

HAWAIIAN CAUCUS DAY "KUMU WAIWAI PU'ILI: EMBRACING OUR RESOURCES"



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A MESSAGE FROM KALANI

As we pass the midpoint of this legislative session, I am constantly reminded of how our past and future come together in defining and preserving what we treasure most about our Hawai'i. So much of our shared history rests with organizations like the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, and with modern icons like those who laid the foundation for the very Hawaiian art of surfing to become the worldwide phenomenon that it is today.

Our future lies in education, preparing the next generation of thinkers, creators and leaders who will carry our efforts forward, and also in recognizing our responsibility to those who need our help.

I am proud to play a part in linking what has come before with what we can be next. And I am grateful for all of you who have allowed me to be a part of this process.

Aloha,

The Hawaiian Caucus hosted its 4th Annual Hawaiian Caucus day on March 9, 2010 at the Hawaii State Capitol Building. This year's Hawaiian Caucus Day, titled, "Kumu Waiwai Pu'ili: Embracing Our Resources" was presented for legislators to see what wisdom we can draw from our ancestors and from the Hawaiian community.

The third and fourth floor of the Capitol featured a variety of exhibits dedicated to educating Legislators and the public about Native Hawaiian culture and programs. These included exhibitions from OHA, the Kamehameha Schools, Bishop Museum, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission, Ka hale Ho'ala Na Na Wahine, Kokua Aloha Foster Care, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Ka Ola Mamo Native Hawaiian Healthcare System, Aloha Medical Mission, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Hawaii Maoli, Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Ahahui Siwila, Hawaiian Charter Schools, Hawaiian Alliance, Golden Castle Foundation, and many others.

The group Kupa`aina provided entertainment for this event, as did several keiki from a Leeward traveling preschool. Verna Takashima also featured Native Hawaiian crafts such as kapa making, and artist Wailani Artates showcased her Hawaiian-inspired graphic designs.

As part of the celebration, both the House and Senate honored William Roback, Jr. for his recent elevation to the status of Ali'i Nui of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I as well as honoring the accomplishments of outstanding Polynesian surfers. Senator J. Kalani English gave a presentation on the Senate floor recognizing Ali'i Sir William Roback's election and his numerous contributions to the island of Maui and to the community at large.

The Hawaiian Caucus consists of 30 members in both the House of Representatives and Senate who seek to honor and preserve Native Hawaiian people and culture through legislation and community consultation.

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Senator English honored Ali'i Nui Sir William Roback Jr. on the Senate floor during Hawaiian Caucus day at the Hawaii State Capitol on March 9, 2010.

“TALK STORY” WITH MAUI SENATORS



Senators Shan S. Tsutsui and J. Kalani English will be holding a “Talk Story” session at:

**Pa’ia School
Wednesday, March 24th
from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.**

The discussion will serve as a mid-session update and opportunity for both Senators to address thoughts and concerns regarding Legislation and community projects.

“This talk story session is a great opportunity for us to touch base with our constituents and get their thoughts and concerns as we prepare for second cross-over” says Senator Tsutsui.

Senator English agrees and adds “This session has been extraordinary in many ways. I look forward to discussing where we are and our options with the people in my district.”

Community residents are encouraged to attend the event and “talk story” with Senator Tsutsui and Senator English. Both will be available to receive feedback, concerns, and questions from community members and to discuss current legislative issues affecting their Maui neighbors.

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Ali’i Nui Sir William F. Roback, Jr. K.G.C.K., Ali’i Aimoku O Kahekili of Maui Island, was unanimously elected in the Papa Ali’i Statewide Annual Convention on the island of Hawai’i on October 17, 2009 to the station of Ali’i Nui of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I.

The Royal Order of Kamehameha I was created on April 11, 1865 by His Majesty King Kamehameha V: “to preserve and perpetuate the ancient culture, customs, and traditions of Hawai’i; uplift the Hawaiian people; and infuse the spirit of patriotism, loyalty, helpfulness and kindness among its members.”

In his address to the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Ali’i Nui Roback stated, “Brothers, I pledge that I will work very hard alongside you for the good of our Most Noble Order of Kamehameha I and I would like to see all of us continue to maintain the dignity as Hawaiian men ever moving forward.”

Ali’i Nui Roback was born in Hana, Maui, graduated from Baldwin High School in 1957, served with the Maui Police Department until 1990 and presently resides in Kihei with his wife Carolyn.

SENATE HONORS HAWAII’S SURF LEGENDS



Hawaiian Legends from the surfing world were honored by the Hawai’i State Senate during Hawaiian caucus day on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Hawaii State Capitol. The honorees include world surfing champions, surfing instructors and coaches, surfboard shapers, an Olympic gold medalist, members of the Hokule’a, and Surf Hall of Famers. Mitchell Alapa, Clyde Aikau, Ben Aipa, Richard “Buffalo” Keaulana and brothers Derek Ho and Michael Ho (not pictured) were honored for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the world of surfing and Hawaiian water sports.

“Our honorees are all local Polynesians who have contributed greatly to the popularity of surfing,” added Senator Brickwood Galuteria, primary sponsor for the Senate. “It is only fitting that we honor current surfing greats, as well as those who are no longer with us, who have paved the way for this sport worldwide.” Senator English noted that, “One of Hawai’i’s great contributions to the world is surfing. I am pleased to join my colleges in honoring some of Hawai’i’s best surfers today on the Senate floor.”

EDUCATION WEEK AT THE LEGISLATURE

JANICE ESPIRITU WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The annual Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award recognizes a public school principal who is visionary, community-minded, and dedicated to public school education in the community. The award is named after the late founder of Island Insurance Company, Ltd., who credited his success to the public school system and principals like Ms. Janice Espiritu. Ms. Espiritu was presented with a \$10,000 cash award and an additional \$15,000 for a school project of her choice.

Ms. Janice Espiritu has been with Kaunakakai Elementary School for a total of thirty years and has been the school's principal for eight of those years. As Principal, Ms. Espiritu brought together teachers, staff, parents, and the community to create the best possible learning environment for the students of Kaunakakai Elementary School.

Ms. Espiritu initiated many programs to stimulate student learning and parent involvement, including the Families for Resource and Early Action Learning program, the Families and Classroom Teachers program, and the Focus on Standards program. Under Ms. Espiritu's leadership, Kaunakakai Elementary School met the benchmarks required by the federal No Child Left Behind program for the first time in 2007.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP



Kaunakakai Elementary School Principal Janice Espiritu was honored by Senators English, Baker, Tsutsui on the Senate Floor on March 18, 2010 for winning the prestigious Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in Leadership Award for 2009.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Emily Haines-Swatek, 2010 Maui District Teacher of the Year honored by Sen. English.

Kekaulike High School including the Project EAST (Environmental and Spatial Technology) program.

The Project EAST program allows students to become self-directed learners by using technology to create projects that benefit the community. Under Ms. Haines-Swatek's direction, King Kekaulike High School students have also been nationally recognized on numerous occasions for their "superior-rated" projects and for creating partnerships for a better tomorrow.

Ms. Haines-Swatek's efforts have had a positive impact on many lives. Her success is the result of her philosophy that "teaching never has been and never will be a career about financial gain ...it is a career for those who are willing to make a sacrifice on many fronts."

Senator English and colleges congratulated Ms. Haines-Swatek for her outstanding efforts and the great impacts that she has had on students at King Kekaulike High.

On March 16, 2010 Sen. English congratulated King Kekaulike High School teacher Ms. Emily Haines-Swatek on winning the 2010 Maui District Teacher of the Year Award and commended her for her support and encouragement of students, their parents, and her colleagues.

Ms. Emily Haines-Swatek recently celebrated her tenth anniversary teaching at King Kekaulike High School after returning to Maui from Colorado. Since 2001, Ms. Haines-Swatek has facilitated many innovative programs at King

Zachary Jarman, a 17-year old member of the Up-country Unit of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, was named the 2010 State of Hawai'i Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year. Zachary, an eight-year member of the Club and a Junior at King Kekaulike High School won the State of Hawai'i Youth of the Year title and a \$1,000 scholarship from Reader's Digest.

Zachary now qualifies to compete for the title of Pacific Region Youth of the Year and an additional \$10,000 scholarship. The five regional winners will advance to Washington, D.C., in September 2010 to compete for the title of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$15,000 college scholarship and is installed by the President in an Oval Office ceremony.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome. This program was founded over 60 years ago through the generosity of the Reader's Digest Foundation.

STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Zachary Jarman, Maui Teen Named as the State of Hawaii Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year.

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2010 LEGISLATURE UPDATE

BILLS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ENGLISH THAT HAVE MOVED TO THE HOUSE

- SB 2450, SD1 Establishes a civil violation for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana.
SB 2124, SD2 Appropriates funds from the Hawaii hurricane relief fund to restore the remaining public school instructional days for the 2009-2011 school years.
SB 2452, SD2, HD1 Requires the Department of Education to subsidize the cost of transportation to and from school.
SB 2105, SD2, HD1 Designates the disability and communication access board as issuing agency for removable windshield placards, special license plates, and identification cards.
SB 2270, SD2, HD1 Requires Medicaid reimbursement to hospitals for patients occupying acute-licensed beds and for patients with medically complex conditions.
SB 2385, SD1 Gives the University of Hawaii (UH) fiscal autonomy from the comptroller beyond June 30, 2011.
SB 2386 Establishes the UH capital improvements program project assessment special fund.
SB 2387, SD1 Allows the UH board of regents to assess fees for campus parking at an open meeting.
SB 2389 Repeals Act 106 to allow the UH to continue transferring funds into their commercial enterprises revolving fund to finance new commercial enterprises.
SB 2449 Makes permanent the statutory requirements for provisional driver's licenses for persons under the age of eighteen.
SB 2461, SD2, HD1 Appropriates funds out of the rental motor vehicle customer facility charge special fund for multiple purposes. Raises rental motor vehicle customer facility charge from \$1/day to \$4.50/day.
SB 2473, SD1, HD1 Allows grandchildren of elderly housing project residents to temporarily reside with them in certain family crisis situations.
SB 2474, SD1, HD1 Establishes immunity from prosecution for consuming intoxicating liquor by a minor if the minor summons medical treatment for another minor who consumed liquor.
SB 2532 Incorporates the principles and goals of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability task force report into the Hawaii state planning act.
SB 2543, SD2, HD1 Appropriates funds to create the Hawaii broadband commission and the Hawaii broadband commissioner to promote and maximize the availability of broadband services in the state.
SB 2563, SD1, HD1 Sets the goal of using alternative fuels to meet 30 percent of highway fuel demand by 2030.
SB 2770, SD1, HD1 Clarifies the definitions of "remote dispensing machine" and "remote dispensing pharmacy".
SB 2811, SD2, HD1 Requires all pharmacies and remote dispensing pharmacies to have the capacity to accommodate electronic prescriptions.
SB 2954, SD2 inserted into HB865 HD1 Creates a pilot project to transfer maintenance functions of state highways in Maui county from the state department of transportation to the Maui department of public works.
SB 2812, SD1 ACT007 3/17/2010 Gov. Msg. No. 365 Amends the frequency of statutorily required captive insurance company examinations. Requires protected cell accounts established by sponsored captive insurance companies to be operated only under the forms of business organizations authorized by the Insurance Commissioner.