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## HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

HĀNA, EAST AND UPCOUNTRY MAUI,  
MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I AND KAHO'OLAWÉ



### THE SENATE MAJORITY AFFIRMS PRIORITIES FOR THE 27TH LEGISLATURE

### MESSAGE FROM KALANI

The 2013 Legislative Session has begun with new faces and many changes. We have a new Lieutenant Governor, new Senate President and Speaker of the House as well as new districts and legislators. We will however continue to work together towards the improvement of Hawai'i and our people. This year, the Legislature celebrated Opening Day with the traditional festivities including live music and food for all who attended.

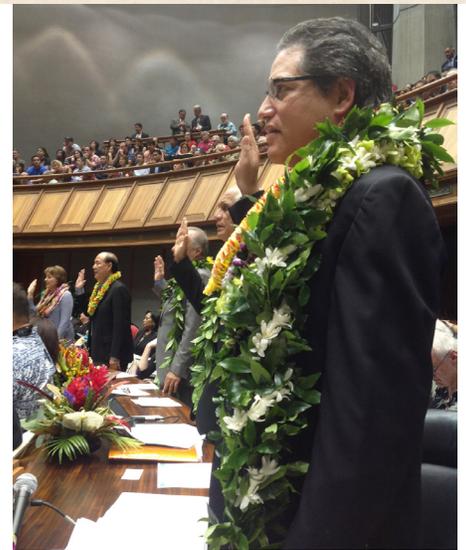
In this issue, we look at Opening Day and the Senate Majority 's priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session, we bid a fond farewell to our former Senate President, Shan Tsutsui who is now Lt. Governor and long time U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye upon his passing. We honor retired U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka with the inaugural Aloha Order of Merit and look into some international work I do, helping the Republic of Palau train their legislators.

*J. Kalani English*

People from all over the State, gathered at the Hawai'i State Capitol on January 16th, 2013 to participate in the Twenty-Seventh Legislature's Opening Day Ceremonies. Senator English invited his close friends, family and supporters to join him on the Senate floor. Legislative offices were



*Sen. English with new Senate President Senator Donna Mercado Kim at Opening Day. Jan. 16, 2013.*



*Sen. English is sworn into office for his 5th term in Hawai'i State Legislature by Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald. Jan. 16, 2013.*

open to the public and provided food and refreshments while they met with their Senators and Representatives.

With the opening of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature, the Hawai'i Senate Majority unveiled it's priorities for *continued on pg. 2*

## THE SENATE MAJORITY AFFIRMS PRIORITIES FOR THE 27TH LEGISLATURE CONTINUED

the 2013 Legislative Session. The Senate Majority, whose members are Democrats, is committed to a vision and future for Hawai'i that will stabilize our economy and ensure a high quality of life for all generations. This year's Senate Majority theme is No Na Mamo, which means for all generations.

During this first year of the Twenty-Seventh Legislative biennium, there are three over-arching themes and priorities for legislation that will set forth a forward looking agenda that includes self-reliance and sustainability. They are:

### Food and Energy Resiliency

Ensuring a sustainable future for Hawai'i is a priority. The Senate Majority will explore the concept of self-reliance and scrutinize options for food and agricultural resiliency within the State and take steps toward developing a strong foundation that will enhance the food and agricultural self-sufficiency of our State.

With the State's overall clean energy goal in mind, the Senate Majority remains committed to meeting the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative's benchmarks. Boosting resiliency in food and energy will have positive effects on our local job market and economy. With that in mind, the Senate Majority will continue to support Hawai'i's farmers and small businesses.

- The Senate Majority will continue to advance the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative. The State has made significant progress towards its goal of increasing the amount of locally produced renewable energy. The Senate Majority will continue to align government regulations and poli-



*Back to work, the 27th Legislature begins with Sen. Dela Cruz, Sen. Solomon, Sen. English and Sen. Tokuda. Jan 16, 2013.*

cies with clean energy goals, facilitate processes for developing renewable energy, deploy renewable generation and grid infrastructure, and explore next generation technologies and new applications of existing technologies.

- The Senate Majority will focus on efforts to encourage food resiliency across Hawai'i, such as increasing production and consumption of locally grown food. The Senate will examine the progress and goals of the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative and consider replicating those efforts and goals into a workable Food Resiliency Initiative.

### Supporting People, Strengthening Communities

When it comes to Hawai'i's residents, the Senate Majority will continue to support the State's core functions, including programs for those most in need. The Senate will continue to strengthen the social safety net and ensure that our keiki, kupuna, families, and individuals are protected by supporting organizations that provide essential education, health, housing, and welfare services.

- Supporting the education of our keiki will remain a top priority for the Hawai'i State Senate. Collaborating with educational leaders and interested stakeholders to identify and focus on several priority educational needs and opportunities will help prepare our students to reach their potential and encourage them to be successful, productive members of the community.



*Opening Day Session at the State Capitol with Gov. Abercrombie, Sen. Keith-Agaran, Sen. Baker, Sen. English and Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui. Jan. 16, 2013.*



•The Senate Majority will support and strengthen Hawai'i's public higher education system, being mindful that each of our ten campuses statewide is helping to prepare our students for college and career success.

*Senator English meets with constituents and supporters in his office on Opening Day. Jan. 16, 2013.*

### Government Efficiency and Accountability

The Senate Majority will work toward greater efficiency across all branches of government by streamlining collaboration and communication at the County, State, and Federal levels. For maximum efficiency, this collaboration will be extended to interested stakeholders, including private businesses and non-profit organizations.

- The Senate Majority supports accountability and transparency of government by insisting on high standards of ethical conduct and open decision-making.
- The Senate Majority encourages long-term planning and

efficiency efforts to fundamentally change the character and delivery of government services. The Senate will continue to promote the enhancement of the State's information technology services and support the Governor's Chief Information Officer as he works on modernizing business and technology infrastructure for the people of Hawai'i.

- The Senate Majority will draw upon the recommendations of the Senate Special Committee on Accountability for the improvement of the operational and financial management of the University of Hawai'i and continue to support the University of Hawai'i as it carries out those recommendations and initiatives.



*Brother Noland rocked the Senate Chambers and shared his hopes for a successful 2013 Legislative Session. Jan. 16, 2013.*

## HAWAII'S FAREWELL TO SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE



*Sen. English joins his Senate colleagues in memorial of Hawaii's beloved Senator Daniel K Inouye at the State Capitol. Dec. 22, 2012.*

*Below - Senator Daniel K. Inouye pictured at the U.S. Capitol, Washington DC.*

Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature and the public gathered at the Hawai'i State Capitol Rotunda on December 22, 2012 to pay their final respects to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, an American hero who inspired many across the nation with his integrity and compassion. Members of the public visited the Hawai'i State Capitol until midnight to express their fond aloha to the great Senator.

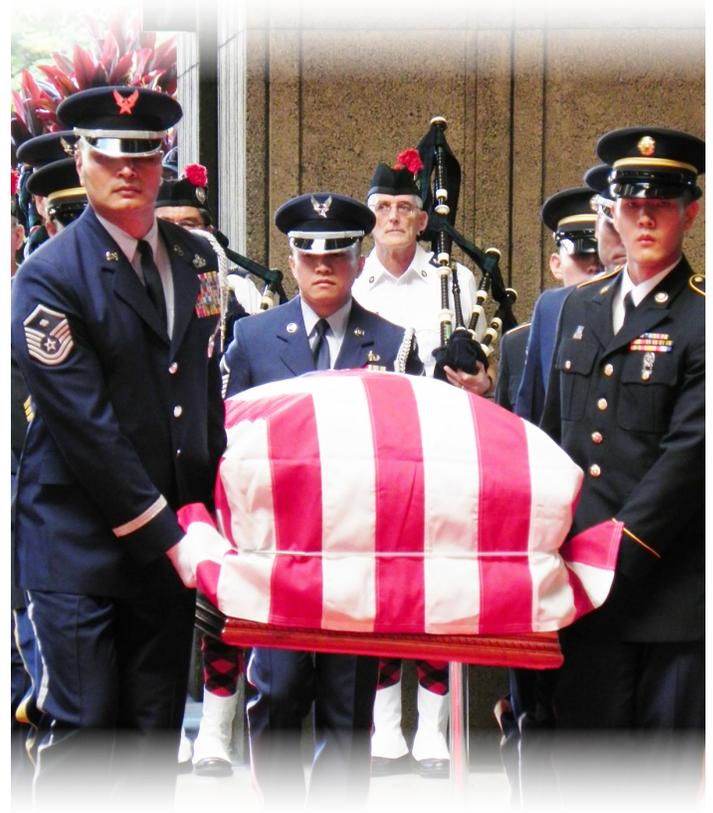
Daniel K. Inouye was the most senior member of the U.S. Senate and the President Pro-Tempore-- third in line to the presidency was known for his distinguished record as a legislative leader, and as a World War II combat veteran with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who earned the nation's highest award for military valor, the Medal of Honor.

Senator Inouye has championed the interest of Hawai'i's people throughout his career. With his support, Hawai'i's infrastructure has been strengthened, its economy diversified,



and its natural resources protected and restored. For local residents, particularly Native Hawaiians, whose history and welcoming culture give the state its defining characteristics, Senator Inouye has increased job training and employment opportunities, provided more community healthcare, and provided support services and research to help small businesses and diverse sectors, from agriculture to high technology.

His imprint is seen on all of the state's islands through initiatives such as Honolulu and Neighbor Island bus service, steady construction jobs in support of military infrastructure, the diversification of agriculture, the birth of the Kauai High Technology Center and the rise of the Pacific Missile Range Facility, the launch of the Maui supercomputer, the expan-



sion of national parks and wildlife refuges in Hawai'i, and the protection of Hawaiian monk seals, sea turtles, the alala (Hawaiian crow), the nene goose and coral reefs.

On December 20, 2012 Senator Inouye received the rare honor of lying in state at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. Senator Inouye passed away on December 17 at the age of 88. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962 and was serving his ninth consecutive term when he passed away. "We are very sad upon the passing of Sen. Inouye," said Sen. English, "he was a true hero and statesman who helped modernize Hawai'i as we know it and improved the quality of life for all our residents, he will be missed."

## THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT



On Monday January 14th, 2013, Sen. English was proud to attend a ceremony honoring U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka with the Aloha Order of Merit at the Hawai'i State Capitol. Sen. Akaka was awarded with the Aloha Order of Merit for his dedication to the people of Hawai'i over his many years of service.

Established in 1993 by the Legislature, the Aloha Order of Merit is one of the State of Hawai'i's highest honors in recognition of individuals who have provided extraordinary service and brought great honor to Hawai'i Nei.

The Order honors individuals who have distinguished themselves nationally or internationally and contributed to the attainment of statehood or have provided extraordinary service to, devoted themselves to the betterment of, or brought honor to the State.

Upon request of the Governor, members of the Aloha Order of Merit may serve as emissaries for the people of Hawai'i.

## SHAN TSUTSUI APPOINTED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Former State Senate President Shan S. Tsutsui has accepted the position of Lieutenant Governor of Hawai'i, under the orders of succession. The office was vacated by the appointment of former Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz to the U.S. Senate.

Plans are underway to establish an additional Office of the Lt. Governor on Maui, expanding the office's reach and accessibility to all island communities. The Office of the Lt. Governor will continue to conduct business in the State Capitol in Honolulu.

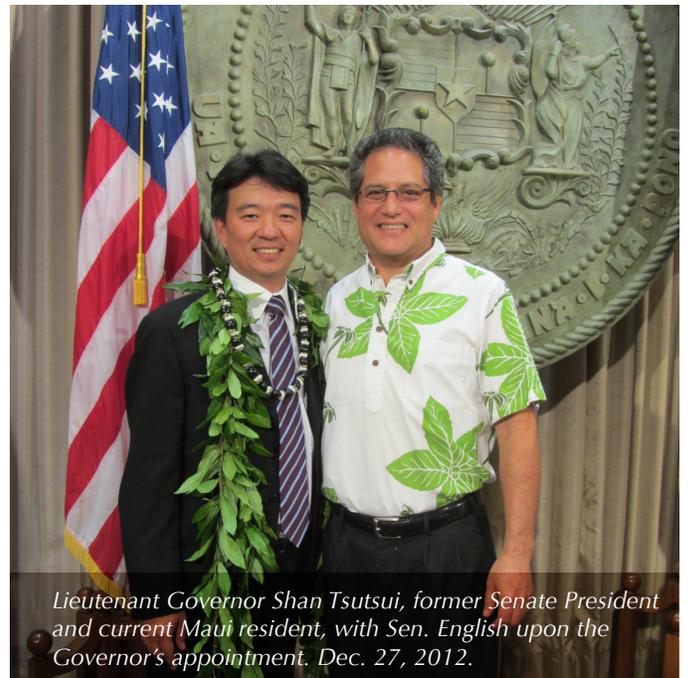
Tsutsui served as the 12th Senate President of Hawai'i. He is the first Senate President from Maui as well as the youngest. Elected to the Senate in 2002 to represent Hawai'i's 5th senatorial district, central Maui (then 4th senatorial district), his previous leadership positions included the Vice Chair of Ways and Means and Majority Caucus Leader.

"This is a great opportunity for Lt. Gov. Tsutsui and I wish him all the best," said Sen. English, "his transition to the Lt. Gov.'s office opens the doors for neighbor islanders wishing to enter politics." "It is no longer necessary to move to Honolulu to serve in the law making process," continued Sen. English, "today's technology enables us to conduct state business from all islands."

## UNDP TAPS SEN. ENGLISH TO TRAIN PALAUAN CONGRESS

Sen. English recently traveled to the Republic of Palau to speak and share his knowledge at the Palau National Congress Awareness and Development Issues Seminar which was sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). This seminar was designed to assist the Palauan Senators and Delegates understand and perform their role as legislators. Participants also discussed procedures regarding the legislative, oversight and representation roles of the Palau National Congress and how they can ensure development issues become an integral part of law-making, budget formulation and oversight. Guest speakers like Senator English and facilitators from various parts of the Pacific region were invited to share their knowledge on these issues.

Since 1966, the UNDP has been partnering with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis and drive and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. UNDP works in four main areas: poverty reduction and achieving the Millennium Development Goals; democratic governance; crisis prevention and recovery; environment and sustainable development. On the ground in 177 countries and territories, UNDP offers global perspective and local insight to help empower lives and build resilient nations.



*Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui, former Senate President and current Maui resident, with Sen. English upon the Governor's appointment. Dec. 27, 2012.*

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**SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM  
SELECTED AS SENATE PRESIDENT**

Senate Vice President Donna Mercado Kim has been selected as the President of the Senate and will preside during the 27th Hawai'i State Legislature, which convened on January 16, 2013. Senator Ronald D. Kouchi will serve as Senate Vice President. Senator David Ige will continue as Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Senator J. Kalani English retained his Chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs.

The Senate acted quickly to organize after Maui State Senator Shan Tsutsui took the oath of office as Lieutenant Governor. The Senate line up remains mostly intact to allow members continuity in their committee work as the Senate has been preparing for the upcoming session.

"The Senate remains united and continues to be cooperative in dealing with the pressing issues facing our State," said Senator English, "we will now focus all our attention on preparations for the 2013 session."

A listing of Senate Leadership and Committee Chairmanships is as follows:

<b>President</b>	Donna Mercado Kim
<b>Vice President</b>	Ronald D. Kouchi
<b>Majority Leader</b>	Brickwood Galuteria
<b>Assistant Majority Leader</b>	Michelle Kidani
<b>Ways and Means, Chair</b>	David Ige
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<b>Majority Whip</b>	Jill Tokuda
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<b>Human Services, Chair</b>	Suzanne Chun Oakland
<b>Public Safety and Military Affairs, Chair</b>	Will Espero
<b>Transportation &amp; International Affairs, Chair</b>	J. Kalani English
<b>Water and Land, Chair</b>	Malama Solomon