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TO: COUNCIL CHAIR ERNEST Y. MARTIN  
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN 

SUBJECT: Travel Report on NACo 2015 Legislative Conference

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my attendance at the NACo 2015 Legislative Conference that took place in Washington D.C. on February 21-25, 2015

If you have any questions regarding the report, you may call me at extension 85007 or email [jmanahan@honolulu.gov](mailto:jmanahan@honolulu.gov).

Thank you for your consideration.

## Travel Report

### **NACo 2015 Legislative Conference**

#### **Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, February 21-25, 2015**

This year, I attended the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference (NACo) in Washington, D.C. that was held on February 21 to February 25, 2015.

The conference is an annual gathering that has an attendance of approximately 1,500 county elected officials and staff from nearly every state in the country. The attendees had the opportunity to hear from key Administration officials and members of Congress on important issues that affect county government and residents. This year, the main keynote speaker was Vice-President Joe Biden.

The conference included a day of meetings on Capitol Hill where attendees would advocate for counties' federal policy priorities. NACo assists America's 3,609 counties by amplifying their voices at the national level, connecting local and federal officials and providing tools to address some of the most pressing issues counties face.

In addition to meeting with lawmakers and other federal officials, the conference offered exceptional educational opportunities. Hawaii local lawmakers were given the opportunity to share ideas and information with other county officials across the nation, and meet with Hawaii's Congressional delegation to discuss matters such as federal funding for rail transit and military retention on Oahu, support for transportation and infrastructure, and additional funding to help with homelessness issues in Kapalama and Kakaako.

#### **Workshops/Meetings Attended in NACo 2015 Legislative Conference:**

During the NACo 2015 Legislative Conference, I had ample opportunity to attend more meetings than before, especially those which subject matter reflect my new position as Chair of the Committee on Transportation within the Honolulu City Council. During this trip, I also am grateful for the opportunity to become a member of the NACo Membership Committee Meeting.

The days were filled with opportunities to meet and discuss the ideas and successes of the City and County of Honolulu, but I also valued learning from other counties' ideas and successes.

#### *Saturday, February 21*

- Transportation Steering Committee: Ports Subcommittee Meeting
- Transportation Steering Committee: Airports Subcommittee Meeting
- Transportation Steering Committee: Transit/Rail Subcommittee Meeting
- Transportation Steering Committee: Highway Subcommittee Meeting

#### *Sunday, February 22*

- Joint Committee of the NACo Membership Committee Meeting and Programs and Services Committee

- Programs and Services Committee Meeting
- NACo Membership Committee Meeting

*Monday, February 23*

- Opening General Session of NACo 2015 Legislative Conference
- Large Urban County Caucus Business Meeting.

*Tuesday, February 24*

- Council approved meeting with the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for a meeting with the Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator, Therese McMillan.

*Wednesday, February 25*

- Meeting with Hawai'i's Congressional delegation
  - o Representative Tulsi Gabbard
  - o Senator Brian Schatz

### **Conclusion:**

I have been fortunate to attend NACo Legislative Conferences prior to this year's as a member of NACo. I thoroughly believe that its educational benefits and opportunities to voice the needs of the City and County of Honolulu and its residents to our Congressional delegates and share and learn with other County officials. NACo is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. The organization promotes sound public policies, fosters county solutions and innovation, promotes intergovernmental and public-private collaboration and provides value-added services to counties and taxpayers money. As the City and County of Honolulu is going through major changes to make life better for residents, it is important that County officials and staff to attend where they can learn and provide the City and County of Honolulu in aspects such as legislative affairs, executive management, public affairs, county solutions and innovations, information technology, finance, administration, and more. I hope and plan to attend future NACo legislative conferences and other related meetings or conferences.

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# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 16 March 2015

Traveler: Councilmember Joéy Manahan  
 Event: NACo 2015 legislative Conference  
 Location: Washington, D.C.  
 Dates: From 02/20/15 To 02/26/15

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel		
4. Meals	<del>\$15.35</del>	<del>Food bought before NACo and during lunch break.</del>
5. Ground Transportation	<del>\$90.00</del> <u>248.34</u>	<del>Cab trips to &amp; from NACo; Cab trips to &amp; from Capitol.</del> <u>Uber</u>
6. Tips		
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
<b>TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<del>105.35</del> <u>248.34</u>	

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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

3/20/2015  
 Date