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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

Whether, I was in New York City at the United Nations Ocean Conference, on the tiny atoll of Kiritimati, Kiribati with other Pacific island legislators, or here at home in Hawai'i, climate change, rising sea levels and sustainability were major issues that needs to be addressed. The enactment of the Climate Change Bill into State law is a major step towards realizing Hawai'i's long term sustainability goals.

I am also pleased that master Hawaiian practitioners like Sam Ka'ai were honored for their life long work to perpetuate the knowledge and practices of our native culture. The summer is also an exciting time as Ho'omāka'ika'i-Explorations Program celebrates 50 years of educating keiki from across the State and around the world in promoting a strong Hawaiian culture.

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THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (OHA) HONORS 7 MASTER PRACTITIONERS

Sen. English was among the dignitaries, 'ohana and friends in attendance on June 12 at the inaugural "Nā Mamo Makamae o Ka Po'e Hawai'i: Living Treasures of the Hawaiian People" event, which was held at Dole Cannery in Honolulu. OHA collaborated with the PA'I Foundation to provide support for this event. The Foundation was founded by kumu hula Victoria Holt Takamine. Its mission is to preserve and perpetuate Native Hawaiian arts and culture for future generations.

A group of nine cultural experts nominated and chose the following Living Treasures awardees, who were recognized at the event: Patience Nāmaka Bacon of O'ahu - for hula; Josephine Fergerstrom of Hawai'i Island - for lauhala weaving; Sam Kaha'ieuanalio Ka'ai of Maui – for carving; Marie McDonald of Hawai'i Island – for lei making and kapa making; and Nainoa Thompson of O'ahu – for navigating. The awardees also included two posthumous recognitions: Elizabeth Malu'ihī Ako Lee of Hawai'i Island – for lauhala weaving and Abraham "Puhipau" Ahmad of Hawai'i Island – for videography, documentary.



Sen. English presents a Senate Proclamation to Sam Ka'ai. June 12, 2017.

Sen. English was honored to present a Senate Proclamation at the event to Sam Ka'ai, who was born in Hāna. Ka'ai is a world-renowned visionary, cultural icon, orator, and keeper of vast knowledge. He developed and honed his skill and passion as a master carver, artisan, teacher, mentor, historian and spiritual leadership from his Kaupō kupuna. Ka'ai also learned illustration from noted artist Joseph Feher and sculpture from Edward M. Brownlee at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. Ka'ai taught himself to make and create the Hawaiian carvings, fish hooks and cordage for which he is admired and well known worldwide.

"Sam Ka'ai and the honorees represent all the best qualities of the Hawaiian people," said Sen. English. "They link us to our ancestor's knowledge and practices and teach us the value of preserving and protecting the culture and the arts that positively defines Native Hawaiians. I'm so proud to recognize the the outstanding work of these masters."

To learn more about the Living Treasures, go to: <https://www.oha.org/culture/living-treasures/>

## 2017 BILLS UPDATE

The following is a list of Bills that Governor Ige sent to the Legislature with his Notice of Intent to Veto dated June 23, 2017. The Governor has until July 11 to veto these bills. If he vetoes any bill, the Legislature may call for a Special Session to override the veto.

### [HB2 HD2 SD1 CD1](#)

Authorizes tiny homes of less than 500 square feet for farm workers in agricultural districts in a county with a population of more than 180,000 but less than 250,000.

### [HB523 SD1 CD1](#)

Allows Dept. of Accounting and General Services to establish a recycling pilot program to reasonably provide and maintain onsite collection methods at buildings and facilities it manages, maintains, or services for the collection of recyclable materials. Appropriates funds.

### [HB575 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

Establishes a process for the re-leasing or renegotiation of a lease for public lands classified as commercial or industrial use near the end of the life of the lease. Permits DLNR to extend public land leases to school or government entities without recourse to auction, with certain exceptions.

### [HB627 HD2 SD2 CD1](#)

Authorizes establishment of a State Public-Private Partnership Coordinator position within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to manage public-private partnerships entered into by the State and associated contracts, proposals, and negotiations, except public-private partnerships entered into by Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Establishes an Office of Public-private Partnership within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Appropriates funds.

### [HB727 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

Authorizes the Department of Transportation to allow motorcycles and motor scooters on shoulder lanes in times of traffic congestion.

### [HB1309 HD1 SD1](#)

Adds grants for planning, design, construction, renovation, operations, and equipment of facilities to the types of grants for which repayment to the State is required if the grantee discontinues the activities or services approved in the grant.

### [HB1414 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

Requires the Auditor to investigate and report on the problems of the tax system modernization project of the department of taxation. Appropriates funds.

So far, the Governor has signed 65 Bills into law and has 168 Bills pending his action. For more information regarding the status of any of the Bills, go to <http://governor.hawaii.gov/2017-bills/>

### [HB1588 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

Prohibits the issuance of GO bonds to finance the repair and maintenance of a capital asset where the repair or maintenance costs incurred add value to and prolong the life of the asset for a period of less than 10 years.

### [SB410 SD1 HD1](#)

Clarifies the allowable scope of collective bargaining negotiations regarding the rights and obligations of a public employer.

### [SB562 SD1 HD1](#)

Requires the Attorney General to defend any civil action against the county based on negligence, wrongful act, or omission of a county lifeguard for services at a designated state beach park under an agreement between the State and a county.

### [SB713 SD1 HD1 CD1](#)

Requires the six-year program and financial plan and budget to include information on tax expenditures.

### [SB722 SD1 HD1 CD1](#)

Recommences the efficiency measures pilot project first required under Act 67, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015.

### [SB1073 SD1 HD1 CD1](#)

Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Artist Fellowship Program for the awarding of one-time fellowships to promising artists.

### [SB1074 SD1 HD1 CD1](#)

Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to fund celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Hawai'i State Capitol.

### [SB1240 SD2 HD1 CD1](#)

Requires DLNR to submit proposed legislation to the legislature by the 2019 regular session including a definition of "sustainable", a policy for sustainable collection practices of near shore aquatic life, a process for determining limits on collection practices of near shore aquatic life, and any additional resources required by the department. Prohibits issuance of new aquarium permits. Prohibits transfer of current permits subject to certain provisions. Prohibits renewal of permits that have not been renewed for five or more years.

## EAST MAUI RAT LUNG WORM DISEASE UPDATE

Rat lungworm disease affects the brain and spinal cord and is caused by a roundworm parasite. The adult form is only found in rodents which pass the immature larvae of the parasite in their feces. At this stage, the parasite is not communicable to humans. However, snails, slugs, fresh water mollusks can become infected by ingesting the larvae from rodent feces. Only then does the larvae mature into the stage that can infect people and pets if accidentally ingested. The disease is preventable through careful handling and cleaning of produce and proper cooking or freezing of food.

In an effort to coordinate community wide participation and a plan to combat Rat Lung Worm disease (RLW), a handful of East Maui residents have formed a task force which has received private funding to actively combat the disease vectors. Through the Hāna chapter of Hawai'i Farmers Union United (HFUU), the East Maui RLW Taskforce and local growers have taken the initiative to encourage proaction of the community to protect farms, residence and consumers; educating the community and visitors about RLW while assisting individual practices in prevention and eliminating risks to crops, gardens, water sources from all vectors that host the developing parasite. This includes a ground force of

community members visiting homes with guidance and follow-up visits and distributing vector control/prevention kits.

### EAST MAUI TASKFORCE

The East Maui RLW Taskforce seeks to work with the Departments of Health, Education and Agriculture and members of the communities on Maui and Hawai'i Island who have considerable experience with the disease to further develop a long term plan. East Maui RLW taskforce has received no State or agency funds. To learn more, volunteer or contribute please visit: [www.eastmauirlw.com](http://www.eastmauirlw.com)

## ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC ISLAND LEGISLATURES (APIL) 36TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## HO'OMĀKA'IKA'I-EXPLORATIONS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



Sen. English attended the APIL's 36th General Assembly on Kiritimati Island, Kiribati from June 21-27, which was hosted by the Parliament of Kiribati. The theme for the Assembly was: "OUR MARINE RESOURCES, OUR LIFE AND OUR FUTURE." The General Assembly is held once a year and is one of the largest gatherings of Pacific policymakers. The Assembly seeks to assess and solve the problems confronting regional legislatures and enables legislators to build strong legislative networks. Experts are also invited to provide the latest developments and technologies within their field.



The first day of the Assembly began with an opening ceremony, call to order and opening remarks by each of the following delegations: American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) State of Chuuk, FSM State of Kosrae, FSM State of Pohnpei, FSM State of Yap, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau and Hawai'i.

The presentations focused on the theme of marine resources and how it is the way of life for all the Pacific Islands. The topics included: Phoenix Islands Protected Area, which is one of the largest marine protected areas on earth and is located in the Republic of Kiribati; Traditional Knowledge and Modern Solutions: Large Scale Marine Protected Areas; The Importance of Establishing APIL Oversight Committee on unreported and unregulated fishing, including the enforcement and implementation of shark sanctuaries in the region; and FSM State of Chuuk – Workshop: United Nation's Development programme's work in Supporting Pacific Legislatures/Parliaments."

Sen. English represented Hawai'i and was one of the presenters at the General Assembly. He provided a full Report which included the following topics: An Overview of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Adopts the Paris Accord; The 2020 Festival of the Pacific Arts in Hawai'i; Rat Lungworm Disease; and a Summary of the Senate Legislative Program.

"It was fitting that the APIL General Assembly was held in Kiribati where other Pacific Legislators could witness firsthand the devastating effects climate change and the rising sea levels has on the Island nation," said Sen. English.

More importantly, the rising sea may make the atolls uninhabitable because of inundation and the contamination of its freshwater supplies, thereby forcing emigration of the people from their homeland."

For more information go to:  
<http://apilpacific.com/>



The summer of 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of Ho'omāka'ika'i and 50 years of Hawaiian cultural education at Kamehameha Schools. This year over 150 keiki from the 7th District have enrolled in the program. Ho'omāka'ika'i, part of the Explorations program, is a weeklong summer boarding program of Hawaiian studies for keiki entering grade 6 from public and private schools in communities across Hawai'i, the continental United States, and around the world. These students spend the week at Kamehameha Schools' Kapālama campus immersed in cultural learning experiences that focus on foundational Hawaiian values and practices.

Ho'omāka'ika'i evolved from an activity initiated by John White, then a teacher in the Kamehameha Elementary School. In 1965, while teaching summer school at Kilohana School on Moloka'i, Mr. White discovered that most of his students had never left their island. He made arrangements for the weekend use of Kamehameha Schools' dormitories and dining room. He flew groups of four students at a time to Honolulu for six weekends. They visited the Bishop Museum, Sea Life Park, Ala Moana Shopping Center and the Arizona Memorial. When the summer ended, Jack Darvill, then assistant to the president of Kamehameha Schools, thought Mr. White's trips were a great idea and after two years of planning, the Explorations Program began in 1968 with 928 students.

Since its inception in 1968, the program has touched the lives of more than 50,000 keiki. The program sets the course in embracing Hawaiian culture and strong cultural identity by introducing keiki to foundational values and practices through learning experiences centered around 'āina, mo'olelo, and cultural traditions that include work in lo'i kalo, fishpond restoration, mele, hula, and arts and crafts.

In honor and celebration of the programs jubilee, Sen. English, along with Rep. Daniel Holt, both Kamehameha Schools graduates co-sponsored a joint recognition certificate that was presented to Ho'omākaika'i staff during the first weeks hō'ike on June 16.

"Ho'omāka'ika'i provides the keiki with a solid foundation in Hawaiian culture and a strong sense of cultural identity," said Sen. English. "As both an alumnus of the Kamehameha Schools and having participated in the Ho'omāka'ika'i Program as a youth, I am very impressed with the capacity that the program has to reach the thousands of other keiki who do not attend any of Kamehameha's three campuses."

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## UN OCEAN CONFERENCE 2017

Sen. English represented the State of Hawai'i, joining leaders from around the world to participate in The Ocean Conference at the United Nations in New York City from June 5-9. The theme of the conference was "our oceans, our future." The conference focused on garnering support for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.



The week-long conference attracted over 6,000 participants from around the world to discuss the challenges facing the world's ocean. Topics that were discussed ranged from plastic pollution in the oceans and seas to ocean acidification and illegal fishing – which tie in with topics of alleviating poverty, ending hunger, promoting health, ensuring access to water and sanitation.

The conference concluded with the adoption of a 14-point Call for Action where the participating Heads of State and Government and senior representatives affirmed their strong commitment to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

The main points from the Call for Action will be part of the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), the UN's central body for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In addition to the political Call for Action, participants – who also included thousands of civil society representatives, academics, artists, financial institutions and other practitioners and activists – pledged actions to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources.

"Here in Hawai'i and across the Pacific, the ocean is a central part to our way of life," said Sen. English. "I am glad that other world leaders are taking action to protect our oceans, thus, taking action to preserve and sustain our way of life."

To learn more, visit: <https://oceanconference.un.org/callforaction>

## HAWAII ACCEDES TO PARIS ACCORD - ALIGNS WITH OTHER PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS

The Governor signed **SB 559 (Act 32)**, the Climate Change Bill that Sen. English introduced, who was attending the Ocean Conference in NYC at the time of the signing. As part of the Aloha+ Challenge and Hawai'i's 2030 statewide sustainability goals, the bill demonstrates the Legislature's commitment towards enhancing the sustainability of the land and marine environment. Act 32 creates incentives for limiting carbon emissions and provides the State with a guide to planning and mitigation strategies for the impact of climate change.



*Gov. Ige and State Legislators at the SB559 Bill Signing Ceremony. June 6, 2017*

In support of this Act, the four county mayors signed a commitment agreement to follow the goals enshrined in the Paris Accord, joining at least 68 mayors of other major U.S. cities who have already pledged their commitment to the Accord. The U.S. Constitution provides broad powers to State and local governments. With this authority, these governing bodies are able to set policies and standards to implement and enforce regulations that address the effects of climate change.

"I'm pleased to have the Governor and the County Mayors on board

with the Legislature in recognizing the serious reality that climate change is having on our islands and the Pacific," said Sen. English, "By working together, we will achieve the goals that were set forth by the international community in the Paris agreement to reduce carbon emissions by 2025."