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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

I am always concerned about how we view health – and how we create the optimum environment for a healthy existence. Hana has come a long way in this regard, and in this issue we showcase the achievements and challenges of providing for the needs of our remote communities. On a larger scale, we look at our ability to prepare for disasters as environmental challenges become more pronounced.

Indeed we have all come a long way. In this time, let us remember to be respectful of our neighbors as we look to the future. Our shared vision is one of mutual prosperity in a healthy environment. I remain committed to this ideal, and ask you to hold this vision as well.



NUTRITION CENTER OPENS IN HANA

At the opening of the Hana Fresh Nutrition Center on Saturday, August 18, Sen. English was proud to personally congratulate Hana Health for the addition of its new healthy lifestyle component. The Nutrition Center is a commercial kitchen designed to prepare nutritious meals and food products using produce grown by Hana Fresh Farm, which is a certified organic farming operation that produces gourmet quality vegetables, fruits, herbs and traditional Hawaiian food and medicine crops on seven acres directly behind the Center.

To memorialize this event, Sen. English presented Hana Health with a Senate Proclamation, recognizing their sustained work in providing excellent health care services and for being a pioneer in providing a broad range of health care services especially to those who face financial, cultural or geographic barriers to quality healthcare in the remote district of Hana.

"I'm happy that our Hana kupuna have access to nutritious meals that are easily available or can be delivered directly to their homes, said Sen. English, "I appreciate the work Hana Health is doing to provide these types of services and options while stimulating our economy at the same time."



Top: Sen. English and workers gather outside the Hana Nutrition Center. Middle: Sen. English at the blessing with Harry Hasegawa and bottom: Maddie Helekahi. Aug. 18, 2012. For more info. visit: <http://hanahealth.org/page/hana-fresh>

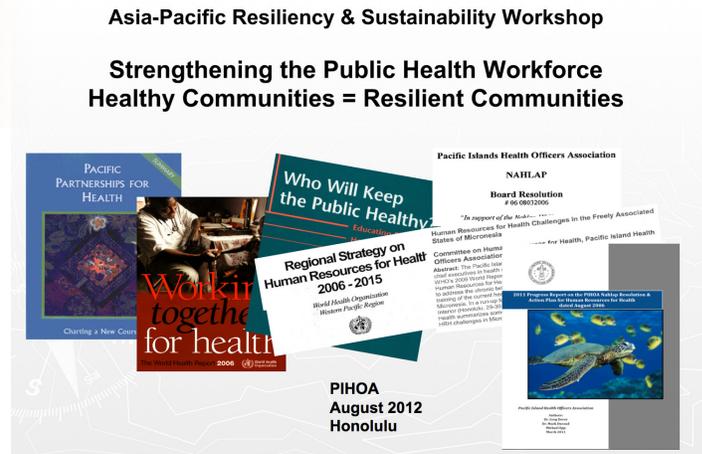
RESILIENCY AND DISASTER REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS



Above: Sen. English addresses attendees of the Asia-Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction Workshop. Below - Sen. English meets with representatives of the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense and the Pacific Disaster Center. August 15, 2012.

The inaugural Asia-Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience, (APDR3) Asia-Pacific Resilience and Sustainability Workshop was held on Oahu on August 14th-16th, 2012. Senator English was invited to participate to help define a program and timeline for promoting resilience across the Asia-Pacific region, involving private industry, government and civil society.

The workshop was structured to accomplish the following objectives:



- 1) Determine the roles and functions of government, donors, academics, members of civil society, regional institutional/ key stake holders and the private sector to develop an understanding of how to implement “whole of society” approaches to resilience and sustainability;
- 2) Develop a framework for collaboration among universities in Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Vietnam and the United States that enables degree granting institutions the ability to generate regional capacity. Noteworthy models include the Disaster Reconstruction/Regional Research Project at Tohoku University and the Asia-Pacific Institute for Resilience and Sustainability at the University of Hawai’i;
- 3) Define a key set of principles for collaborating applied research labs focused on resilience and sustainability in Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines and Vietnam. These labs will focus on action-oriented solutions; and
- 4) Identify a model that aligns development and capacity building across the Asia-Pacific.

ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES WORKSHOP



Sen. English was a plenary session discussant at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) Workshop on, “The Environment and Security in the Pacific Islands Region: Priority Risks, Challenges and Actions for a Secure Future.” This workshop brought together senior security practitioners from 24

Pacific Island nations and territories in addition to 10 regional and international organizations. This particular session was linked via video tele-conference to APCSS alumni residents in Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Tonga.



Participants were asked to present opinions on the most significant environmental change trends in the Pacific Islands Region, the security risks associated with these trends, the challenges and opportunities in addressing these security risks as well as recommending concrete actions that may be taken. As a discussant, Senator English provided feedback on these trends, pointed out details requiring refinement or improvement and offered suggestions on additional points not covered or considered. For more information visit: <http://www.apcss.org/>

CARING FOR OUR NATIVE PLANTS

SEN. ENGLISH WELCOMES NEW HANA RANCH OWNERSHIP



Last May, upon learning that Sen. English wished to plant yellow 'Ohi'a Mamo trees, Pat Bily of The Nature Conservancy, cultivated a collection of plants for him. The recently delivered collection included: 'Ohi'a seedlings, Palapalai fern, Kolea Lau Nui seedlings, Peperomia plants, Maile vines and yellow Ma'o hau hele hibiscus (the Hawai'i State Flower).



Pat Bily of The Nature Conservancy and Sen. English share their passion for plants and discuss the care of Maui's ancient forest tree seedlings. Aug. 31, 2012.

Sen. English and Pat toured the 'aina and shared plant insights and care tips.

"I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Pat and learning about our native plants," said Sen. English. "His knowledge and expertise give me great hope that our native plants will thrive again." said Sen. English

The ancient 'Ohi'a, Kolea, and Maile co-habit the endemic forests of the East Maui

Watershed where labor intensive efforts are made by Pat and an army of volunteers to protect them from aggressive invasive plants.

For more information visit Hawai'i Chapter of The Nature Conservancy online: <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/hawaii/placesweprotect/waikamoi.xml>

And the East Maui Watershed on line: <http://www.eastmauiwatershed.org>

Sen. English welcomes Bio-Logical Capital as the new potential owners of Hana Ranch, located on the island of Maui. Bio-Logical Capital and Hana Ranch announced on August 16, 2012, that they have signed a purchase and sale agreement.

A land investment, development, revitalization, and conservation company, Bio-Logical Capital plans to continue sustainable cattle ranching and expand organic farming as well as other stewardship activities.

"Bio-Logical Capital's plan to preserve cattle ranching on Hana Ranch makes them the right fit as new owners and contributing neighbors in our community," said Sen. English, who is a resident of Hana.

"As an advocate of environmental preservation and sustainability, I support Bio-Logical Capital's intent to look into other sustainable and diversified agricultural opportunities while being mindful of our culture and connection to our land," Sen. English added.

Hana Ranch, with over 4,500 acres, consists of the land surrounding Hana, including the land between the town and the ocean. The Ranch is made up of 3,000 acres of pasture land and 1,500 acres of forest preserve.

"This is a great opportunity for Bio-Logical Capital and the entire Hana community and I look forward to being part of the conversation as we continue to move forward in creating a sustainable economy and way of life."

For more information visit Bio-Logical Capital online: http://biologicalcapitalhawaii.com/services/sustainable_agriculture.html

HANA HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES GRANTS-IN-AID

The Governor released \$900,000 for grants-in-aid to the Hana Health Medical Center. The Hana Health Medical Center was identified earlier this year by Senator English as a priority project in the budget. The \$900,000 is to be used for planning, schematic design and construction for medical center expansion.

"The Hana Health Medical Center has been in need of attention and improvements for a long time and I am happy that the modernization of the center will finally be moving along," said Sen. English, "as the only medical center in the district of Hana, Hana Health Medical Center provides an integral part of the health, wellness and safety our residents and our visitors. The construction of a modern health facility will help to ensure that the current and future health care needs of Hana continue to be met." For more information visit: <http://hanahealth.org/page/hana-health>

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END OF SUMMER



Left: World class entertainer Fulton Tashambe and Sen. English at Fulton's lung transplant fundraiser sponsored by The Hard Rock Cafe in Lahaina. July 28, 2012.



Below: Sen. English attends another spirited and informative Maui Farmers Union United (MFUU) meeting in Haiku. Aug 28, 2012.



All hands on deck for the blessing of Lana'i's new ILWU Hall. Sen. English and members of Lana'i community.



Lydian Batoon of International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142 (ILWU) with Sen. English at the Lana'i Chapter meeting and blessing of the Hall.



Sen. English meets with Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Senator Yosiwo George, former FSM Ambassador to the United Nations and Tony Babauta, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs, United States Department of the Interior and his staff Kristen Oleyte and Rebecca Zepeda. August 23, 2012.