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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

Balancing work at the Senate and in the District is still a great experience for me even after 18 years at the Legislature. I always enjoy attending the Annual Ha'ikū Flower Festival and the East Maui Taro Festival to see familiar faces and partake in the District's bounty. At the Legislature we addressed many issues this session. I worked diligently to secure the funds necessary for a wide array of projects that will benefit the most individuals, including monies dedicated to the arts, homelessness, kūpuna, schools, transportation needs, highway safety, and Kaho'olawe.

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HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

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



24TH ANNUAL HA'IKŪ FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Ha'ikū Ho'olaule'a & Flower Festival is one of the biggest events of the year. 2017 marks the twenty fourth consecutive year of the festival. Dozens of volunteers gather to put on the annual fun-filled event that attracts over 7,000 people to raise money for extra curriculum activities such as art, music, science and sports.

This year's event was held at Ha'ikū Elementary School and moneys from the festival benefitted Ha'ikū Elementary, Ha'ikū Community Association and the Boys and Girls Club of Maui-Ha'ikū Club House.

This year's festival honored Teresa Shook, a Hāna resident who was labeled as the "spark that ignited" a movement which involved over 440,000 people marching in Washington, D.C., the day after Donald Trump's inauguration. Shook wrote a Facebook post on the day after Trump's election expressing her frustration with his victory. She then created a related Facebook event, proposing "a call to action to forty of her friends to march in Washington, D.C." The Facebook invite quickly spread, especially after it was posted in the Pantsuit Nation Facebook group, which boasts nearly 4 million Facebook followers.



"It is always a pleasure to spend the day at the Ha'ikū Ho'olaule'a & Flower Festival and enjoy the various festivities that the Ha'ikū community has to offer," said Sen. English. "I was also very honored to have recognized Teresa Shook for her contribution in igniting a national movement that has engaged hundreds of thousands of people."

Top: Sen. English and Rep. Lynn DeCoite present Ha'ikū Elementary PTA with a check from Friends & Family of Agriculture at the Ha'ikū Ho'olaule'a & Flower Festival. Above: Sen. English presents Teresa Shook with Senate Proclamation in recognition of her vision and creation of The Women's March. April 22, 2017.

2017 LEGISLATURE PASSES STATE BUDGET

House and Senate conferees met on April 24 to complete conference negotiations on a final version of HB100 HD1 SD1 CD1, the State Budget. The House Finance and Senate Ways and Means conference committees met several times to iron out differences between the two budget versions. Listed below are Grant-In-Aid and Capital Improvements Projects for the 7th District:

The Grant-in-Aid awardees are:

La'ākea Foundation – The Foundation accommodates autistic, intellectually/developmentally disabled adults, and low-income individuals with housing in a community setting. They received **\$300,000** to expand their 12 acre La'ākea community for affordable housing.

Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center - The Center, founded in 1934, serves the Maui County community with visual arts education and the preservation of the historic Kaluanui Estate. They received **\$95,000** for handicap and wheelchair accessible pathways and restrooms, lighting in public spaces and parking areas, as well as repairing and preserving historic buildings.

Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers – The Center is a homeless service provider that coordinates community-based Continuum of Care (COC) programs and services for the homeless. They received **\$705,000** for renovations and improvements to existing buildings and the construction of a new building for permanent supportive housing.

Maui Arts and Cultural Center – The Center is Hawaii's only comprehensive, multi-disciplinary non-profit arts facility. They received **\$1 million** for the completion of the community stage and events lawn area, including maintenance building, additional classrooms and expanded parking with photovoltaic panels.

Maui Youth and Family Service – The organization addresses the community's need for emergency shelter for abused and neglected adolescents, runaways, and abandoned youths. They received **\$400,000** for construction of a new facility.

Boys and Girls Club of Maui – The organization inspires and enables young people to meet their full potential as productive citizens by providing afterschool and summer programs. They received **\$150,000** for program needs.

Hale Mahaolu – The program provides affordable rental units to seniors, disabled adults and low-income families. They received **\$200,000** to subsidize personal care services for disabled adults and the elderly.

Hale Makua Health Services – This nursing and carehome for elderly and disabled individuals provides compassionate personalized healthcare services. They received **\$400,000** to improve their healthcare delivery system and increase the population at their nursing homes.

Hāna Health – The organization improves the general health and well-being of the Hāna community with medical care and other social, economic and health related programs. They received **\$200,000** to continue providing health-care services.

Lāna'i Culture and Heritage Center – The organization is dedicated to the perpetuation and appreciation of Lāna'i's cultural heritage and natural history. They received **\$55,000** for literacy initiative.

The Capital Improvement Projects receiving appropriations in Fiscal Years 2018-19 are:

• Kahului Airport

Inbound baggage handling system improvements **\$10,500,000**

Construction for lease lots and other related improvements **\$64,000,000**

Design and construction for improvements to the terminal, commuter terminal, security fence, electrical system and other related improvements **\$11,500,000**

Common use passenger processing system upgrade **\$1,300,000**

Holdroom and gate improvements **\$38,298,000**

• Hāna Airport

Baseyard building and other related improvements **\$2,000,000**

• Moloka'i Airport

Design and construction for terminal improvements, includes electrical and sewer replacement or upgrades, installation of new restrooms, and other related improvements. **\$7,250,000**

• Kalaupapa Airport

Construction for the installation of a new aircraft rescue and fire fighting (arff) garage, renovation of the terminal, replacement of airfield lighting and other related improvements. **\$4,500,000**

• Lāna'i Airport

Design and construction for renovations to the baseyard building and other related improvements **\$2,000,000**

Restroom facilities and other related improvements **\$1,000,000**

• Hāna Harbor

Design and construction of improvements to remove the Hāna pier superstructure **\$5,700,000**

• Hāna Highway

Construction to mitigate rockfalls and potential landslide areas along the slopes of route 360

Hāna highway at various locations **\$2,000,000**

Design and land acquisition for developing a bridge preservation plan for Hāna highway in the vicinity of the Hāna preservation district. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement. **\$3,250,000**

Huelo to Hāna, construction for improving, upgrading and/or repairing roadways, bridges, walls, drainage structures, guardrails, and other facilities on route 360 Hāna highway. **\$4,000,000**

Plans, design and construction to mitigate rockfalls, vegetation and potential landslide areas along the slopes of Hāna highway **\$20,000,000**

• Haleakalā Highway

Construction for widening the highway at mile post 0.8 from one lane to two lanes, extending a box culvert and constructing headwalls and wingwalls **\$2,000,000**

• Pā'ia Bypass

Design for alternative traffic improvements in the vicinity of Pā'ia town. this project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement **\$3,750,000**

• Pedestrian Improvements

Design and construction for pedestrian facility improvements **\$600,000**

• Hawaiian Homelands Lot Development

Keokea-Waiohuli water system improvements, Keokea-Waiohuli phase 2 site improvements (76 lots) **\$3,000,000**

Ho'olehua Na'iwa agricultural subdivision, Ho'olehua agriculture lots site improvements **\$3,000,000**

Kula design and repair of roadway safety **\$1,200,000**

Keokea-Waiohuli archaeological preservation **\$1,000,000**

2017 LEGISLATURE PASSES STATE BUDGET

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KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

• Ha'ikū Elementary

Plans, design and construction to replace roof; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances **\$500,000**

• King Kekaulike High School

Plans, design and construction a new girls softball ball batting cage **\$1,350,000**

• Kualapu'u Elementary

Plans, design and construction to replace roof **\$230,000**

• Kula Elementary

Design and construction a portable trailer office **\$3,000,000**

• Lāna'i High and Elementary

Plans, design and construction for building renovation **\$1,434,000**

• Makawao Elementary

Plans, design and construction for covered walkways **\$200,000**

• Pukalani Elementary

Design and construction for renovation, expansion and development of existing structures and new facilities **\$500,000**



• Maui Health System

Design, construction and equipment for repairs, renovations, expansion, and upgrades to Kula Hospital, Lāna'i Community Hospital **\$6,000,000**

• Kaho'olawe Island Reserve

Plans, design, construction and equipment to support native dry land forest restoration, management and maintenance **\$3,000,000**

• Upcountry Maui Agricultural Park

Land acquisition, design, and construction for the development of the agricultural park, with matching Maui County Funds **\$6,000,000**

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) was awarded \$3 million for FY 18 and 19 to support native dryland forest restoration, management, and maintenance. The funds will go towards the plans, design, construction, and equipment for native dryland forest planting on Kaho'olawe. This allotment will continue the work that KIRC does to restore Kaho'olawe as a piko (center) of Hawaiian culture. More importantly, KIRC will now receive \$1,065,147 as part of its base budget for operations for each Fiscal Year in perpetuity.

Kaho'olawe (known historically as Kohemalalama O Kanaloa) is recognized as a wahi pana and pu'uhonua. Approximately 3,000 archeological and historical sites reveal Kaho'olawe to be a voyaging navigational center, a piko for Hawaiian cultural practices, an agricultural center, and the site of an adze quarry. The vision of KIRC is to restore Kaho'olawe as the kino (physical manifestation) of Kanaloa, and as a place where cultural practices can revitalize both the island and people of Hawai'i.

Beginning in 1941, with the attack on Pearl Harbor, Kaho'olawe was used as a bombing range by the U.S. Navy. In the 1970s, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) occupied the island intermittently and filed a lawsuit to stop the bombing, which was finally halted in 1990. Kaho'olawe was then conveyed to the State of Hawai'i in 1993, and Congress allocated \$400 million for ordnance removal. In 1994 the KIRC was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature to oversee the restoration of the island. Today the KIRC, under the direction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), is responsible for the restoration of the island until a sovereign Native Hawaiian entity can manage it.

Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies



Major General James Hartsell, Director of The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) welcomes Sen. English. April 12, 2017.

Sen. English recently visited the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) to meet with presiding officials and tour the grounds of the Center. The Center opened in 1995 and is a U.S. Department of Defense institute that addresses global and regional security issues. They support the U.S. Pacific Command with a non-warfighting mission. They also provide executive education and workshops that build relationships and trust within the Asia-Pacific region. "APCSS serves as an invaluable resource for information and data from across the Pacific region and beyond," said Sen. English. "The Senate Legislative Program is the brain child of collaborations between the Senate and APCSS. We hope to continue this relationship moving forward."

MAUNALOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDING

\$309,910 in funds was released for improvements to Maunaloa Elementary School on Moloka'i. "I am pleased to announce that the monies will go towards much needed and long awaited upgrades to the school," said Sen. English. The contract is awarded to Island Construction and Demolition, LLC, and construction is expected to begin shortly.



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25TH ANNUAL EAST MAUI TARO FESTIVAL

Despite the recent downpour and flash flood watch, Sen. English joined over 1,000 community members from Maui and around the State at the 25th Annual East Maui Taro Festival that was held at the Hāna Ball Park on the weekend of April 29. The annual two-day event featured a farmer's market with locally grown taro, flowers and other produce. Demonstrations also included ku'i kalo (taro pounding), arts and crafts, food booths and live music.



The festival promotes and perpetuates traditional Hawaiian culture and practices with a focus on kalo. In traditional society, kalo was a highly-prized food. According to Hawaiian mo'olelo, kalo grew from the first-born son of Wākea and Ho'ohōkūkālani. Hāloanakalaukapalili, the first child was stillborn and buried in the earth from where the kalo grew. The second child born was also named Hāloa; he became the ancestor of the Hawaiian people and is regarded as the "first" Hawaiian. Because of this mo'olelo and relationship to Hāloa, kalo is and remains at the very core of Hawaiian cultural and identity.

Due to the recent spike in rat lungworm cases on Maui, many booths at the festival displayed free handouts about symptoms and ways to be proactive against the devastating disease. Sen. English and Rep. Lynn DeCoite donated a coloring and activity booklet focused on rat lungworm disease.

A rat trap giveaway organized by Sen. English and The Jonathan Starr Foundation gave away over 600 traps to attendees. Jonathan Starr purchased traps that were available on O'ahu because none were available on Maui. Sen. English and his staff coordinated with Starr to pick up the traps from three locations on O'ahu and pack them for shipment and distribution at the festival

"For the past twenty-four years, the East Maui taro festival has been successful because of the hard working individuals of Hāna who come together in the spirit of aloha for our unique culture and place that we call home," said Sen. English. "With the recent outbreak of rat lungworm on Maui, the success of the 24th East Maui Taro Festival serves as a testament to the strength of our community to unite in the face of adversity."



Rain, shine, more rain and all smiles at the East Maui Taro Fest. Photo by Jessica Orr. April 29, 2017.

Hawai'i Department of Health has released this data map of the Rat lungworm intermediate hosts and distribution in Hawai'i from a 2013 M.S. Thesis University of Hawai'i by J.R. Kim, K.A. Hayes, N.W. Yeung at Rob Cowie lab at UH Manoa.

