

MINUTES of Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

Meeting date: February 13, 2013

Call to order: An Executive meeting of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party on February 13, 2013. The meeting convened at 6:34 pm, President Lynn Sager presiding, and Lisa Rey as secretary.

In attendance: Lynn Sager, Mary Guinger, Charlie Ice, Bill Sager, Mike DeWeert, Lisa Rey, Barbara Borgnino
Phil Barnes via remote access

Chair's Report:

Abercrombie is taking back the space rented for Democratic Party Headquarters we can use it for now however we need to move in the near future.
Beware of the effort to gut and replace -renaming of the PLDC.

Secretary's report:

January 23, 2013 minutes on the table to be approved -minutes were approved unanimously

Treasurer's report:

\$210 savings \$470 in checking

REGIONAL REPORTS

Phil Barnes:

HB 106 HB &SB 371 two bills to repeal act 97.

Phil is requesting that we please support repeal of act 97 - it is a bad bill, which has eliminated geothermal resource zones on some conservations, lands also removal of subzones and consequently eliminates regulations.

Motion to support repeal of act 97 by Lynn seconded by Charlie- unanimous approval

Food and Farm Sustainability Report: Juanita had car troubles today

Energy and Climate Change Report:

- HB 448- Natural Gas position. Sierra club was also there with Mike to oppose. Gas Co is in favor of importation of liquefied gas. There was a demand for study by PUC and Passed to the consumer protection and commerce committee.
- HB 1148- Related to reduction of utility rates for farmers- should not apply for Big Ag- dead as of yesterday
- HB 1405- Related to PUC - transparency of energy contracts
- HB 1142 Related to renewable energies- against curtailment- deferred
- HB 759 Related to Public utility to purchase lowest cost non fossil fuel generated electricity and restricted to HECO to distributor of energy exclusively not energy producer
- HB 453 Related to landlords lessors and exempts them from being considered a "public utility" this bill passed and moved to CPC committee

- HB 1406 requires private entities CCR to submit plans for solar placement and if they don't comply they can lose tax exempt status
- HB 903- relating to water and sewage
- HB 451- to carry out intended purpose of the Barrel Tax but include gaseous gas remove aviation fuel
- HB- tiered glass rating system suggestion: testified and suggesting everyone testify online-

Natural Resources Report:

- House and Senate has informally agreed to repeal the PLDC
- HB1133 PLDC repeal bill will cross over
- HB 935 Fund for invasive sp through conveyance funds
- HB single use bag paper or plastic to fund Environmental protection
- SB 15- broadens existing 10% ethanol requirement to include the diesel pump to have 10% biodiesel
- HB 1080- establish alternate bike and pedestrian pathways
- SB620- requires compostable or reusable for take out food establishments
- SB 894 - directs governor to acquire lands of Ko'olina resort.
- HB 478 school meals for school gardens
- SB77- PLDC
- SB707 - Full simple repeal of PLDC- final decision for Friday 9am
- HB 1166 water shed management and invasive species control

Outreach Subcommittee Chair: no changes nothing to report

Additional announcements next meeting is February 27 in two weeks

8:11 pm meeting is adjourned

Minutes were approved on October 16, 2013.