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TO: INTERIM COUNCIL CHAIR ANN KOBAYASHI
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN 

SUBJECT: Travel Report on Travel to Washington, D.C. for NACo Annual Legislative Conference 2019

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my travel participation in the NACo Annual Legislative Conference 2019 in Washington, D.C. from March 1 to 7, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the report, you may call me at extension 85007 or email jmanahan@honolulu.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Travel Report

NACo Legislative Conference 2019 in Washington, D.C. – 2 to 6 March 2019

I joined nearly 2,000 other county leaders in Washington, D.C. for the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual Legislative Conference on March 2 to 6, 2019.

County leaders brought up various broad issues counties across the nation are dealing with like disaster recovery, opioid and substance abuse epidemic, broadband accessibility, and revitalizing infrastructure.

During the NACo annual Legislative Conference, county leaders are given the opportunity to meet with their congressional delegation and administration officials on several key federal policy priorities which included: Promoting county infrastructure priorities in a comprehensive infrastructure package; Supporting the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs which honor federal commitments to public lands and timber counties; Promoting mental health, substance use disorders treatment and criminal justice reform; and boosting broadband deployment accessibility while preserving local zoning authority.

What was interesting about this Legislative Conference was that there were a few initiatives that were presented and launched. A campaign called “Counties Matter” was launched during the conference. The goal is to illustrate the counties’ vast role in advancing America’s policy priorities at the local level. NACo also launched a new and improved “County Explorer.” This program is a tool that will allow users to map data at the county level on mobile devices and efforts to make it “more user-friendly.”

As a member of the Hawaii State Association of Counties and NACo’s Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC), there were multiple meetings that occurred and were held for both groups. As a member of the LUCC, I attended these meetings and events during the conference, as well as their reception for members of the LUCC.

This year was my first year participating as Honolulu’s official representative of the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC). Prior to becoming the representative of Honolulu and the organization’s treasurer, I was the alternate to my colleague Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, who now serves as my alternate. Along with my HSAC colleagues, we met with our Congressional Delegates: Representative Tulsi Gabbard, Representative Ed Case, Senator Brian Schatz, and Senator Mazie Hirono. At those meetings, HSAC brought up priorities that our Executive Committee have been advocating for in our counties and at the State Legislature during this current legislative session. Those issues are:

- 1) Wastewater treatment and cesspool conversion:
 - a. Maui County’s Councilmember Riki Hokama led the discussion on the difficulties with addressing cesspool issues across the multiple counties and island. HSAC has brought the issue to the State Legislature and are also asking for federal assistance. He also explained that discussions were being brought up for a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Energy, as well as ways

to collaborate with the Environmental Protection Agency or the Department of Health to address the wastewater issues.

The Congressional delegates are aware of the issues and with the lead from the county, HSAC will lead in determining the location of the up to 80,000 cesspools and where they are located in each island. Agencies that the Hawaii Congressional Delegates brought up that could provide assistance through their programs and funding sources include: Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act, and the United States Department of Agriculture's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program.

The meetings with the delegation focused on this topic and through those four meetings, four aspects of priorities arose:

- i. Priority 1: Addressing cesspools that pose significant human impact.
- ii. Priority 2: When cesspools present potential impact to drinking water.
- iii. Priority 3: Potential impact to sensitive waters in the state.
- iv. Priority 4: Placeholder for all other cesspools the Department of Health needs to analyze.

2) Transportation:

- a. Much of the conversation revolved around multimodal transportation, especially with the counties now addressing ridesharing businesses and options or "Transportation Network Companies." The state and the four counties are also leading changes towards goals of clean energy by changing their fleets to zero-emission, electric vehicles. The state and counties have looked into changing their bus fleets as well as their motor pool fleets. As the introducer of the bills that have resulted in the current changes that are being pushed forward in the City and County of Honolulu, it was great to see that the Congressional Delegates are too supporting the efforts of the counties in their push for clean energy at the federal level.

3) Invasive species:

- a. Discussions on invasive species issues was brought up by my HSAC colleagues.

4) Development:

- a. Development is occurring at a rapid pace on all islands, but especially Maui, Hawaii, and Honolulu counties. Honolulu's growth is also related to the rail project. Development in Hawaii County has been an issue due to the areas of possible natural disasters

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

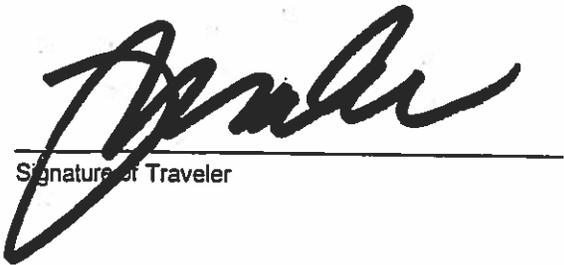
Date: 25 March 2019

Traveler: **Joey Manahan**
 Event: **NACo Legislative Conference 2019**
 Location: **Washington, D.C.**
 Dates: From **2 March 2019** To **6 March 2019**

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Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel	1202.77 1465.60	Hotel stay during NACo Legislative Conference 2019
4. Meals	30.29	
5. Ground Transportation		
6. Tips		
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	1202.77 1495.89	

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

 Date