

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 1, 2005

Committee
Report No.

05-56

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Committee of the Whole, having met on March 15, 2005, makes reference to County Communication No. 05-21, from the Council Chair, relating to matters involving the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC).

By correspondence dated March 8, 2005, Councilmember Dain P. Kane transmitted separate correspondence dated March 8, 2005, requesting your Committee's consideration of his nomination to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors for the remainder of the fiscal year, and the appointment of a member and alternate of the Maui County Council to serve on the HSAC Executive Committee.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the First Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

Your Committee notes that Section 5B of the HSAC Bylaws provides that HSAC may nominate WIR Board Directors with the approval of all four counties.

Your Committee noted that the WIR has already recognized Councilmember Kane as a Board Director. Councilmember Kane stated that although the approval of his nomination would be a formality, he invited any other member interested in serving in the position to express their interest for consideration. Your Committee expressed appreciation for Councilmember Kane's willingness to serve in this position.

Your Committee noted that this matter was being discussed in advance of HSAC's formal nomination of Councilmember Kane to the WIR Board of Directors scheduled for the HSAC Executive Committee meeting on March 21, 2005, due to the suspension of committee meetings during the budget session. Should your Committee recommend approval of his nomination, its recommendation would be conditioned upon receipt of HSAC's formal nomination of Councilmember Kane on March 21, 2005.

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Your Committee discussed a recent incident at a WIR conference where another WIR Board Director representing HSAC was not present during voting. Councilmember Kane assured your Committee that he would make every effort to attend all scheduled WIR meetings.

Your Committee voted to recommend conditional approval of Councilmember Kane's nomination to the WIR Board of Directors pending receipt of his formal nomination by the HSAC Executive Committee.

Your Committee noted that Section 5 of the HSAC Bylaws requires that prior to April 15 of each year, each council is to appoint a member and alternate to serve as an officer of HSAC. Appointees must have sufficient authority to formulate the slate of proposed HSAC officers for the year.

Your Committee discussed Councilmember Kane's role as the current HSAC President and Councilmember G. Riki Hokama's service as Councilmember Kane's alternate to HSAC. Your Committee expressed appreciation for both members' commitment to serve on HSAC.

Your Committee voted to recommend the appointment of Councilmember Kane as the Council's HSAC representative and Councilmember Hokama as the HSAC alternate with sufficient authority to formulate a slate of proposed HSAC officers for the year.

Your Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Councilmember Dain P. Kane's nomination as a Director to the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region Board of Directors be conditionally **APPROVED** pending receipt of a formal nomination by the Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive Committee;
2. That Councilmember Dain P. Kane and Councilmember G. Riki Hokama be **APPOINTED** as the Council's representative and alternate to the Hawaii State Association of Counties, respectively, with sufficient authority to formulate an annual slate of proposed officers; and

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3. That copies of this committee report be TRANSMITTED to the Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive Committee.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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