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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kenny Amazaki, ASO
Council Administrative Services

FROM: Ryan Kobayashi, Senior Advisor
Office of Councilmember Matt Weyer

SUBJECT: Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) – 2023 Annual Conference Trip Report

On September 21-22, I attended the Hawaii State Association of Counties 2023 Annual Conference (HSAC) at the Kōloa Landing Resort at Po'ipū, Kōloa, Kaua'i.

The HSAC Annual Conference brings together elected officials and staff from all of Hawai'i's counties, other county, state, and federal government officials, and various stakeholders including representatives from Hawai'i's business sectors, nonprofit organizations, and subject-matter experts. This was a good opportunity to learn from our counterparts in other Counties as well as to re-connect and re-establish prior relationships to help our County to become more successful.

Lunch

Hosted by former Kaua'i Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., who currently serves as a councilmember and also as president of HSAC. Councilmembers from each of Hawai'i's four counties were in attendance, as well as officials and staff from the various executive branches, officials from the National Association of Counties, and other stakeholders and subject matter experts.

Senate President Ron Kouchi, House Speaker Scott Saiki, Representative Luke A. Evslin, and Representative Daynette "Dee" Morikawa. The legislators discussed the 2023 Legislative Session as well as potential legislation for the upcoming 2024 Legislative Session. The Maui wildfires provided much of the background context for the discussion. In particular, Senate President Kouchi shared how State initiatives can help set the foundation of support for counties to tap into in case of emergencies – for example, assisting with Maui relief efforts. Additionally, as three of the panelists (and the moderator) are from Kaua'i, the discussion also touched on the importance of coordinating efforts.

between state and county legislators on a particular island in order to advance the interests of their community.

Real Property Tax Reform Panel Comprised of the Real Property Tax Managers/Administrators of all four counties, and was moderated by the Maui County Finance Director and the Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Kaua'i. The panel was convened to discuss the counties' proposals to enact various changes to their respective tax rates and classifications. In addition to focusing on recent legislation, the panel also discussed anticipated outcomes, tax-relief initiatives, and the potential drawbacks of such proposals. In particular, the panel discussed assessment caps and Truth in Taxation laws, both of which are not currently part of the Honolulu City and County's real property tax framework.

The truth in taxation framework would shift the focus on assessing Real Property Taxes from an assessment based framework to a rate based framework which in turn, shifts the focus and burden to increasing rates to meet County needs.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

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Date: 1/12/24

Traveler: Ryan Kobayashi - Council District 2

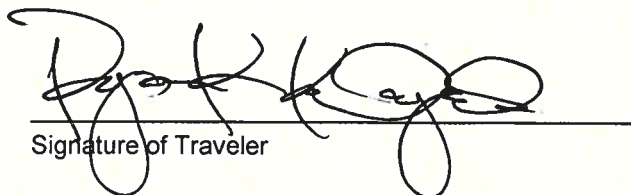
Event: HSAC Annual Conference 2023

Location: Kōloa Landing Resort at Po'ipū, Kōloa, Kaua'i

Dates: From September 21, 2023 To September 22, 2023

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel		
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation		
6. Tips		
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	0	

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