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### MESSAGE FROM KALANI

We have reached the final phase of the 2014 Legislative Session. The Senate and the House are in deep negotiations on the State budget and all other legislation. This is the end game, our crunch time, when the rubber hits the road.

In this issue, we honor four families with the Hawai'i Medal of honor, we congratulate the 2014 youths of the year from the Maui Boys and Girls Clubs, we take a look at the annual Art in the Capitol event that showcases the various art pieces in each Senate office and welcome Nasimi Aghayev, the new Azerbaijan Consul General to Hawai'i.

*J. Kalani English*

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## HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

HĀNA, EAST AND UPCOUNTRY MAUI,  
MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I AND KAHŌ'OLAWĒ



### HAWAI'I MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY

Sen. English participated in a joint session for the 9th Hawai'i Medal of Honor ceremony on March 26. The Hawai'i Medal of Honor was created to honor those service members born or stationed in Hawai'i who were killed in action while serving in dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world.

The Hawai'i Medal of Honor ceremony has been held annually since Act 21 was signed into law creating the medal in 2005. Recipients of the medal include members of the United Armed Forces, the United States Military Reserves, and the Hawai'i National Guard, who were residents of the State of Hawai'i, attended an educational institution in Hawai'i, or were stationed in Hawai'i by order of the United States Department of Defense.

On the floor along with the lawmakers were distinguished guests consisting of high ranking commissioned and non-commissioned officers from all branches of the military and the family members of those service members who have been awarded the Hawai'i Medal of Honor this year. Also in the audience on the gallery were some of the family members from past Hawai'i Medal of Honor recipients. The families of past recipients who attended the ceremony were recognized briefly.

This year, four service members were presented the award: US Army Sergeant Tofiga J. Tautolo, US Air Force Captain Reid K. Nishizuka, US Army Sergeant Drew M. Scobie, and US Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward Balli.



*The House and Senate in joint session, honor the recipients of the Hawai'i Medal of Honor. March 26, 2014.*



# BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUB AWARDS

On March 27, Senator English and the Maui delegation recognized one of five teenagers competing for the 2014 State of Hawai'i Youth of the Year. The award is designed as a year-round tool to foster young people's personal growth and leadership qualities. Representing the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui-Central Club is Mason Aquino. Mason was selected by his Boys and Girls clubhouse for his leadership, resilience, and commitment to serving his family, community, and the Boys and Girls Club organization.

Mason Aquino was born and raised in Maui and is currently a senior at Baldwin High School.

He has formed and maintained many relationships with key individuals and organizations throughout the County of Maui including: The Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, Inc., the Kiwanis Valley Isle Key Club, Hale I Ke Ola Homeless Shelter, Kiwanis Keiki Fest, Community Work Day Program, Malama Maui Nui, MauiRunner.com, The Maui Food Bank, Feed My Sheep, Maui County "Be A Jerk" Campaign and the Maui Roller Girls.

Mason was also a member of the original class of the University of Hawai'i Maui College's Summer Bridge Program, Ka Hikina o Ka Lā in 2012 and he has participated in the program once more in 2013. Ka Hikina o Ka Lā is a program that allows high school juniors and seniors expressing an interest to pursue an education in the sciences after graduation to take classes at UH Maui that focus upon the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

"We're so proud of Mason and all of his success," said Senator English, "He exemplifies the essence of the Boys and Girls Club and serves as an excellent role model to other keiki."

The Youth of the Year program is the Boys and Girls Club's premier character and leadership program. It is a comprehensive, nationwide program that identifies and recognizes outstanding young people 14-18 years of age for behavior that warrants celebration. It promotes and celebrates Club



*Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui Director Colin Hanlon, Sen. Baker, Mason Aquino, Sen. Keith-Agaran and Sen. English in the Senate Chambers. March 27, 2014.*

members' service to Club, community and family; academic performance; ethical values; life goals; poise and public speaking ability. Local Clubs throughout the State of Hawai'i recognize Youths of the Month, followed by the selection of their Club Youth of the Year. These individuals participate in a statewide competition, followed by the winner moving on to the regional competition. Five regional candidates will then compete for the National Youth of the Year honors.



*Sen. English meets with 10th-12th grade students from Lāna'i High and Elementary School during their tour of the Hawai'i State Capitol. Sen. English was happy to answer questions and discuss the legislative process with the students during their short time at the Capitol. April 1, 2014.*





**MAUI SENATORS SHOWCASE ART AT THE CAPITOL**



Maui Senators opened their doors for an evening at the Capitol “museum” during the 6th Annual Art at The Capitol event on Friday, April 4 from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Each senator brings a distinct perspective to the décor of their offices through the personalization of their walls according to interest and taste. The works of art are placed in public areas of the Capitol as part of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts’ “Art in Public Places” program.

Senator English recently obtained a beautiful canoe designed by Levan Ke-ola Sequeira, a Maui artist, called “Wa’a Kaulua.” It was made in 2008 using koa, yellow cedar, ebony and lau halā. Sequeira learned basic woodcarving from his teachers at Kamehameha Schools but has since taught himself the art of canoe making through museum research.

“I’ve chosen to display works of art that highlight Hawaiian history,” said Sen. English. “These pieces remind me of the importance of remaining connected to the Hawaiian culture and its people. Whenever I have meetings, these local pieces always come up in conversation, and I enjoy telling people about the piece, its history and the artist.”

The Art in Public Places Program was created to strengthen the Hawai’i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts capability to “stimulate, guide and promote culture and the arts, history and the humanities” through the field of the visual arts. The Art in Public Places Program was established in 1967 with the enactment of the Art in State Buildings Law, which designated one percent of the construction costs of new buildings for the acquisition of works of art, either by commission or purchase. With this new legislation, Hawai’i became the first state in the nation to have a percent for art law that established a separate, reliable source of revenue to administer the APP Program.



*Musicians from the Hawai’i Youth Symphony String Quartet play during Art in the Capitol. April 4, 2014.*



*Aunty Libby entertaining guests in Sen. English’s office during Art in the Capitol. April 4, 2014.*

The APP Program seeks to: enhance the environmental quality of state public buildings and spaces throughout the state for the enjoyment and enrichment of the public; cultivate the public’s awareness, understanding and appreciation of visual arts in all media, styles and techniques; contribute toward the development and recognition of a professional artistic community; and acquire, interpret, preserve and display works of art expressive of the character of the Hawaiian Islands, the multicultural heritage of its people, and the various creative interests of its artists.



Senator English joined members of the Legislature to welcome the new Consul General of Azerbaijan, Nasimi Aghayev to Hawai’i. Members of the Senate and House of Representatives enjoyed an opportunity to sit with the Consul General and discuss the many similarities in history, new trade opportunities and the continual mutual friendship shared between Hawai’i and Azerbaijan.

As the new Consul General for the Consulate General of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles, this was Consul General Nasimi Aghayev’s first official visit to Hawai’i.



*Community leaders welcome Azerbaijan Consul General Nasimi Aghayev to Hawai’i. March 27, 2014.*





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**STATUS OF THE MEASURES SENATOR ENGLISH INTRODUCED**

The following bills were passed by both the Senate and House of Representatives and will either go to conference committee meeting for further consideration or the Senate will agree with the House of Representatives' amendments and the bill will be transmitted to the Governor:

**SB 2726,  
SD2, HD1**

Allows all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and utility-terrain vehicles (UTV) used as farm equipment or in the course of official city, county, or state business to be driven on a street if certain conditions are met. Provides that ATVs and UTVs used as farm equipment or in the course of official city, county, or state business shall not be regulated as motor vehicles. Establishes a penalty for a violation.

**SB 2729,  
SD2, HD1**

Makes operating a motor vehicle in the State while using a mobile device a traffic infraction. Specifies that the penalty for operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device shall be a fine of not less than \$250, or \$400 if operating the motor vehicle in a school zone or construction area, and that collected fines shall be deposited in the State Highway Fund.

**SB 2731,  
SD2, HD2**

Establishes a car-sharing vehicle surcharge tax.

**SB 2742,  
SD1, HD1**

Establishes the Pacific-Asia institute for resilience and sustainability to provide the structure and opportunity for a new generation of leaders to emerge who possess the ability to address Hawaii and the Pacific-Asia region's risks from natural and man-made hazards and to develop solutions for sustainable economic growth within the region's unique physical and cultural diversity.

**SB 3008,  
SD1, HD1**

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Anaergia Inc. with the development of facilities for renewable non-fossil fuel energy production on Maui.

The following resolutions Sen. English introduced were heard in the Senate and now is in the House for consideration:

**SCR 12**

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A LEASE AND EASEMENT OF CERTAIN SUBMERGED LANDS AT MANELE BAY, LANAI, TO LANAI RESORTS, LLC.

**SCR 69, SD1**

ENDORING AND SUPPORTING THE ALOHA+ CHALLENGE.

