

January 29, 2014 Working Meeting of the Environmental Caucus of the
Democratic Party of Hawaii at 404 Ward Avenue.

Called to order at 6:17 pm

Present: Mike DeWert, Bill Sager, Anthony Austin, Barbara Borgnino, Alan Burdick, Juanita Kawamoto, Mary Guinger, Kelly King via remote access, Charley Ice presiding and Lisa Rey as Secretary.

Bills coming up right away:

Bill #2060 regarding Biofuels take ethanol facility credit for biofuels. Lower emission equivalent like biofuel. Describe the credit by BTU value. Ethanol not being produced in Hawaii anyway. Petrol industry is the obvious opposition. Question of opposition to Ka'u facilities.

Mandate 5% of the vehicles on the road be biodiesel
How much fossil fuel is used in the production of Pacific Biofuels.
Produce firm power energy sources is important.

Pacific Biofuels: looking at sunflower/safflower/ and crops that can supplement cattle industry. Systems are at zero emissions now.

Motion by Mike DeWert to allow Kelly King to testify that the caucus supports her testimony and Bill 2060, seconded by Juanita Kawamoto.
Tony abstained and all others voted in favor.

Bill # 2141 Relation to renewable Energy- Proposes that Investors get Credit on bill

HB 1943 -Requires public utilities commission to adopt rules for improved accessibility- State should proceed in order to set an example.
Barbara Motions to approve HB 1943 and Juanita seconded
Lisa abstained from the vote all others voted in favor of it.

HB 1404- to ban coal fired plants- not yet scheduled

HB 1932 relating to invasive sp. with companion bill **SB 2458-** facilities on neighbor islands to monitor and inspect. Makes the shipper responsible for the inspection and to certify no invasive. Motion to support bill HB 1932 by Lisa and seconded by Mike and approved unanimously.

HB 1904 funds for invasive council for education through UH regarding invasive. Motion to support Lisa seconded by Tony and approved unanimously.

HB 1994 civil liability for intrastate transport of invasive dbet dlnc UH
Mike motions to approve and Lisa seconded and approved unanimously

Tony Austin, Treasurer report: \$475.00 and 549.44

Report from Juanita on the rally today at the Capitol. Olelo filmed the event. Issues on Mauna Kea were protested, charter schools, Very inspiring and direction was home rule. Gary Hooser was there to speak and gave a really great speech.

Unfinished business:

Can environmental caucus do polling?

Can environmental caucus use Namaste Light?

GMO labeling bill passed the health committee and Juanita noticed that democrats showed up in full force.

Juanita is in support of Terez Amato from Maui district.

Charge for walking list but Juanita wants to make a fundraiser.

Feb 6, film showing

Next meeting is Feb 12, 2014