Members of the Executive Committee
Hawai'i State Association of Counties
(Via E-mail Only: Stacy.Crivello@mauicounty.us)

Dear President Crivello and Members:

I would like to request an overall discussion regarding Bylaws Section 5, Officers.

I am also recommending that subparagraph (2) be amended as follows, to prevent any confusion:

“(2) Prior to May 30 of the same year, the four appointees, after consultation among themselves, shall present to each council a slate of proposed officers following the rotation schedule set in the second paragraph of Section 5. The slate shall propose who, among the appointees, is to serve in each office of the corporation for the term commencing the immediate following July 1.”

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808)241-4188.

Sincerely,

MEL RAPOZO
HSAC Secretary

AMK:aa

cc: Kit.Zulueta@mauicounty.us

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February 2, 2017

TO: Members of the Executive Committee
Hawaii State Association of Counties

FROM: Stacy Crivello, President

SUBJECT: **BYLAW AMENDMENT RELATING TO HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TRAVEL**

HSAC current bylaws allow members of the executive committee to travel and attend the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference and the NACo Annual Conference, with the organization covering airfare, ground transportation, registration fees, and accommodations up to \$2000.

My proposal would allow members of the executive committee to choose two conferences among three, and would include the Western Interstate Region Annual Conference as a third option. The WIR Conference offers education on issues common among western states that are most relevant to HSAC.

I am recommending Section 21 of the HSAC bylaws be amended as follows:

BUDGET

"SECTION 21. (3) Travel expenses, including registration fees, of no more than \$2000 ~~expected~~ may be incurred by HSAC executive committee members or their official designated Alternate in the conduct of official business on no more than two of the following conferences: the NACo Legislative Conference, and NACo Annual Conference, or Western Interstate Region Conference. Members of a council who serve on the board of directors of NACo or WIR may incur travel expenses, including registration fees, of no more than \$2000 to attend their respective conferences in the conduct of official business as directors, or members who serve on an HSAC special committee or NACo steering committee as defined in Section 22."

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacy Crivello".

Stacy Crivello
HSAC President

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February 2, 2017

TO: Members of the Executive Committee
Hawaii State Association of Counties

FROM: Stacy Crivello, President

SUBJECT: **NOMINATION OF COUNCILMEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA TO
THE BOARD OF ADVISORS OF THE CENTER FOR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

I humbly request the executive board to approve the nomination of Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura to fill one of the two seats for Hawaii State Association of Counties on the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Councilmember Sugimura is the current Policy, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee chair for the Maui County Council. I am confident she will be able to carry out the duties of the board.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy Crivello". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stacy Crivello
HSAC President

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Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) 2017 Media Coverage

1. Hawaii Tribune Herald

Counties submit wish list to Legislature; Hotel tax, lifeguard protection, ambulance, collective bargaining top wants (January 4, 2017)

By NANCY COOK LAUER West Hawaii Today

A larger county share of the tax on hotel and vacation rentals, liability protection for lifeguards, ambulances for Hawaii and Kauai counties and a greater say in union negotiations are the top priorities for county governments going into the 2017 session of the state Legislature.

Continue reading: <http://hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/counties-submit-wish-list-legislature-hotel-tax-lifeguard-protection-ambulance>

2. Garden Island

Counties set up goals for 2017 state Legislature (January 12, 2017)

LIHUE — Getting a fair share of the transient accommodations tax, making sure lifeguards are insured and purchasing an additional ambulance are some of the goals for Kauai County this legislative session.

Continue reading: http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/counties-set-up-goals-for-state-legislature/article_bcdebc80-a2a2-5f26-bc5e-883a9c7ee8dc.html

3. Maui News

Hospital transition still a high priority for Maui legislators (January 17, 2017)

...The state collects the tax and currently \$103 million is capped for the counties, according to the Hawaii State Association of Counties. Maui County is receiving around \$23 million annually from the hotel room tax. The money is intended to help counties deal with costs associated with tourists.

"We'll try to get more," Souki said.

Continue reading: <http://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2017/01/hospital-transition-still-a-high-priority-for-maui-legislators/>

4. Maui Now

Counties Again Seek Share of TAT in 2017 Legislative Package (January 17, 2017)

By Maui Now

The Hawai'i State Association of Counties, which represents the four counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu, is introducing 10 bills in its 2017 legislative package, all focused on fairness and collaboration.

Continue reading: <http://mauinow.com/2017/01/12/counties-again-seek-share-of-tat-in-2017-legislative-package/>

5. Civil Beat

Death And Taxes: Two Certainties For This Year's Hawaii Legislature (January 13, 2017)

...Finally, the Hawaii State Association of Counties — representing the four counties of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and Honolulu — will push for a bigger share of the transient accommodations tax, also known as the hotel tax.

Continue reading: <http://www.civilbeat.org/2017/01/death-and-taxes-two-certainties-for-this-years-hawaii-legislature/>

6. West Hawaii Today

Here's what Big Island lawmakers are fighting for this legislative session (January 16, 2017)

By Nancy Cook Lauer West Hawaii Today
ncook-lauer@westhawaiiitoday.com

...Hawaii counties are seeking a greater share of the transient accommodations tax, also known as hotel tax, and legal immunity for county lifeguards as their top choices outlined by the Hawaii State Association of Counties.

Continue reading: <http://www.westhawaiiitoday.com/news/local-news/here-s-what-big-island-lawmakers-are-fighting-legislative-session>

7. Civil Beat

Counties Again Seek Greater Share Of Hotel Tax, Lifeguard Immunity (January 17, 2017)

To Mel Rapozo, chairman of the Kauai County Council, it's a no-brainer: lifeguards should be protected from being sued.

But if the Legislature does not act this session, lifeguards will have no protection from civil litigation once a current law expires July 1.

Continue reading: <http://www.civilbeat.org/2017/01/counties-again-seek-greater-share-of-hotel-tax-lifeguard-immunity/>

8. Garden Island

TAT distribution unfair (Letter To Editor, January 17, 2017)

I want to thank the Garden Island for covering the Hawaii State Association of Counties' (HSAC) bills being submitted during the upcoming legislative session.

These measures are meant to maximize the effectiveness and performance of our four county governments (Kauai, Honolulu, Maui and Hawaii) improve the quality of life of our residents and visitors.

Continue reading: http://thegardenisland.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letters-for-tuesday-ian/article_5b6a8035-3711-54c5-9c96-a239c3d16cb8.html

9. West Hawaii Today

Mayor to lobby for hotel tax, homeless help, invasive species control (January 18, 2017)

By NANCY COOK LAUER West Hawaii Today

...As the second-largest revenue source for Hawaii County behind property taxes, TAT currently accounts for \$19.2 million annually. Hawaii County estimates it pays more than \$31 million annually for visitor impacts.

The Legislature cut the counties' share of the hotel tax during the lean years, and has yet to return it to its previous level since the economy rebounded. Counties don't want to raise the tax; they just want a larger share of it.

Continue reading: <http://www.hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/mayor-lobby-hotel-tax-homeless-help-invasive-species-control>

10. Hawaii News Now

8 visitors hurt or killed in Hawaii waters in 8 days (January 31, 2017)

...More money is the goal. County leaders say it should come from the Transient Accommodation Tax, or the hotel tax. Right now, counties have to share \$103 million. But last fiscal year, the state collected \$421 million. The Hawaii State Association of Counties is asking for a 45-percent share, which would approximately double their current funding.

Continue reading: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/34396305/8-visitors-hurt-or-killed-in-hawaii-waters-in-8-days>

11. The Maui News

**Council to approach fiscal challenges
Chair's 3 Minutes by Mike White**

The County Council can anticipate fiscal challenges this year brought by bargaining unit negotiations and the continued cap imposed on the counties' share of the transient accommodations tax.

Continue reading: <http://www.mauinews.com/opinion/columns/2017/01/council-to-approach-fiscal-challenges/>