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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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MEMO

To: **The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes**
Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature

FEB 20 2020
Time 12:17 ( )AM ( )PM
Received By: Matt

From: **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee** PBL

Re: **Travel Reports for August 2019 and December 2019, pursuant to Public Law 35-36**

Dear Speaker Muña Barnes:

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! In compliance with the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Act—Section 17 of Part II, Chapter XIII, Public Law 35-36, I am submitting my travel reports for August 2019 and December 2019. Please also find attached the agendas for each travel period.

Please be advised of the following information:

	Location	
	Nashville, Tennessee	**Saipan, CNMI**
Dates Traveled	August 2-10, 2019	December 3-6, 2019
Source of Funds	Legislature Operations Fund—Office of Sen. Régine Biscoe Lee	Legislature Operations Fund—Office of Sen. Régine Biscoe Lee
Purpose of Travel	National Conference of State Legislatures (Guam Legislature as Member)	60th Board of Directors Meeting, Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (as Board Director)
Cost of Travel	$5,296.35	$1,302.09

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 472-3455.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*



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RBL Trip Report

NCSL Nashville 08/19

Sunday, August 4-8, 2019 | Music City Center, Nashville, TN

AGENDA

Sunday, August 4, 2019

10:30 am NAPACSL 2019 Annual Meeting

- 2020 Census - wendy.Underhill@ncsl.org
  - Efforts to make Census workforce diverse is important - in language, trusted voices; online application in English is a barrier
  - Outreach funding - media buy, door-to-door not as well-supported - that's where local offices come in
  - $13B = Approx Colorado funding/year; Tell the story: how much money for Senior services (medicare), Public libraries, Health services (Medicaid), Community centers, SNAP, veterans and other federal programs to help people connect and come on board; CO Dept of Local Affairs - jobs, news, complete count committee info on their website
  - CO Legislation to fund Census outreach - $6M, $220k in funding for marketing materials, engaging middle/high school students to inform their parents; You can't spell census with out "US"
  - ~18k children not counted in the last census - families separated, some households not counting kids until they are in school; incarcerated individuals, engagement of re-entry population; group quarters (prisons, nursing homes, college dorms)
  - Complete count campaign: education & youth (use DOE to help implement); higher ed; policy; businesses & non-profits, communications/Outreach (targeted social media, countdown engagement), Immigrant/Refugee/POC
  - Challenges: rapidly changing use of technology, distrust in govt, declining response rates, increasingly diverse population, informal/complex living arrangements
  - NO CITIZENSHIP QUESTION
  - AAJC census resources (fact sheets - 50 states & DC - need territorial info; language assistance guides in CHamoru; monthly webinars): countusin2020.org; Irene Kawanabe - irene.kawanabe@ncsl.org; Rida Cabanilla - Majority floor leader (District 41) Hawai'i repcabanilla@capitol.hawaii.gov; John C Yang -

jcyang@advancingjustice-aajc.org; from WA: Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos, Senator Bob Hasegawa

➔ ACTION: joint letter with BSP oversight to communicate legislative support, access to legislative channel, PSAs, etc...

Voter Protection for the AAPI community - Christine Chen, APIA Vote

Monday, August 5, 2019

8:00 am Energy Policy Summit: www.ncsl.org/research/energy.aspx

- Energy Policies for Economic Growth: Renewable Energy Buyers Alliance, Walmart & Google
  - Businesses are leading the charge & competitive renewables are the most economic resource; organized markets help customers
  - State policy shapes the market, impact energy costs, access to renewables & determine the role of the consumer; policy needs to be viable & cost-effective
  - Walmart - electric car charging stations, increased convenience for customers; e-vehicle @ work charging stations as an employee benefit?
  - Engage business stakeholders
- Policies for a Modern Grid:
  - MN energy goal: Data driven, community based & consumer focused (named 1 of top 5 states for energy efficiency)
  - e21 initiative: highly collaborative, proactive
  - Legislative initiatives: clean energy first (planning: requires careful planning for power plant retirements); ECO - energy conservation & optimization (consumer-facing programs)
  - TN energy: hasn't taken a state energy appropriation in YEARS; federal & state investments have paid off; 1 million MW of capacity, but grid demand is increasing and grid aging
  - Storage is an enabler for renewables; hopefully cost decreasing in the near future; especially since wind & solar are so intermittent

1:30 pm Literary: Imagination Library

- Imagination Library for Guam: Statewide efforts in TN & NC - 10:15am Tuesday, Room 106AB
- Dollywood Foundation

3:15 pm Education: Proactive approach to school safety

- **Prevention, Response & Assessment**
  - PREVENTION:
    - RAND found that entry control equipment, communication and art tech and anonymous tip lines as potentially having a positive impact
    - Coordination of mental and behavioral health services
    - Positive school environment & Holistic approach
  - RESPONSE: Active shooter drills & response plans, security personnel & Coordinated first responder efforts (ensure regular communication between stakeholders)
  - RECOVERY: Coordinated behavioral & mental health services, alternative school sites, healing community & dealing with public interest
- **West Virginia**
  - School building council - existing and new school construction reviewed
  - Security measures stepped up: surrender your license at front office for guest pass
  - Better address mental health needs of students, opiod issues - highest use in the country
- **New Mexico**
  - Ranked the quality of the buildings and provide resources: bullet-proof glass, cameras, radios, fencing, secure entry points, etc...
  - Risk insurance provider for schools?
  - Safety drills: shelter-in-place drills required a few times a year
  - Working to provide resources to social workers and teachers to better identify at-risk students, report back on root causes

- Colorado
    - Challenges: Money, Silos, NIH (Not invented here)
    - www.safe2tell.com
    - FL Senate bill 7026 (2018), 7030 (2019) - funding mental health programs in schools; the Baker Act: how to handle students exhibiting mental health challenges; creates behavioral threat assessment team, state-wide behavioral threat assessment model
    - Separate funding for school safety: mental health, bullying, security, coping skills, parent programs
    - Teachers walking out because we don't pay them enough
- Colorado - Sen. Howard Stephenson (stephensonstrategies@gmail.com)
    - Dutch water planning; need to plan like this for school safety, avoid being unprepared & overwhelmed
    - Protecting School Communities though tools which:
        - 1) provide a safer school culture (Stephen Covey's - Leader in Me program fights vandalism, bullying, chronic absences; SafeUT app - free crisis intervension 734,587 students have access to the app & 12,000+ tips last school year) and
        - 2) Infrastructure & Safe Tech:
            - RFID Reader (reports to parents once student enters school) about $500 per school utilized in India & Africa
            - Model Classroom: Audio solutions, Safe systems, EPIC system, multiple camera views (improve teaching, protect teachers

4:30 pm Women's Legislative Network: Labor & Employment roundtable

- SEED: State Exchange on Employment & Disability (also a member of WGA) - Katia Albanese kalbanese@conceptscomm.com
    - Can provide policy brief on current labor law

- Collaborative efforts between dept of corrections and labor; break silos
- Apprenticeship programs: funding to extend apprenticeships - USDOL $$ grant opportunities for technology, finance, healthcare - deadline Sept; Notice for proposed rule-making on apprenticeship - deadline end of August
- Workforce inclusion: state policy option to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities
- Look into regulations on licensing and potential for skilled veteran exemption
- Dialogue between businesses/industry, UOG/GCC/Trades Academy to ensure the skills are translating. Example: Engineers graduating in Maine have limited communication & collaboration skills
- Policies that help to maintain work through drug addiction recovery

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

7:30 am Women's Leadership Breakfast: Center for American Women & Politics (Rutgers)

- Grace goes to Washington - Kelly DiPucchio, Author
  - Builds off Grace for President; focus on the three branches of government, themes of inclusion, consensus building, accountability, etc...
  - CAWP: Increasing numbers of women in state legislatures, as well as women of color in elective office
  - Program with Girl Scouts - Leadership bootcamp with elected women
  - Internship program in Tennessee - stipend for interns; consider high school internship program

8:45 am General Assembly - State Meet-up

- Transformational Leadership - Wes Moore, The Robin Hood Foundation
  - Reality of poverty is constant trauma - housing, health, transportation, education, child care
  - Initially funding programs - shown results, now certain states &/or federal govt are funding; ex: needle exchange program, filling gaps for higher education (transportation, child care pilots)
  - The other Wes Moore: One decision or one policy decision away from going in one direction or another; people need and deserve an advocate.
  - Despite the struggle - fatherless, black, from Baltimore, Surrounded by people who helped me to understand that there is never a room i dont belong in; taught me what it meant to be FREE.

- Make sure it matters that you're here.

10:15 am Imagination Libraries

- The Dollywood Foundation

  David Dotson, CEO (ddotson@dollyfoundation.com)
  Jeff Conyers, President (jconyers@dollyfoundation.com); Nora Briggs, Executive Director (nbriggs@dollyfoundation.com)

  - 2000 - decision to expand DPIL beyond Sevier County, Penguin secured as publishing partner; 2004-2005 Statewide program launch in TN
  - Community role: outreach, $25/child/year ($220/child/year without DPIL)
  - Values: Proven, Inclusive, Trustworthy, Scalable, Quick Start-up, Affordable, Customized Imagination Library books, High-quality, Impactful, No Overhead costs
  - Consider a relationship with UOG Press to have a wider distribution for local children's books
  - Neural connections in the brain - first few years are critical, 2yo neural pathways need to be stimulated (use it or lose it); illustrated picture book format provides best outcomes - reading builds brains (Dr. John Hutton, Cincinnati Children's)
  - ROI is tremendous, statistically significant results after only 4 months of enrollment; www.imaginationlibrary.com/research
- Legislation: 13 states enacted bills focused on PreK & school readiness;
  - TN state model: 50/50 state match with 95 county affiliate programs; 407,813 0-5 eligible children with about 70% enrollment
  - NC: 100% state funded
  - Ohio: 50/50 state match with 88 county affiliates
  - Arkansas: Aspire to 50/50 match, currently foster growth in county programs; one-time catalyst funds from the state
- Volunteer effort helps program to be sustainable, engage the community/ stakeholders
  - Kyle Mandapat & Library board
  - Dr. Laura Souder
  - UOG Press
  - GFT
- Suggestions for highly successful state programs

        - Small group of state "influencers"
        - Sustainable state 50/50 matching fund
        - State-level organization able to oversee day-to-day development and match funds
- Registration available at hospital along with birth kits, schools for newborn siblings, doctors offices, grocery stores, public health, social media
- Possible to include locally made books with culturally competent
- Monthly invoicing to state organization

12:15 pm Women's Leadership: Suffrage

- Expanding on women's suffrage: encouraging localized programing to celebrate women advocates and leaders

2:00 pm Disrupting Incivility

- Fighting off the rising tide of incivility and using safeguards to protect yourself, legislative institutions & the public at-large.

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

9:00 am Family First Prevention Services Act: Reforming Foster Care

- NCSL Brief Online: Monumental shift in prevention services
- Tim Decker, The Annie E Casey Foundation - www.aecf.org
    - Child Welfare Strategy Group - spent time across the state of Missouri, birth & foster families, social workers & others on the frontlines
    - Concerns in 80s: Lack of flexibility/prevention $, few appropriate incentives, ineffective & unaccountable, administrative costs, underfunded
      Proposed solutions: block grants, waivers, expanded entitlement & incentives
    - Family First Act: removal of child not the first step; focus attention on prevention and strengthening families as our primary goals rather than placing in foster care, also to prevent re-entry into the system - opportunity to be innovative & entrepreneurial, take advantage
        - Open-ended, federal reimbursement without eligibility requirements to prevent entry into foster care for all children at-risk, age group expanded to cover more kids
        - Opportunity to reimburse parent/child substance abuse residential treatment; improve services for pregnant and parenting foster youth
        - Primary prevention is not part of Family First legislation; only for children & families determined to be a candidate for foster care
        - Eligible services (requires match initially but can grow to FMAP rate): mental health services, substance abuse prevention & treatment, in-home parent

skill-based programs, kinship navigator programs, residential parent-child substance abuse treatment programs
        - Generates significant future cost avoidance opportunities in local budgets (ex. Foster care & adoption, juvenile justice, public assistance, education, corrections, etc...)
    - CHAMPS: Children Need Amazing Parents - http://fosteringchamps.org/
- Jamie Hinsz, Oregon Legislature - Human Services Policy Researcher
    - Three branch work-group to focus on implementation and policy needs: learned that service providers need help with accreditation
- Rep Joan Ballweg, Wisconsin
    - 72 counties, took local HHS and removed child services and combined workforce development to create a new Children & families agency - wasn't in favor of this at the time, but it has been a positive development
    - Partnered with AECF, NCSL, National Govs Association, Former First Lady
    - School safety grant program - one of the criteria included mandatory training in trauma-informed care for school districts

10:30 am State Action on Carbon Emissions

- Climate change state policy: Janet Peace, Center for Climate & Energy Solutions - www.c2es.org
    - Momentum is building: 34 states have climate action plans, updating targets, increased focus on land-based solutions (agriculture)
    - US Climate Alliance - signed on by many Governors following Trump announcement to pull out of climate accord
    - Set C3PR meeting - provide update for stakeholders on existing climate change/environment (clean energy, electric vehicle) legislation (introduced and passed)
    - C2ES gathering data to demonstrate that legislation like carbon tax actually improve economic development, not necessarily a negative to business decisions; Billion dollar extreme weather events across the country
    - Hart research (2019) Americans believe greater financial cost in inaction
- Transportation: James Bradbury, Georgetown Climate Center
    - Transportation (personal vehicles, delivery trucks) overtaking power sector emissions as top carbon producer
        - Cut vehicle emissions: zero & low emission vehicle requirements (CA & Others), remove prohibition on utilities owning chargers (CO)
        - Cut emissions from fuels: low carbon fuel standard (CA & OR)
        - Reducing miles driven: land use planning, increase transit ridership
        - Pricing emissions (or usage of roadways): Cap & invest (CA), emissions fee (BC), Congestion pricing (VA, NY), Mileage-based user fee - goes towards public transportation expansion (OR)

        - Investments: incentives for EVs, more transportation options
    - Regions have worked together to tackle clean vehicles, freight analysis (improve port & other freight partners) and sustainable community policies: market-based policies
        - Engaged stakeholders & communities through 300+ listening sessions
- Utilities: Skiles Boyd, DTE Energy
    - Diversified energy company across the country in 22 states
    - Increased govt funding

12:30 pm Learning Hub: Talk saves lives - Preventing Suicide

- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

2:00 pm Small Cell & 5G - Regulation and Innovation -

- http://www.ncsl.org/research/telecommunications-and-information-technology/mobile-5g-and-small-cell-2019-legislation.aspx
- Fees FCC = approximation of reasonable costs
- RF & buildout - State legislation was silent as states are preempted.
- Nicol Turner-Lee, Fellow - Brookings Institution
    - 4G LTE - ride sharing capability opened up; 5G
    - Low-income, POC, migrant communities are about 95% smart phone dependent
    - China in a race to beat US in 5G and Artificial intelligence
    - 5G: robust networks are essential for health care - remote surgical precision, access to health care; education - schools to place sensors on buses, track student safety, smart boards, one-to-one laptops, apprenticeships for tech/telecom; commerce - entrepreneurial opportunities (Uber, Lyft - born out of 4G LTE)
- 21M Americans still lack broadband connectivity

- Connecting research to policy: PEW Broadband research initiatives - www.pewtrusts.org/projects/broadband-research-initiative
    - Promising Practices: Identifying how states have addressed gaps in connectivity
    - Research: Conducting and synthesizing research on issues related to broadband access and expansion
    - Convenings: Bringing together issue leaders to have research-driven discussions about improving access

3:30 pm The Straight Dope on Marijuana Revenues -

- Taxes vary across states - weight, price, THC level
- Larson Silbaugh, Colorado General Assembly, Economist
    - Amdt 64 legalized sales, then Prop AA approved up to 15% excise tax and 15% special sales tax; 2.9% sales tax on medical marijuana
    - Revenue: $262.2M (Excise tax on wholesale rate= 22%)
    - Growth 351% in first year, followed by 60%, 48.9%, 19.3% in subsequent years
    - Revenue distributed to Health & safety in schools, local govts that allow retail sales, BEST fund, education expenses, Marijuana tax cash fund (special budget rules - can be spent on enumerated items: homeless veterans, drug rehabilitation, etc...) 40% schools (classroom costs & school construction), remaining to public education campaign, research; local affairs (housing for homeless vets), legal;
    - First revenue forecast was pretty accurate, but now much more data available, don't reinvent the wheel

Thursday, August 8, 2019

8:30 am Dem Breakfast

- IL Gov: worst credit rating, unemployment high, $16.7B bill backlog, 121k people in poverty denied healthcare, property taxes among the highest in the nation // reason for running: what are you doing to improve people's lives; focus on jobs & education, public safety, strengthening equal pay act, kitchen table issues allow dems to lead and make the difference for working families.
- Regular communication across the aisle & between branches leads to better outcomes; diverse cabinet reflects the diversity of the state, as well as budget priorities to address equality, racial and economic justice
- Courage to listen, understand differences, to be part of the debate, to put our people before all else
- What's next? - Early childhood education, not just preschool but 0-3yo (addresses fiscal imbalance, jobs, health, crime, etc...); Authored Achieving kindergarten readiness

11:00 am Putting College Students First

- Moderator: Rep. Wendy Horman, Idaho
  Declining enrollment, challenges with business sector and skilled workforce (lack of preparedness for work), tuition costs, higher ed funding, $1Trillion in student debt
- Scott D. Pulsipher, President - Western Governors Univ.
  The Presidents Forum - collaborative convening body comprised of accredited institutions and national orgs that have embraced the power and potential of distance learning to serve contemporary students; reinvigorate the promise of higher ed, increase access to & affordability for underserved populations
  Use of data: measures of pace, progress and how they relate to outcomes, student success measures
- Dr. Joe May, Chancellor of Dallas County Community College District
  Growing GDP by increasing the size AND productivity of the workforce
  Data-sharing with incoming students and through higher ed; self-evaluation (monthly metrics): employer partnerships, wages of graduates, how do programs align with labor markets, etc...
- Dr. David Andrews, President - National University:
  Students need workforce relevant degrees with heterogenous student body
  Cost of textbooks sometimes are enough to have students drop a class, decreases chances of attaining degree - working with Professors to find free, online resources and consider other alternatives
- Goals of Presidents Forum:

- Increase access to high quality, affordable education, especially for those traditionally underserved
- Help students persist to graduation and find meaningful, successful careers
- Use **data** to drive outcomes and provide institutional transparency & accountability
- Relieve pain points in the **student experience** to help students persist.
- Provide a better signal of **skills** to employers and students

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Youth Mental Health First Aid** - spoke with Katiri & James at Mental Health First Aid booth re: stipends
2. **FAFSA -** letter to Delegate San Nicolas, support for Senator Alexander bill
3. **DPIL** - look into this program, partner locally with UOG press
4. **US DOL -** rulemaking comment period & grant application - deadlines in Aug & Sept
5. **Guam Legislature website** - update committee pages (calendar & photos), senators (include introduced & passed bills), change to *i Maga'hågan Guåhan*,
6. **Cannabis expungement** - IL recently passed legislation with Governor taking the lead
7. **C3PR** - set date for first meeting, pre-meeting with team: identify current state
8. **RBL** - use of data, legislative success - metrics, benchmarks

Association of Pacific Island Legislatures - 60th meeting

APIL Board of Directors 12/03-06

03 DECEMBER 2020/ Northern Commonwealth Legislature

ATTENDEES

Senate President Hocog, Senator Vinnie Sablan & Senator Sixto Igosomar

AGENDA

Guam/CNMI meeting

1. Marianas - regional recycling
2. CNMI/Guam updates re: adult-use and medical cannabis
3. Drug addiction

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04 DECEMBER 2020/ Northern Commonwealth Legislature/10:00AM

ATTENDEES

- ❑ American Samoa: absent
- ❑ CMNI: Senator Vinnie Sablan, Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero
- ❑ Chuuk: Senator Gardenia Aisek, Rep Shining Sos
- ❑ Kosrae: Speaker Tulensa Palik, Senator Andy Andrew
- ❑ Pohnpei: Senator Dahker Daniel, Senator Scaliem, Legal Counsel Thomas
- ❑ Yap: Senator Jerry Fagolimul, Senator Ted Rutun
- ❑ RMI: Speaker Kenneth Kedi, Senator Sherwood Tibon
- ❑ Palau: Senator Kerai Mariur, Delegate Sebastian Marino, Senator Aric M. Nakamura
- ❑ Hawai'i: Senator Kalani English
- ❑ Guam: Senator Kelly Marsh, Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
- ❑ Kiribati: Hon. Emil Christopher Schutz MP, Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta MP
- ❑ Nauru: absent

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AGENDA

Oath of office - CNMI Chief Justice

APIL President - Hon. Edgar Lickaneth; VP - Hon. Nelson Stephen;
Secretary - Rep. Ivan Blanco; Treasurer - Hon Kaure Babo MP

Legislative Updates/Remarks:

- ❑ American Samoa: absent
- ❑ Chuuk: Rep Shining Sos
  - ❑ UN High level visits to encourage SDGs, preparation for changes to US compact
  - ❑ Laws and measure towards a more sustainable & developed Chuuk, more transparency & accountability, protect, conserve natural resources, improve economic, health and social development
  - ❑ Decrease single-use plastics, styrofoam, tin roof structures
  - ❑ Value-added products: supporting small business
  - ❑ Increasing Solar panel usage
  - ❑ Women in leadership: 1st female mayor
- ❑ Kosrae: Senator Andy Andrew
  - ❑ Introduce Kosraean delegation
- ❑ Pohnpei: Senator Stanley
  - ❑ Climate change
  - ❑ Ground-breaking on FSM national convention center - completion date 2020, construction funding by Chinese govt
- ❑ Yap: Senator Jerry Fagolimul, Senator Ted Rutun
  - ❑ Health challenges: Dengue, leptospirosis
  - ❑ Effects of climate change
- ❑ Guam:
  - ❑ RBL - legislative update
  - ❑ KMT - APIL resolutions update
- ❑ Kiribati: Hon. Emil Christopher Schutz MP
  - ❑ Political crisis - deep division among Kiribati people, re: PRC vs Taiwan; 27 members of parliament are very concerned, opposed to current situation; perhaps requesting an international, independent 3rd party.
- ❑ RMI: Speaker Kenneth Kedi
  - ❑ New government emerging in RMI - strong ties to US, Taiwan, Japan & others
  - ❑ "Strength in numbers" - Marshallese saying

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- ❑ Work together re: US and compact impact; PRC emerging
- ❑ Compact impact, legacy of radiation, climate change, etc...

❑ Palau: Delegate Sebastian Marino

- ❑ Impact of climate change - COP25 currently convening in Spain
- ❑ Legislative update: Environmental protection, economic development
  - ❑ Food security - increase and encourage local production, seafood & local livestock
  - ❑ Combating drug abuse - collaborating with Executive branch, legislation strengthening mandatory minimums
  - ❑ Housing crisis: Public lands - returning to original land owners, climate change - homelessness increasing
  - ❑ Plastic bag ban - implementation
  - ❑ Care for our ocean - Ocean 2020 conference in Palau

❑ Hawai'i: Senator Kalani English

- ❑ 10-21 June: Festpac 2020; Honolulu convention center (15 June)
- ❑ Pacific Parliamentary group (supported by UNDP) to include members of South Pacific, as well. Next meeting in Tahiti - May 5th (re: climate change & fisheries)
- ❑ Travel alert re: measles outbreak, WHO guidance & health officials; medical mission from Hawaii to Samoa - creating a template for future preventative action
- ❑ King tides, intense weather events: Infrastructure to move more inland - agree on new location, expedited permitting process, etc...
- ❑ Climate/Environment: Adopted paris accord as a local law
- ❑ Tourism sustainability & controls
- ❑ Compact-Impact: Habitual resident - all rights & benefits, except voting; congress changed (medical care, food stamps, Sect 8 housing) now burden falls to the states/territories - Carlotta LG lawsuit helped Hawai'i to recoup some. Please be concise on terms & impact to states re: compact

❑ CNMI: Senator Vinnie Sablan

- ❑ Regional solutions to common challenges - Economic development, climate change, renewable energy, militarism, compact agreements, sustainable development, natural disasters

Officers' Report:

❑ APIL Financial Report: Treasurer Hon. Kaure Babo, MP

- ❑ 2018-2019 Financial Report
- ❑ 2019-2020 Financial Report

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Presentations by APIL Subsidiaries & Partners:

- Ayuda Foundation: Senator James Espaldon, Projects Manager
  - Established 24 years by Carlotta LG
  - Community programs
    - Relief packages across the Pacific: Typhoon Yutu - $1.5M worth of Goods, supplies, medicine, etc...
    - Shipping components
    - Financial support: grants, donations
    - Prepositioning supplies for rapid deployment
  - Moana Marine & other orgs working on the issue of water quality & access: reverse osmosis & desalination systems
  - Guam Shipyard & other orgs working on workforce development and registered apprenticeship
  - APIL Interns assisting with website refresh
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- Payu-ta: Programs & Services update: Mr. Samuel Ilesugam
- Cannabis Legalization in the CNMI: Mr. Joe Deleon Guerrero, CNMI Cannabis Advisor
  - History of Cannabis policy in CNMI
    - Decriminalization, Medicinal, Adult-use legalization
    - Commercial operations: Dispensaries, Class 1 & 2 lounges
    - 180 days after 1st convening - rules & regs must be drafted; Legislative committee on Cannabis (House & Senate oversight)
    - Hemp licensing
- Saipan Coral Nursery Pilot Project - Dr. Lyra Johnston, Johnston Applied Marine Sciences & Steven McKagan, NOAA Fisheries
  - Coral reef decline in the Pacific - impact by climate change, thermal stress & coral bleaching
  - Monitoring death & destruction - DO SOMETHING!
    - Reduce stressors - local & global; maintaining water quality, reduce pollution
    - Active habitat restoration
  - Good news: 99% survival rate
    - Also monitoring growth rate, encouraging species variation

05 DECEMBER 2020/ Northern Commonwealth Legislature/9:30AM

ATTENDEES

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- ❑ American Samoa: absent
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- ❑ Hawai'i: Senator Kalani English
- ❑ Guam: Senator Kelly Marsh, Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
- ❑ Kiribati: Hon. Emil Christopher Schutz MP, Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta MP
- ❑ Nauru: absent

APIL Functions:

- ❑ APIL 39th General Assembly: Honolulu, Hawai'i
  - ❑ 10-20 June 2020: FestPac, Honolulu Convention Center
  - ❑ 15-18 June 2020: APIL GA, Senate Chambers
    - ❑ Theme discussion: Reinvigorating Pacific Cultures, Safeguarding Pacific Communities & Cultures; Compact renegotiations, Economic Development
    - ❑ Our islands, Our futures - Safeguarding Pacific Communities & Cultures
    - ❑ Consider change in format: Discuss regional issues, spend time with delegations, possible brief by military think tank: APCSS (Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies) with update on compact negotiations

APIL Resolutions:

- ❑ **Res 60-BOD-01:** Supporting S2218 & HR4821 to restore medicaid coverage for COFA citizens [IAB, JLPG, VFS, KMT, RBL] Adopted as amended
- ❑ **Res 60-BOD-02**: Appreciation for CNMI designation for establishment of Palauan Abai; reaffirm commitment to promoting shared Pacific cultural heritage [SM, KM, AMN] Adopted as amended
- ❑ **Res 60-BOD-03**: Relative to calling upon member states to support state agencies and community programs and events that preserve, develop, and perpetuate their indigenous cultures, languages and arts. [KMT, RBL, TMB] Adopted as amended

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- **Res 60-BOD-04**: Gratitude and appreciation to the Legislature of the Commonwealth of the NMI for the hosting of the 60th Board of Directors Meeting of the APIL [President EL] Adopted as introduced
- **Res 60-BOD-05:** Appreciation to United Airlines for their services in the APIL region providing air transportation of people and cargo between the member jurisdictions; welcoming the opportunity to further collaborate with United Airlines to further improve regional transportation within the islands [KMariur, ANakamura, VFS, SMarino, JKE, IAB, JLTG] Adopted as introduced
- **Res 60-BOD-06:** Relative to expressing opposition to any and all proposed military use of the Northern Mariana Islands of Pågan & any increase in military activities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands [IAB] deferred to APIL GA in Honolulu
- **Res 60-BOD-07:** Relative to reaffirming its support and continuing to endorse the conservation goals of the Micronesia Challenge and calling on all APIL member jurisdictions to support these commitments to the greatest extent practical [RBL, KMT, TMB] Adopted as introduced
- **Res 60-BOD-08:** Unifying efforts to curb the victimization of vulnerable populations, by establishing and committing to regional reporting of crimes committed against children, women and the elderly [RBL, KMT, TMB, GAisek, SSos, VFS, JLTG, KBabo, JKE] Adopted as amended
- **Res 60-BOD-09:** Complimenting & recognizing the delivery of humanitarian work the AYUDA Foundation has provided to all APIL jurisdictions & expressing financial support for the furtherance of its programs, services and mission [KKedi, KBabo] Adopted as introduced

QUESTIONS

Have you determined where cannabis tax revenue will go towards - perhaps to address concerns by opponents of adult-use cannabis re: drug & alcohol, public safety, health and education? Excise tax for production 15% for growers; Retailers 15% at point of sale for medicinal 7.5%

Does your legislation have a lab requirement? Lab for medicinal & edibles, extracts, oils. Doctors can prescribe cannabis use in general, but issue re: dosage.

Very contentious discussion on Guam for the passage of our adult-use law;

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Food security** - increase and encourage local production, seafood & local livestock (Palau law)

2. **Climate & Environment** - Adopted Paris Accord as a local law (Hawai'i)

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Pacific Parliamentary group (supported by UNDP) to include members of South Pacific, as well. Next meeting in Tahiti - 5 May 2020 (re: climate change & fisheries)

General Membership meeting: Honolulu - 15 June 2020

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