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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

With the recent tourism summits held during the week of September 25, I am reminded of the importance and challenge of balancing economy, culture and our natural resources. I have been working diligently in each of these areas: continuing to develop ways to strengthen our tourism industry, preserve and perpetuate our Hawaiian culture, protect our unique environment and improve the progress of sustainability within our state. Today and always, I appreciate your support in ensuring these efforts are successful.

SENATOR J.KALANI ENGLISH

HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

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



SENATE HOLDS SECOND SPECIAL SESSION TO CONFIRM JUDICIARY APPOINTMENTS

During the week of September 25, the Senate convened the Second Special Session of 2017 to consider two judicial appointments for the Circuit Court of the Third Circuit – Island of Hawai'i.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, the Senate has 30 days from the date of the appointment to advise and consent on judicial appointees.

On August 30 the Senate received two letters of appointment from the Governor naming current District Family Court Judge of the Third Circuit, Henry T. Nakamoto, to the Third Circuit Court (Hilo) and attorney Robert D. S. Kim to the Third Circuit Court (Kona). The nominees were selected from a list of candidates selected by the Judicial Selection Committee.

The Senate voted September 26 to confirm both Nakamoto and Kim as judges to the Third Circuit Court following the Senate Committee on Judiciary's recommendation the day before to advise and consent having conducted a full hearing on both candidates.

Since 2016, Judge Nakamoto served as both Deputy Chief Judge and Administrative Judge of the Third Circuit, where he has presided over numerous traffic and criminal law cases. Between 2014 and 2016, Judge Nakamoto served as a District Family Court Judge and presided over many juvenile law cases. Consequently, he has become part of the ongoing collaborative effort between lawmakers, service providers and the courts on Hawai'i island to develop alternatives to detention for youth offenders who do not present a danger to themselves or the community.

Judge Kim is currently president of Robert D.S. Kim, a Law Corporation, focusing on civil litigation; commercial, civil, real estate, environmental, family and criminal law in state and federal courts as well as public interest litigation. Of particular note, he was co-counsel on brief at the Appellate Court and Supreme Court in Kapa'akai O Ka'ina v. Land Use Commission, in which the Supreme Court of Hawai'i addressed the constitutional obligation of the State to preserve and protect customary and traditional rights of Native Hawaiians, and was lead counsel for the plaintiffs at the Land Use Commission hearings and Circuit Court proceedings.

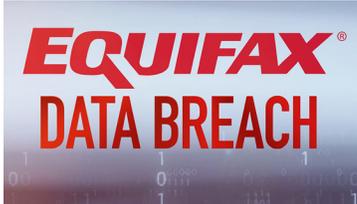
"Based upon the testimonies that were submitted attesting to the temperament, integrity, knowledge and skill of both judges and having met them, I am confident that they will do an excellent job adjudicating the cases brought before the court," said Sen English.

*Above: The Senate Confirms District Family Court Judge of the Third Circuit, Henry T. Nakamoto, to the Third Circuit Court (Hilo) and attorney Robert D. S. Kim to the Third Circuit Court (Kona). Sept. 26, 2017.*



# THE EQUIFAX DATA BREACH: WHAT TO DO

Equifax, one of the leading consumer credit agency experienced a cyber breach that lasted from mid-May through July. The data breach exposed private information belonging to 143 million people. Hackers accessed people's names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses and, in some instances, drivers license numbers. They also stole credit card numbers for about 209,000 people and dispute documents with personal identifying information for about 182,000 people. Personal information of people in the UK and Canada was also obtained.



In response to the breach, Equifax set up [www.equifaxsecurity2017.com](http://www.equifaxsecurity2017.com), a website to help people determine whether they had been affected.

To find out if your information was exposed, here's what to do:

- 1) Click on the "Potential Impact" tab and enter your last name and the last six digits of your Social Security number. Your Social Security number is sensitive information, so make sure you're on a secure computer and an encrypted network connection any time you enter it. The site will tell you if you've been affected by this breach.
- 2) Whether or not your information was exposed, U.S. consumers can get a year of free credit monitoring and other services. The site will give you a date when you can come back to enroll. Write down the date and come back to the site and click "Enroll" on that date. You have until November

21, 2017 to enroll.

Here are some other steps to take to help protect yourself after a data breach:

- 1) Check your credit reports from Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion — for free — by visiting [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com). Accounts or activity that you don't recognize could indicate identity theft. Visit [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) to find out what to do.
- 2) Consider placing a credit freeze on your files. A credit freeze makes it harder for someone to open a new account in your name. Keep in mind that a credit freeze won't prevent a thief from making charges to your existing accounts.
- 3) Monitor your existing credit card and bank accounts closely for charges you don't recognize.
- 4) If you decide against a credit freeze, consider placing a fraud alert on your files. A fraud alert warns creditors that you may be an identity theft victim and that they should verify anyone seeking credit in your name.
- 5) File your taxes early — as soon as you have the tax information you need, before a scammer files a tax return using your name. Tax identity theft happens when someone uses your Social Security number to get a tax refund or a job. Respond right away to letters from the IRS.

Visit [Identitytheft.gov/databreach](http://Identitytheft.gov/databreach) to learn more about protecting yourself after a data breach.

## 2017 GLOBAL TOURISM SUMMIT



The 2017 Global Tourism Summit at the Hawai'i Convention Center in Honolulu from September 19-21 attracted more than 1,400 attendees as well as 100 sponsors and exhibitors.

The theme of the summit was sustainable tourism and its focus was to:

- 1) Bring the world together to learn about new trends, and celebrate diverse and innovative practices in the tourism industry;
- 2) Examine and reinforce the importance of sustainability in Hawai'i and elsewhere; and
- 3) Honor Hawai'i's history and legacy and its role in making Hawai'i the world class experience it is today.

At the Tourism Legacy Awards Luncheon, the Polynesian Voyaging Society was honored for its Mālama Honua voyage. Their 3-year voyage began in 2014 with a malama Hawai'i sail around the Hawaiian archipelago and continued across the globe visiting 24 islands and over 10 countries. It bridged traditional and new technologies to live sustainably, created global relationships, and allowed for the discovery of the wonders that earth beholds.

"The summit is a great platform for us to continue the dialogue on making tourism more sustainable while simultaneously working towards the challenging goal of ensuring an authentic representation of Hawai'i and its culture." noted Sen. English.

## KIPA ALOHA: A CULTURAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE FOR HAWAII'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

The Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association (NaHHA) hosted their annual Hawaiian culture education conference at the Hawai'i Convention Center on September 22-23. The conference represents an aspect of tourism that is culturally significant in our district.

NaHHA's conference consisted of featured speakers, presentations, interactive workshops and a panel that spoke on a number of topics that included: 1) Respectful visitation of sacred and historic sites; 2) Service learning and "edu-tourism;" and 3) Indigenous tourism. The conference also featured native leaders in tourism from across Hawai'i, America, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. These leaders spoke of their experiences as owners of native tourism companies.

"The Kipa Aloha conference is a great reminder of the importance of culture in our hospitality industry," said Sen. English. "There is still much work to be done and we need to continue to advocate for proper representation of our host culture."

### NĀ HOAHĀNAU 'ŌIWI

Ha'aheo nō mākou i ka ho'okipa i ko mākou mau hoahānau 'ōiwi, nā alaka'i o ka 'oihana ho'okipa malihini ma ko lākou kulāiwi iho nō.

We proudly welcome our visiting native cousins, leaders in the visitor industry in their homelands.

**J. KALANI ENGLISH**  
Senate Majority Leader

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**LĀNA'I HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT THE CAPITOL**



On September 1, Sen. English met with students and teachers from Lāna'i High and Elementary School and members of the Center for Tomorrow's Leaders (CTL) in the chamber of the State Capitol. The students were Trevan Ayonayon, Naighel Calderon, Mitchell Ganir, Maile Laporga, Kainalu Morimoto, Jose Matute, Isaiah Nakano, Allyna Teppang, Michael Raqueno, and Tower Vergara; the teachers participating were Erin Nakano and Patricia Niibu; Ms. P, Mrs. Lahela, and Ms. Katie represented CTL.

The Center for Tomorrow's Leaders is a non-profit organization that empowers future leaders of Hawai'i. Their program goals are: 1) Student engagement - designed to expand the leadership capacity of each student; 2) Culture change – creates a platform for students to participate as advocates of school-wide change; and 3) Collective voice – the program creates the mechanism to hear the collective voice of competent and passionate student leaders in educational reform.

The students engaged in a discussion with Sen. English in the Senate Gallery prior to the final vote of the First Special Session in the Senate Chamber. They sat in the Gallery and listened to the Senators on the floor debate the issues of the day before taking a final floor vote.



"Former Sen. Malama Solomon spoke to my high school class when we visited the Capitol back in the 1980's," said Sen. English. "Little did I know that I would be serving alongside her in the Senate twenty-five years later. I want these students to understand that in a few years, they may be sitting alongside some of us on the Senate floor too."

**FUNDS FOR MOLOKA'I PUBLIC LIBRARY**

\$279,000 in Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funds were recently released to go towards the expansion of the Moloka'i Public Library. The funds will be used to add a separate building for a community meeting room.

"I am very pleased that the Governor released the funds we put in the budget," said Sen. English. "Projects such as these are critical components of public access and contribute to building an even better community for the people of Moloka'i."

