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MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. CLAYTON WONG, FISCAL OFFICER
CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER TREVOR OZAWA 

SUBJECT: HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (HSAC)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TRIP REPORT

From June 24 to June 26, I attended the Hawaii State Association of Counties 2015 Annual Conference at the Makena Beach & Golf Resort. The HSAC Annual Conference brings together councilmembers from all of Hawaii's counties, other county, state, and federal government officials, and various stakeholders including representatives from Hawaii's business sectors, nonprofit organizations, and subject-matter experts.

The conference was a great opportunity to connect with other public servants and to learn from subject-matter experts on a variety of topics and issues that are pertinent and important to the City and County of Honolulu.

Below is a summary of the meetings, forums, and sessions I attended during the conference.

Keynote Speech from Emilia Istrate, NACo Director of Research

Emilia Istrate, the National Association of Counties (NACo) research director, is responsible for developing the research priorities in support of NACo's strategic plan and mission. She provided background information on NACo, in particular, she discussed the various research tools and reports that are available to my staff and I. Research tools such as county economic trends provide a snapshot of the well-being of county residents; this information can also provide various trends and economic conditions/indicators that may be helpful when our council reviews and considers legislation, paying close attention to the potential impacts of legislation in other jurisdictions.

Session: “Investing in the Counties: Housing”

This panel, comprised of various individuals working in Hawaii’s housing sector, including representatives from the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and the County of Kauai, focused on options to facilitate affordable rental housing, an overview of the various funds and tax credits that are available to incentivize public/private partnerships, and other means of housing development to create more affordable housing options for Hawaii’s residents. As Honolulu continues to witness a construction boom, it is important for the council to explore all options at creating more affordable housing options for our residents.

Breakfasts, Lunches, and Dinners

The breakfasts, lunches and dinners allowed for an informal opportunity for me to speak with and network with panelists and subject matter experts.

Session: “Investing in the Counties: Legislation”

This panel, with elected and appointed officials, and facilitated by a business representative, focused on the importance of legislation and cooperation of each level of government – county, state, and federal – to facilitate and spur economic development diversification.

Session: “Investing in the Counties: Biodiesel”

This panel, with representatives from the various counties, and the state, focused on the advantages and opportunities that would come from biodiesel utilization, particularly how this fuel source would help our state reach 100-percent renewable energy use by 2045. Panelists highlighted various technological advances and innovations in the private sector, as well as local and state government initiatives that reaffirm the need and importance of transitioning to biodiesel.

Session: “Investing in the Counties: Technology”

This panel, with representatives from the state, various county departments, and a private business owner, discussed the importance of technology and its impacts on businesses as it relates to government information. The panelists highlighted the importance of “data” and “civic hacking” and the need to support the growing tech startup industry here, in Honolulu.

Session: “Investing in the Counties: Infrastructure”

This panel, with representatives from think-tanks and land-use consultants, focused on the importance and significance of infrastructure and how overlooked maintenance of our city’s basic infrastructure creates a ripple effect on housing affordability and quality of life for residents. As a member of the council’s Zoning and Planning Committee, I was particularly interested in the discussion items of this panel.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

CITY COUNCIL
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Date: July 29, 2015

Traveler: Trevor Ozawa, Councilmember - District 4

Event: 2015 Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) Annual Conference

Location: Makena Beach & Golf Resort, 5400 Makena Alanui, Kihei, Hawaii (Maui County)

Dates: From June 25, 2015 To June 26, 2015

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel		
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation		
6. Tips		
7. Other	35.00	Baggage fee (receipt attached)
Other	10.27	Gas for Budget car rental (receipt attached)
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	45.27	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:



Signature of Traveler

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Date