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Making Changes For You

The Action is HERE!

Going into the final week of this Session, the days are moving quickly and are filled with action! The upcoming May 1, 2003 deadline has our team busy in Conference Committees with legislators from both the House and Senate resolving bills to produce final drafts to send to the Governor. In our last Newsletter on April 17, 2003, we included a list of bills I am supporting that were in Conference Committee. You can access the Newsletter at: http://www.kalanienglish.com. Below we have outlined changes that have occurred since then to help you track the action now. Text of the bills is online at www.capitol.hawaii.gov, select "Bill Status & Docs" and search for bill text, bill status, hearing dates and times.

> The Updates

View the complete list at http://www.kalanienglish.com Going to Conference Committee

• SB 377: Tax credit; private development at Ko Olina Resort

Sent to Senate Floor for Final Vote

- SB 614: Health care insurance fraud
- SB 1460: Contracts entered into Hawai`i tourism

Enrolled to the Governor

• SB 474: Auditor's confidentiality of records

Signed into Law

• SB 789: Act 24 Disaster leave; State and County employees



Decision making in Conference

Maui's Outstanding Teacher and Students Win Awards in Statewide Poetry Contest

Congratulations to educator **Gayle D. Martelles** and her students from **Seabury Hall School** in Makawao for their outstanding achievements in the recent state-wide *Star Poets Student Poetry Contest*. With over 2,800 entrees, sixth grade students **Erin Swift**, **Alecia Tumpap** and **Logan Anderson** received first, second and third prize respectively for their age division. Maui is fortunate to have educator Gayle Martelles, who guides and directs her students to such high levels of excellence, enhancing the future of Hawai'i through their hard work and determination. Way to go, you made Maui proud!

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<u>Iames Duffy takes a Seat on Hawai'i's Supreme Court</u>



Visiting with James Duffy at the Capitol

The Supreme Court is now the benefactor of **James Duffy** who comes to the position with a vast wealth of knowledge. Formerly the President of the Hawai'i Bar Association, lead attorney for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, mediator and attorney in personal, commercial, professional and criminal law, James Duffy lends integrity and credibility to the Supreme Court. "I was pleased to visit with him for a philosophical discussion" noted Senator English. Duffy's final confirmation by the full Senate will take place on Friday April 25, 2003 at 6:30pm in the Senate Chambers.

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Environmental Quality Control - Working with Us Welcome Genevieve Salmonson & Shad Kane

Our Committee on Energy and the Environment voted to advise and consent to the Governor's nomination of Genevieve Salmonson, who has worked in the solid waste industry since 1969, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and of **Shad Kane**, who has helped to protect and restore cultural practices and sites, as a member of the Environmental Council. I welcome their expertise and look forward to working with them in efforts to conserve Hawai'i's beautiful and unique environment.



With Genevieve Salmonson & Shad Kane

Over Nine Million Dollars for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs



Congratulating OHA Chair Haunani Apoliona

In a victory for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), the Governor has signed into law House Bill 1307, HD1 SD1, authorizing the release of

over nine million dollars in back payments from ceded land revenues. Senator English attended the signing ceremony held on April 23, 2003 welcoming Act 34 with OHA trustees and members from both the House and Senate. Act 34 reallocates funds to pay debts to the Hawaiian people



In the Governor's Office with OHA Trustees

and appropriates special purpose funds to the OHA Trust for Native Hawaiians. This transfer of revenue represents twenty percent of the receipts generated from the use of lands in the public trust, which were not originally deposited into OHA coffers. A complete version of Act 34 can be viewed by clicking the link or visiting the following web site: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/hb1307 sd1 .htm.

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