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LIFEGUARDS CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

MESSAGE FROM KALANI

Hawai'i is impacting policies on health, the environment and culture on all levels, international, federal and State. In the past few weeks, I've been working to facilitate connections which will benefit Hawai'i's economy and continue to showcase our beautiful State as a leader in culture, natural resources protection and our overall well-being.

The outstanding work that lifeguards have performed during the past 100 years was acknowledged by Sen. English in a Senate Proclamation that recognizes and celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Lifeguards. In commemoration of this hallmark, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, City and County of Honolulu and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority presented the 2017 State of Hawai'i Drowning Prevention and Ocean Safety Conference at the Hawai'i Convention Center on July 27 and 28.

Drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional death in the world according to the World Health Organization. The State and the Counties of Hawai'i, Maui, Kaua'i and the City and County of Honolulu are aware of how dangerous the ocean can be, as such they have enacted legislation and policies that are important for drowning prevention and water safety.

On May 2, 1917, the Governor of the Territory of Hawai'i signed into law, Act 201, which established the first lifesaving patrol for Waikiki beach. The patrol consisted of two members. It was their duty to keep a vigilant lookout for persons in danger of drowning, render all the assistance in their power to any such persons and keep order under their control.

Over the past 100 years, ocean lifeguard service expanded across the State to include all four Counties. Today, there are approximately 450 ocean lifeguards. Some of the notable Hawaiian water men and women who have served on the beaches and in the waters are: Rell Sunn, first woman lifeguard; Duke Kahanamoku, Sheriff of Honolulu and supervisor to the first lifeguard Captains on Waikiki beach; George Freeth, first professional lifeguard and first professional surfer in the United States; and Eddie Aikau, lifeguard and surfer for whom the Quicksilver Big Wave Invitational in Memory of Eddie Aikau at Waimea Bay is held.

"I am honored to recognize lifeguards for the important work they perform in keeping our beaches safe for residents and visitors," said Sen. English. "More importantly, the preventive measures they engage in daily saves so many lives and makes our ocean going experience a pleasant one."

SENATE PRESIDENT'S FORUM IN RHODE ISLAND

Senate Majority Leader English and Senate President Kouchi attended the Senate President's Summer Forum in Newport, Rhode Island from July 9-12. Since all of the States will be greatly affected by changes at the federal level as the new Federal Administration reveals its policies, the Forum discussions focused on the implications of these policy changes.

Expert speakers from academia, and the public and private sectors focused on the emerging balance between States' rights and Federalism. Healthcare experts considered the implications of the Administration's move to provide block grants for Medicaid funding and continue with dismantling the Affordable Care Act. They also examined the opportunities and challenges facing the States arising from the new President's priorities.

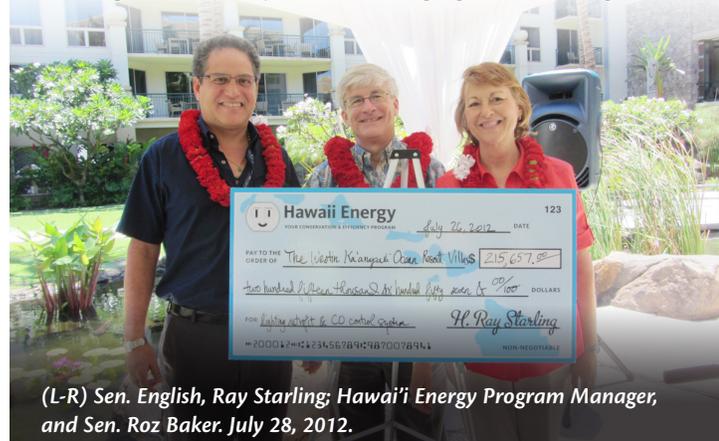
The new Federal Administration's pick to fill the Supreme Court vacancy could also have profound effects on the States. Legal experts provided analyses of the Court's stances on key issues and engaged the Senate leaders in examining how the Supreme Court decisions may affect their States.

The legalization of marijuana was also a topic, as more states move to legalize it. How Federal laws affect State policies such as State regulation of pharmacies and sales tax revenue collection from marijuana sales were discussed.

"Forum dialogue provide relevant insight into developing our own policies here at home," notes Sen. English. "Good healthcare for our residents is essential to the overall wellbeing of the State, the Supreme Court Justices make decisions that affect the way of life for generations in America, as the legalization of marijuana may become a reality in Hawai'i one day. Being the Senate Majority Leader, these discussions at the forum helps to prepare me for the 2018 Legislature."

FIVE YEARS AGO

Hawai'i Energy presented a check for \$215K to The Westin Ka'anapali Ocean Resort Villas as rebate for energy efficiency measures and retrofitting that are today demonstrating significant savings.



(L-R) Sen. English, Ray Starling; Hawai'i Energy Program Manager, and Sen. Roz Baker. July 28, 2012.

VIEW DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WORKS IN PROGRESS



The Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) Highways Division is making project status data available publically on the HDOT Website. Available data includes the schedule, scope, and estimated cost for all current State Highways projects as well as all projects planned to begin construction in the next two years. The data is open to the public and is accessible through the following link:

<http://histategis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f69cd64b5d9a43b08ad6620d07b5e4c4>

The HDOT Highways Project Status Map can also be found on hidot.hawaii.gov by selecting Highways in the 'Home' menu, then going to 'Major Projects' and selecting 'Project Map'.

Users can view project information by selecting the lines along roads on the map or by selecting 'View a PDF list of Projects by Area' in the map legend. Users may also toggle between current construction projects and planned future construction using the tabs 'Current Construction' and 'Future Projects'.

The search feature represented by the magnifying glass symbol allows users to search for projects by entering any part of a project name. For example, beginning to input "Kamehameha" will show an auto complete list of the projects involving Kamehameha Highway.

The HDOT Highways Project Status Map will be updated on a regular basis. Questions or comments on the map may be sent to DOTPAO@hawaii.gov.

"I am pleased that the DOT has offered this project status data tool to the public," notes Sen. English. "Throughout my years in the Senate, many constituents have inquired about the status of a particular project in their area. Now, they have access to this information by going directly to the DOT website above."

FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS COMMISSION ESTABLISHED



While attending the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts (FESTPAC) in Guam, Senator English received the official flag, which symbolizes the transition of FESTPAC to the State of Hawai'i.

FESTPAC is hosted every four years by a different Pacific Island Nation. The festival was initiated by the Conference of the South Pacific Commission (now the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, SPC) to stem the erosion of traditional cultural practices. Since 1972, delegations from 27 Pacific Island countries and territories have gathered in an olympic-type setting to showcase their indigenous culture through art, song and dance. FESTPAC attracts thousands of visitors from around the world who appreciate the work of artists, performers and cultural practitioners from different nations in Oceania. The festival also creates a global market for art, ideas and indigenous products.

Last session, Sen. English introduced **Senate Bill 545**, which is Act 104, that appropriates



*Top) Sen. English at Bill Signing Ceremony. Center) Sen. English & Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism Director Luis Salaveria. Below) Sen. English & Gov. Ige. July 6, 2017
For more information, or to read SB545 in its entirety please visit:
http://capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=545*



\$500,000 to create a commission that will plan for the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in Hawai'i from June 11-27, 2020. This commission will be made up of nine members that will include:

- 1) The Governor (or a designee);
- 2) The President of the Senate (or a designee);
- 3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives (or a designee);
- 4) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (or a designee);
- 5) The President and CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (or a designee);
- 6) The CEO of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (or a designee);
- 7) The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu (or a designee);
- 8) Two members of the community preferably with experience in cultural and international festivals to be appointed by the governor

"Similar to the Olympics that draws participants from many countries, FESTPAC 2020 will attract thousands of delegates from more than 27 Pacific Island nations to celebrate the richness and diversity of our indigenous cultures and art," said Sen. English. "This commission will be tasked with planning an indigenous festival for and by the peoples of the Pacific."

2017 BILLS THAT BECAME LAW

217 Bills became law in 2017. Of those Bills, 13 were enacted without the Governor's signature. To review these Acts and the 13 Bills that were vetoed, go to:
For Acts: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/advreports/advreport.aspx?year=2017&report=deadline&rpt_type=gov_acts&measuretype=HB,SB&title=Acts

For Bills vetoed: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/advreports/advreport.aspx?year=2017&report=deadline&rpt_type=gov_veto&measuretype=HB,SB&title=Bills vetoed by the Governor

BLOOD QUANTUM SUCCESSORSHIP BILL SIGNED ON MOLOKA'I

In an historic and symbolic gesture, the signing of HB451 (Act 80), relating to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act marked the first time that a bill was signed into law on Moloka'i, the site of the original Hawaiian Homestead lots at Kalama'ula in 1924. The Act lowers the Native Hawaiian blood quantum requirement from one quarter to one thirty-second for specified relatives to qualify to assume a Hawaiian homestead lease.

"This Act will allow a current homestead lessee to ensure a reasonable level of security for his or her relatives who do not have the current requirements for successorship and will allow homestead property to stay within a family for generations to come," said Sen. English.

For more information on HB451, please visit http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=451&ye

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**REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL LABORATORY (REL)
OF THE PACIFIC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

On July 17-18, Sen. English attended the REL Pacific Governing Board Meeting in Koror, Palau.

REL Pacific is one of 10 Regional Educational Laboratories established and funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. The laboratories work with partnerships and alliances within their respective regions to develop research and provide technical assistance to support evidence-based education outcomes.

The role and responsibilities of the Board are: Convene at least 2 times a year within the region; Provide strategic guidance on how the REL shall carry out its activities for maximum effectiveness and efficiency; Annually provide independent assurances to the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) that REL's updated plan will address high-leverage problems in the region as well as provide IES with an independent assessment of the extent that REL's work has contributed to the use of research evidence in education decision making and increasing capacity for such use.

REL Pacific's five-year vision was the focus of the meeting. The Board members were introduced to the improvement science process and Networked Improvement Communities. By improvement science, educators are able to draw on well-established sets of tools and practical experiences. Through networked communities organized to solve a problem, it is possible to accelerate improvements even further by engaging many different individuals and institutions in the process. These network hubs play key roles in accelerating learning through collective problem solving.

Two examples of how this entire process works was illustrated to the members. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching initiated both methods. In 2010, the Foundation started a network focused on the high failure rates in mathematics courses in community colleges. By 2011, 27 colleges joined the network to attack the problem. Where historically only 5 percent of the students taking the developmental math classes received college credit in a year, 50% of those participating in the network programs achieved college math credit in one year.

In the fall of 2011, the Foundation launched another network focused on the weak systems that bring new teachers into public schools, fail to support them and consequently under educate the children in the classrooms. School districts in Maryland, Texas and New York City joined together to tackle this problem. This network has engaged teachers, principals and other school-based educators in improvement research. Increasingly more school districts want to participate and use the method to address a broader array of problems.

"In the Pacific region where school districts are separated by vast amounts of Ocean and have little access to new educational resources," said Sen. English. "This new approach of Networked Improvement Communities to collectively solve problems in education in an accelerated manner makes perfect sense."

To learn more about REL Pacific, visit: <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/>.



REL Pacific staff and Governing Board; first row (L to R): Phillip Herman, Kalwin Kephas, Teresa Filepin, Sen. English, Sinton Soalablai, Wilbur Heine, and Patrick Tellei; second row: Robert Underwood, Lynette Villagomez and Churchill Edward; Third row: Faau'i Vaitautolu, Tulensru Waguk, Melly Wilson, Aileen Otoko, and Eloise Sanchez; Fourth row: Kanchi Hosia, Theresa Koroivulaono, Ben Cronkright, Kent Davis and Karen Simion. July 18, 2017 in Koror, Palau.