**HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS**

**Legislative Committee Meeting**

**Ward Warehouse, Native Books**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**1. Call to Order:** Co-Chair Leimomi Khan called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**2.** **Pule** **Wehe:** Opening pule was provided by Leimomi Khan

**3. Approval of Agenda:** Adopted as amended; the amendment being to delete “introduction of sub-chairs“ in item 5 of the agenda, and add to item 9.

**4.** **Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2014 Meeting:** Minutes were adopted**.**

**5. Introduction of Co-Chairs and Members:** Co-chairs Leimomi Khan and Raytan Vares introduced. Members present introduced themselves: Leimana Damate, Lela Hubbard, Kama Hopkins, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Joseph Kuhio Lewis, and Davis Price.

**6. Purpose of the Legislation Committee and Rules Governing It:** HAC Standing Rules 2012-1, Feb 1, 2013, Legislation Committee was circulated and key provisions reviewed.

**7. Review of 2013 HAC Legislative Priorities (Carryover bills):** Co-Chair Khan reviewed some of the significant bills on the HAC Legislative Priorities for 2013, such as the repeal of the PLDC, OHA primary/general election; Hawaiian Language Assessment, etc.

**8. Development of 2014 HAC Legislative Priorities:** An 18 page document prepared by co-chair Vares listing bills concerning Native Hawaiians carried over or introduced for consideration in the 2014 legislative session was circulated. After a review and animated, enthusiastic discussion of differing views, a motion was made by Kama Hopkins, seconded by Kuhio Lewis, that the HAC Legislative Priorities as summarized on the attached document, be adopted. Motion adopted by majority vote (5 for; 1 kanalua).

**9. New Business**

a. All those present affirmed their membership on the Legislative Committee. HAC Chair Davis Price will serve as Education Committee Chair; Juanita Brown Kawamoto was appointed as subcommittee chair for Agriculture and Environment. Other subcommittee assignments will be announced shortly.

 b. Caucus speakers: Committee felt that it would be valuable to have speakers on the following topics at caucus meetings: Homeless, geothermal, ‘iwi, voting, invasive species.

 c. All other items on the agenda were deferred, i.e., US Senate Forum, OHA Election Education, DPH Convention Resolutions and Platform Initiatives; and Candidate Survey.

**10. Notices and Announcements**

a. Future meeting dates, times, and location were confirmed as follows: Feb 10 (Mon), Mar 10 (Mon), and April 9 (Wed), 6:00 p.m., Native Books, Ward Warehouse

 b. Lela Hubbard announced sovereignty education programs on ‘olelo: Keoni Dudley, 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; Dialogues by Scotty Wong;

Na Maka by Lela and Juanita.

**11. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**12. Pule Ho‘oku‘u:** Closing pule was offered by Kama Hopkins**.**

**Respectfully**

**LEIMOMI KHAN**

**Co-Chair/Recorder**