



Senator English to Play Key Role in Reorganized State Senate



Newly elected Senate President Colleen Hanabusa (at center) meets with the press to present the new slate of officers.

The Hawai'i State Senate has reorganized for the 2007 Legislative Session, with a new slate of officers, a realignment of its committees, and a new set of committee chairs. Sen. Colleen Hanabusa is the new President of the Senate; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim is Vice President, and Sen. Gary L. Hooser is Majority Leader. Sen. J. Kalani English will assume the chairmanship of one of the Senate's key committees: Transportation and International Affairs (TIA). He will continue to serve as a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, which deals with the State budget and capital improvements projects.

"Transportation issues are vital concerns for the people of Hawai'i, and I am proud to take on this important mission," he said. "Ongoing statewide concerns over such matters as the Superferry, the future of Hawai'i's airlines, and the condition of our harbors mean that the Transportation and International Affairs committee will be at the center of some of the most important decisions we will face."

**Chair, Committee on
Transportation and
International Affairs**

**Member, Committee on
Ways and Means**



A Message From Kalani

Aloha,

Positive change is in the air at the Hawai'i State Senate. Our new leadership team and our new committee structure will make us into a more effective voice for the people of Hawai'i. I look forward to assuming the chairmanship of the newly created Transportation and International Affairs committee. As we prepare for the 2007 Session, my staff and I look forward to hearing from you about your questions and concerns.

J. Kalani English



Maui Invasive Species Committee Honors its Allies in the Fight Against Alien Species

On behalf of the Maui Invasive Species Committee, Sen. English presented the Malama I Ka 'Aina Award (and a Senate certificate) to William Jacintho at a November 11 ceremony. Mr. Jacintho was the winner from among five nominees for the award, which is co-sponsored by the Maui Association of Landscape Professionals and Maui County.

William Jacintho is a Professor of Agriculture at Maui Community College who also has a nursery business and a cattle operation he runs with his family. He is described in the Senate certificate as "an active member of his community and a tireless educator on the subject of invasive species... [he] has taught many students the importance of planting the right tree in the right place [and] the trees that have invasive characteristics here in the Hawaiian Islands."



Sen. English presented a Senate certificate to William Jacintho, 2006 awardee. Each year, the Maui Invasive Species Committee honors a landscaper or plant provider whose "activities or decisions contribute to keeping Maui free from invasive species."



A recent visit to the Commune of Anaa in French Polynesia (Tahiti) was a homecoming of sorts for Sen. English and three members of his 'ohana from Moloka'i. Some of their ancestors are buried in a tiny village near the place where this picture was taken.

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