**HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS**

**Legislative Committee Meeting**

**Ward Warehouse, Native Books**

**February 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**

**Minutes of Meeting**

1. **Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by co-chair Vares
2. **Pule Wehe**: Offered by co-chair Khan
3. **Members Present**: Leimomi Khan and Raytan Vares, co-chairs; Davis Price,

Pohai Ryan, Rhonda Roldan, members

1. **Agenda**: Pohai Ryan moved, Rhonda Roldan seconded, to approve the agenda as amended, the amendment being to add “New Bills” under New Business. Motion adopted unanimously. Subsequently, it was also noted that the date of January 20 in item 4, approval of the minutes, was in error; it should be January 22, 2014.
2. **Approval of Minutes**: Leimomi Khan moved, Pohai Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2014. Motion adopted unanimously.
3. **Old Business**: Co-chairs circulated an updated report on the bills on the HAC Legislative Priority list. Co-chair Vares highlighted a few bills for discussion. Of special interest was HB2554, Relating to Hawaii Community Development Authority. Report should be corrected to show that the current status of the bill is that the WAL/OMH measure was deferred till Feb 12 for decision making. Concern was expressed that the Environmental caucus gave testimony contrary to the position of the HAC. Chair will discuss with chair of Environmental Caucus.
4. **New Business**:
5. **Senate and Governor Candidate Forums**: In developing its strategy for leading or participating in candidate forums for the Senate and Governor Race, the Legislative Committee will contact various Native Hawaiian organizations to determine their plans for conducting candidate forums. Pohai will check with civic clubs; Ryan will check with Native Hawaiian Legal Corp, Native Hawaiian Bar Association, Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, CNHA, and the UH Law School. Rhonda will check with SCHHA. Leimomi will check with DPH Caucuses, OHA , Partners-in-Development, and Royal Societies. Everyone is to report back their findings at the next legislative committee meeting scheduled for March 10, 2014, Native Books, Ward Warehouse.
6. **OHA Candidate Form**: Same action as Senate and Governor Candidate Forum
7. **Candidate Survey**: The legislative committee will form a small task group on planning and organizing a candidate survey. Task force is to include members of other organizations to help build the survey with us. Also, we will survey our membership on their concerns and recommended questions. Goal is to develop the survey and distribute to candidates by the end of May.
8. **DPH Platform and Resolutions**: The DPH Convention is on May 24-25. DPH will be distributing their instructions shortly for submission of platform additions or changes, and also resolutions. Co-Chair Khan will prepare a notification with instructions and deadlines for distribution to the HAC membership.
9. **Notices and Announcements**: DPH is holding a major fundraiser to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the 1954 Democratic Party Revolution, at the Richards St YWCA, Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m.
10. **Adjournment**: There being no other business, Co-Chair Vares adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.
11. **Pule Ho‘oku‘u**: Co-Chair Khan offered the pule ho‘oku‘u.