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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

The Senate is now reviewing and passing House Bills as well as working on the State budget. In the midst of this hectic time, we were grateful to honor the Boys & Girls Club State Youth of the Year finalist and the Maui District Teacher of the Year. We also welcomed Maui and Moloka'i Youth participating in Hawai'i Kick Butts Day and nutritionist, Dr. Patricia Bragg. Please enjoy some of these highlights!

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MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I AND KAHO'OLAWÉ



HAWAI'I'S TEACHERS OF THE YEAR
RECOGNIZED BY THE SENATE

Education Week 2017 (March 20-24) at the State Capitol kicked off with a salute to the Department of Education's outstanding teachers, the first of a series of formal presentation ceremonies in the Senate Chambers celebrating the successes in the classroom and community.

On March 20, eight teachers from across the State were recognized on the floor of the Senate. These teachers were chosen through a rigorous selection process that includes the teacher's ability to inspire students to learn; to have earned respect among students, parents, and peers; to be active in the community as well as school; and to be able to perform the task of representing the teaching profession nationally and internationally.

Jennifer Suzuki, a teacher at Maui Waena Intermediate was chosen as the Maui District Teacher of the Year. She is a 17-year teacher who seeks performance-based, real-work opportunities for her students. She has worked to expand the STEM programs at Maui Waena Intermediate to include gardening, coding, media, and robotics. She also produces and invites the community to an annual Technology Bazaar that showcases the talents of her students in video, robotics, and other projects.

"Our teachers play a vital role in the academic success of our children," said Sen.English. "I commend teachers like Jennifer whose dedication to our students are evident in and out of the classroom. I am very proud of her work in serving the students of Maui"

Pictured above: Hawai'i State Senators with Hawai'i Teachers of the Year Honorees. March 20, 2017.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR FINALIST HONORED ON THE SENATE FLOOR

The five finalist for the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i Youth of the Year were honored on March 30 on the floor of the Senate. Amanda Caires (Maui), Shelsi Candaroma (Hawai'i Island) and Brydren Ka'auwai (Kaua'i) represented the Hawai'i Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs in the annual Youth of the Year competition. While, Alexis Goodwin (Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center) and Xavier Garrido (USAG-HI, CYS Services, Schofield Barracks Youth Center) represented their military youth organizations in the Military Youth of the Year Competition.

Youth members at Boys & Girls Clubs from across Hawai'i competed at the local level for a chance to be selected as a finalist for the Hawai'i State Youth of the Year competition. The five finalist then competed in public speaking presentations for the chance to represent Hawai'i at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Pacific Region Youth of the Year competition in California.

Makawao resident, Amanda Caires represented Maui in the State competition. She is a student at King Kekaulike High School where she maintains a 3.8 Grade Point Average (GPA). As a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Makawao Clubhouse, she has been able to express her love for art. She recently won her local Boys & Girls Club of America National Fine Arts Exhibit, where her art piece was chosen to be displayed at the regional level in California.

"Amanda has impressed many with her artistic ability, sense of community and volunteerism, academic gains and excellence," said Sen. English. "I am extremely proud of Amanda and the four other Maui youth who competed in this prestigious competition."



Youth of the Year Finalist (L to R): Xavier Garrido, Alexis Goodwin, Brydren Ka'auwai, Shelsi Candaroma and Amanda Caires.

Listed below are the Maui and State Youth of the Year honorees, finalist and winner:

State Youth of the Year Winner:

Brydren Ka'auwai, Boys & Girls Club of Hawai'i

State Youth of the Year Finalist:

Amanda Caires, Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui
Shelsi Candaroma, Boys & Girls Club of Hawai'i Island
Alexis Goodwin, Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam Teen Center
Xavier Garrido, USAG-HI, CYS Services, Schofield Barracks Youth Center

Boys & Girls Club of Maui, Youth of the Year Honorees:

Talia Jenkins (Lahaina Clubhouse)
Leigha Makana Nae'ole (Paukūkalo Clubhouse)
Toby Plunkett (Ha'ikū Clubhouse)
Leah Young (Central Clubhouse)

For more information on the Youth of the Year Competition please visit: <http://www.bgch.com/2017yoy/>

HUI MĀLAMA O MO'OMOMI VISITS SEN. ENGLISH

Mac Poepoe, Kama Han and Kevin Chang of Hui Mālama O Mo'omomi visited Sen. English to provide him with an update regarding the Mo'omomi Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) proposal. Organization members were in Honolulu to attend a Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) meeting regarding the proposal.

"Mo'omomi is one of the last communities in Hawai'i to continue the practice of community-based subsistent living," said Sen. English. "It is our responsibility to protect these individuals who use the North shore of Moloka'i as a means to provide food for their families."



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MAUI MANA'O: BUDGET, EDUCATION & HEALTH CARE



Maui schools, the status of the Maui regional hospital transition, and the budget are among the topics discussed in the latest edition of Maui Mana'o as the legislature reaches the midway point in the 2017 legislative session.

The television program, hosted by Senate Communications Director Jill Kuramoto, is a lively and informative conversation with the Maui Senate delegation: Sen. J. Kalani English (Dist. 7), Sen. Rosalyn Baker (Dist. 8) and Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran (Dist. 5).

Air dates for Maui Mana'o: Edition 5 will be announced shortly.

Visit www.olelo.org for a complete listing of the 'Ōlelo programming schedule. To view previously aired editions of Maui Mana'o, please visit: www.olelo.org.
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SENATE AMENDS STATE BUDGET

The Senate committee on Ways and Means approved an amended State Budget HB100 HD1 SD1, which proposes a financially prudent six-year plan to provide funding for core services and priority issues of the community while taking into account declining state revenues, rising fixed costs, and the uncertainty of the federal funding climate.

Many of the significant appropriations in education, environment, homelessness, and health care reflect the Senate's commitment to the Legislative Program set forth at the start of the 2017 session, which embrace Hawaiian values and aim to improve the quality of life for the residents of Hawai'i.

"According to a report from the Council of Revenues, the State is faced with a deficit of \$31 million for this fiscal year," said Sen. English. "Despite these fiscal circumstances, I have been working hard to ensure that our district receives the adequate funding for all of our needed projects."

OPERATING FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

Dept. of Agriculture: add \$750,000 in general funds in each Fiscal Year (FY) for pesticide regulation expenses and studies and add (3) permanent positions and \$79,236 in FY18 and \$158,472 in FY19 in general funds for pesticides compliance.

Dept. of Accounting and General Services: add \$2,185,567 in FY18 and \$2,210,913 in FY19 in general funds for New Payroll System and Time and Attendance System.

Dept. of the Attorney General: add \$110,000 in general funds in each FY for Criminal Justice Information Systems Hawai'i software licenses/renewals for the State Criminal Justice Information and ID Program.

Dept. of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism: add (1) permanent position and \$25,386 in FY18 and \$50,772 in FY19 in general funds for compliance with decisions and orders of Land Use Commission.

Dept. of Budget and Finance: add \$30,637,298 in general funds in FY18 for severance pay and social security and Medicare payments for employees to be separated from state employment due to the upcoming transfer of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation's (HHSC) Maui Region to Kaiser Permanente management.

Dept. of Commerce & Consumer Affairs: add (1) staff attorney and \$68,145 in FY18 and \$130,180 in FY19 in special funds for unfair and deceptive trade practices enforcement

for Office of Consumer Protection.

Dept. of Defense: add \$768,000 in FY18 and \$464,000 in FY19 in general funds for tree trimming and removal at Hawai'i State Veterans Cemetery.

Dept. of Education: add (10) permanent positions and \$136,688 in FY18 and \$556,842 in FY19 in general funds for Pre-Kindergarten and Induction Program and add (2) permanent positions and \$53,733 in FY18 and \$82,317 in FY19 in general funds for Executive Office on Early Learning.

Dept. of Health: add (2) temporary positions and \$144,054 in FY18 and \$208,143 in FY19 in special funds for Medical Marijuana Registry Program; add (5) temporary positions and \$890,000 in non-recurring special funds in each FY for medical marijuana dispensary licensing program; add \$300,000 in general funds in each FY for clean and sober housing for chronically homeless individuals with severe substance use disorders; add \$799,833 in FY18 and \$742,034 in FY19 in general funds for statewide emergency ambulance services and add (1) permanent position and \$60,629 in FY18 and \$121,259 in FY19 in general funds for investigation of suspected health clusters from environmental sources.

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation: add \$5,000,000 in general funds in FY18 for Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation – Regions or Maui Health System, a Kaiser Foundation Hospital LLC and add \$33,420,000 in general funds in each FY for operations subsidy for Maui Health System.

Dept. of Land and Natural Resources: add \$14,047,588 in general funds in each FY for various programs' base budgets per funding in Act 84, SLH 2015; add \$4,000,000 in general funds in FY18 for Hawai'i Invasive Species Council; add \$250,000 in general funds in each FY for protection of watershed forests and add (15) permanent positions and \$1,065,147 in FY18 and \$1,097,047 in FY19 in general funds for personnel and operating funds for management and restoration of Kaho'olawe Island Reserve.

Dept. of Taxation: add \$59,000 in general funds in each FY for Medical Marijuana Tax Collections.

For more information regarding HB100 HD1 SD1 go to: www.capitol.hawaii.gov

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP) HIGHLIGHTS

- \$20,000,000 to purchase over 500 acres of agricultural land to lease to local farmers, decreasing dependence on imported agriculture products
- \$25,000,000 in upgrades and improvements to critical water infrastructure systems and agricultural facilities, statewide
- \$168,000,000 for growing student populations on both O'ahu and Maui for new school and classroom projects
- \$437,965,000 in total to the Department of Education; 44% of the entire general obligation bond amount awarded Statewide
- \$15,000,000 for various improvements to existing infrastructure on Hawaiian home lands, Statewide
- \$51,500,000 to Hawai'i Public Housing Authority for the renovations of their public housing facilities, Statewide
- \$20,000,000 for improvements and renovations to existing facilities within the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation
- \$10,000,000 for an infusion to the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund.
- \$15,000,000 for an infusion to the Wastewater Treatment Revolving Fund
- \$15,000,000 for watershed protection, management and administration
- \$10,000,000 for State parks infrastructure and facility improvements
- \$500,000 for infrastructure and equipment for the safety and security of Department of Taxation facilities, Statewide
- \$47,000,000 for shoreline protection improvements of existing state highway facilities

RECENT CIP FUNDS RELEASED

- \$5,044,831 - design for lease lots and aprons, construction to remove and replace elevators, escalators, and moving walkways, and to provide a consolidated car rental facility at Kahului Airport.
- \$1,000,000 - design for the reconstruction of Runway 3-21 at Lāna'i Airport.
- \$205,000 - design funds to determine the closure requirements for the two landfills at Kalaupapa Settlement, Moloka'i.
- \$1,077,749 – for various repair and maintenance work at 3 schools including the following: **Kaunakakai Elementary School** – Building F, erosion control, partial demolition, new floor plan, interior elevations, and new plumbing. **Maunaloa Elementary School** – demolition and new roof. **Moloka'i High School** – new plumbing, electrical and new paneling.

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HAWAI'I ~KICK BUTTS DAY~ 2017



The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i held the annual "Kick Butts Day" youth rally at the Capitol on March 20. The theme of the event was #BreatheAloha. The goal of the campaign is to protect keiki from the dangers of inhaling secondhand smoke in vehicles.

The keiki in attendance had the opportunity to learn about advocacy, receive recognition in both the Senate and House chambers, sign wave at a rally and meet with Legislators urging support on a measure to ban smoking in personal vehicles with a child present.

"Events like Kick Butts Day provide a unique opportunity for students to advocate on issues that directly affect their health and well-being," said Sen. English. "It is always a pleasure to see our young people at the Capitol interacting with Legislators."



DR. PATRICIA BRAGG STOPS IN FOR A VISIT

Well known health consultant and head of Bragg Live Food Products, Dr. Patricia Bragg visited Sen. English's office and shared a copy of her book, Bragg Healthy Lifestyle: Vital Living to 120 and other Bragg lifestyle products with Sen. English and staff.

"I am pleased to have well-respected individuals visit and provide us with information that promotes a healthy life style and longevity," said Sen. English. "My staff and I enjoyed her visit and share in her values of healthy living and healthy food."

