

# Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu

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## 2018 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Annual Conference

Thursday, June 21, 2018 – Saturday, June 23, 2018

Sheraton Waikiki ~Royal Hawaiian Hotel

2255 Kalākaua Avenue

Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

### Thursday, June 21, 2018

8:30 a.m.

**Registration in Kaua'i Ballroom**

9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

(Kaua'i Ballroom)

**Welcome/Opening Remarks**

**HSAC Treasurer Ikaika Anderson**

**HSAC President Dru Kanuha**

**Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell**

**Honolulu City Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin**

**NACo Board of Directors President Roy Charles Brooks**

**NACo Executive Director Matt Chase**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(Kaua'i Ballroom)

**Panel 1: Agricultural Technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Advancements in agricultural technology are helping to reshape how we think about food safety and its production. Hear from experts in the industry to learn what we can expect in the coming years as Hawai'i works towards the ultimate goal of agricultural self-sufficiency.

Moderator: Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau

- Luisa Castro, Produce Safety Program Manager, Hawai'i State Department of Agriculture
- Dan Clegg, Business Operations Lead, Monsanto Hawai'i
- Michael Kohn, Pa'ina Hawai'i Irradiator
- Warren Watanabe, Executive Director, Maui County Farm Bureau
- Jayson Watts, Senior Aide, Lt. Governor of Hawai'i (Hawai'i Farm to School)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00pm

(Kaua'i Ballroom)

**Hosted Lunch**

**Speaker: Micah Kane, President and CEO**

**Hawai'i Community Foundation**



**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.                      Panel 2: Long Range Sustainability & Resilience Plans  
(Kaua‘i Ballroom)**

Experts from the regulatory and private industries will discuss the challenges of long-range planning in an environment of continually changing technologies and the steps needed to build and protect Hawai‘i’s energy independence from external threats; be it economic, environmental or political.

Moderator: Kekoa McClellan, Principal, McClellan Group and Pryzm Consulting

- John Cox, Engineering Manager, Kaua‘i Interisland Utility Cooperative
- Will Giese, Executive Director, Hawai‘i Solar Energy Association
- James Griffin, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission
- Shelee Kimura, Senior Vice-President - Business Development and Strategic Planning, Hawaiian Electric
- Scott Seu, Senior Vice-President - Public Affairs, Hawaiian Electric

**3:30 p.m. – 4:30pm                      HSAC Executive Committee Meeting  
(Kaua‘i Ballroom)**

**5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.                      Welcome Reception featuring the Royal Hawaiian Band and  
Glee Club  
Royal Hawaiian Hotel Ocean Lawn**

**Friday, June 22, 2018**

**8:30 a.m.                                      Hosted Breakfast  
(Kaua‘i Ballroom)                      Speaker: Joe Buscaino, Councilmember  
Los Angeles City Council**

**9:00am – 10:00am                      HSAC General Meeting  
(Kaua‘i Ballroom)**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.                      Panel 3: Establishing a County Office Of Climate Change,  
(Kaua‘i Ballroom)                      Sustainability and Resiliency**

Facing the tangible impacts of climate change, public support for consolidated efforts to prepare for and address these challenges is growing. In 2016, Honolulu voters elected to create the first Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency. This is an exciting opportunity to learn what it takes to build a successful City office focused on environmental challenges from the ground-up and what issues are of critical importance.

Moderator: Joey Manahan, Councilmember, Honolulu City Council



- Dr. Charles “Chip” Fletcher, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Geology and Geophysics - School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- David Rae, Former Head Commissioner, Honolulu Charter Commission
- Josh Stanbro, Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**                      **Hosted Lunch**  
**(Kaua‘i Ballroom)**                              **Speaker: Mason Chock, Councilmember, Kaua‘i County Council**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**                      **Panel 4: Effects of Tourism on County Resources**  
**(Kaua‘i Ballroom)**

With annual visitor arrivals expected to soon top 10 million, concerns as how to best manage limited resources and avoid user conflicts are often at the forefront of community discussions. Hear what efforts are being made to help achieve balance between the interests of residents and industry.

Moderator: Trevor Ozawa, Councilmember, Honolulu City Council

- Rick Egged, President, Waikīkī Improvement Association
- Dolan Eversole, Waikīkī Beach Management Coordinator - University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program, Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement District Association
- Josh Stanbro, Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency.
- Max Sword, Past Vice-President of Industry Affairs, Outrigger Enterprises Group

**3:30p.m. – 5:00p.m.**                      **Panel 5: Real Property Tax Data and the Impacts of**  
**(Kaua‘i Ballroom)**                              **Proposed Constitutional Amendment on the Counties**

With all counties experiencing significant housing shortages and revenue demands, the focus has shifted towards increased property taxes on high-value investment properties. A recent Constitutional Amendment adopted at the 2018 legislative session proposes a surcharge on investment real property to help fund public education. While these targeted taxes can provide short-term revenue bumps, how sustainable is this source in the long-run? What impacts will additional tax increases have on this segment? Above all else: how do we ensure that our residents are protected? Hear from experts in county government and the technology sector on this growing issue. Representatives from the Hawai‘i State Teachers Association and the Board of Realtors will also be participating to discuss how they see a potential State-levied surcharge playing into these issues.



Moderator: Ikaika Anderson, Councilmember, Honolulu City Council

- Frank Goodale, President, Hawai‘i Association of Realtors
- Steven Hunt, Real Property Tax Administrator, Kaua‘i County
- Gary Kurokawa, Chief of Staff to Mayor Caldwell, City and County of Honolulu
- Michael Lomax, Assessment Director, Esri Canada
- Lisa Miura, Real Property Tax Administrator, Hawai‘i County
- Corey Rosenlee, President, Hawai‘i State Teachers Association
- Scott Teruya, Real Property Tax Administrator, Maui County

**Saturday, June 23, 2018**

<b>8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (Moloka‘i Ballroom)</b>	<b>Hosted Breakfast Speaker: Roy Charles Brooks, President National Association of Counties Board of Directors</b>
<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (Moloka‘i Ballroom)</b>	<b>Closing Remarks and Conference Conclusion</b>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Golf Tournament Registration and Practice Begins Ko‘olau Golf Club</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Golf Tournament Tee Time at Ko‘olau Golf Club Agricultural Farm Tour meets in Sheraton Lobby</b>
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Agricultural Farm Tours Bus Departs Sheraton Lobby Farm Tour Schedule: (lunch and refreshments provided)</b>
	1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.      Monsanto Hawai‘i
	2:30 p.m. -3:15 p.m.      Ko Hana Hawai‘i Rum Farm
	3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      Larry Jefts Farm
	4:45 p.m.                      Depart Kunia
	5:30 p.m.                      Arrive at Ko‘olau Golf Club for Banquet or return to Sheraton Waikiki
<b>5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Golf Tournament Awards Banquet Ko‘olau Golf Club</b>

*\*Agenda Subject to Change*