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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

Many of the measures in Conference align with our 2018 Senate Legislative Program, that calls for the enactment of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. **SB 2661 SD2 HD1**, which codifies all 17 Goals, will be reconciled in its final form.

I'm always excited to work on final bills and right now there are 220 bills in Conference. Over the next two weeks, both House and Senate Managers will confer over these bills. We are almost done, yet there remains lots of work ahead of us.

J. Kalani English

SENATOR J.KALANI ENGLISH

HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

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



REMEMBERING THE LATE SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA

On April 6, members of the Hawai'i State Legislature joined those from across the State in mourning the loss of the late Senator Daniel K. Akaka, who passed away at the age of 93. He was known for his modest political style and described as the embodiment of the aloha spirit, and was widely respected throughout Hawai'i and in Washington D.C.

Senator Akaka was the first Native Hawaiian to serve in the United States Senate. He was a strong advocate for Native Hawaiians and veterans during a political career that began in the House of Representatives in 1976 and lasted until 2013 in the US Senate. He was also known for his advocacy for the expansion of Hawai'i's national parks, supporting financial literacy for young people and protection against bioterrorism.

Senator Akaka was able to secure federal funds for Native Hawaiian education, health and social service programs. Senator Akaka was instrumental in the passage of the "Apology Resolution" that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton in 1993 as Public Law 103-150 to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i.

"As the highest ranking Native Hawaiian in elected office, Senator Akaka embodied the hopes and dreams of the Hawaiian people," said Sen. English. "His steadfast commitment to Hawai'i and his many accomplishments has created a firm foundation for Native Hawaiians to move forward."

"I have witnessed how education opens doors, and I know that when sound instruction takes place, students experience the joys of new-found knowledge and the ability to excel."

~Daniel K. Akaka



SENATE CONFIRMATIONS FOR DEPARTMENTS AND JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

On April 4, the Hawai'i State Senate confirmed the appointments of Associate Judge Lisa M. Ginoza as Chief Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals; District Judge James Ashford to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit; and Kevin T. Morikone to the District Court of the First Circuit (O'ahu).

Associate Judge Ginoza has been licensed to practice law in Hawai'i since 1989. She earned her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the William S. Richardson School of Law, where she was an editor for the University of Hawai'i Law Review. Prior to her appointment to the Intermediate Court of Appeals, Judge Ginoza served as First Deputy Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i, where she assisted the Attorney General in leading a department with over one hundred seventy attorneys.

Judge James H. Ashford received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Claremont McKenna College, and his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Loyola Law School. He was admitted to the Hawai'i bar in 1988. He currently serves as a District Judge of the First Circuit, where he presides primarily over criminal cases in the District Court. He has also presided over civil and felony criminal trials while on temporary assignment to the Circuit Court. Prior to his appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judge Ashford served as a litigation partner with Cades Schutte. In his private litigation practice, Judge Ashford represented clients in proceedings at every level of the Hawai'i state court system, including the Intermediate Court of Appeals and the Hawai'i Supreme Court.

Kevin T. Morikone received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a certificate in Ethnic Studies from the University



Center: Judge James H. Ashford, Judge Lisa M. Ginoza and Judge Kevin T. Morikone. April 4, 2018.

of Hawai'i at Manoa, and his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the William S. Richardson School of Law, where he graduated cum laude. He was admitted to the Hawai'i Bar in 2007. Since October 2015, he has served as a per diem District Family Judge in the Family Court of the First Circuit. Morikone has been a partner in private practice since 2011 with Hosoda and Morikone, LLC.

"After meeting with Associate Judge Ginoza, Judge Ashford and Judge Morikone, I am confident that they have the integrity, knowledge and skillset to be effective in their respective judicial positions," said Sen. English.

The Senate also confirmed the appointment of **Ken Kitamura** as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance. Prior to his appointment with the Budget and Finance department, Kitamura served as the Business Management Officer of the Department of Human Services, Fiscal Management Office since January 2014. He previously served as an Administrative Services Officer, Business Manager, and a Program Budget Analyst of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. In addition, he was a Business Services Officer of the Office of the Lieutenant

Governor and a Legislative Aide in the Honolulu City Council. He also served as a special projects manager, budget supervisor, associate auditor and an analyst with the Hawai'i State Legislature.

"Ken's extensive record as a public servant will be a great addition to the Budget and Finance department," said Sen. English.



Ken Kitamura was confirmed by the Senate as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance. April 3, 2018.

Ryker Wada was confirmed by the Senate on April 12 to serve as the Director of the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD). Wada was appointed to fill the position following the retirement of James Nishimoto. He has served as Deputy Director of DHRD since December 2016.

Prior to his work at the Department, he was the Personnel Regional Officer for the Windward District of the Department of Education. He also served as the Managing Attorney for the Honolulu Office of the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. Wada earned his B.A. from the University of Washington and a J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of Law.

"Mr. Wada brings a positive vision to the Department with his many years in public service," notes Sen. English.



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SENATOR ENGLISH'S BILLS HEADED TO CONFERENCE

The following is a list of Senator English's bills that are advancing this session. For the status of a bill or to submit testimony go to <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>

SB 2661 SD2 HD1: Codifies sustainable development goals based on all seventeen of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators.

SB 2693 SD1 HD1: Makes an appropriation to the temporary commission on the thirteenth Festival of Pacific Arts to plan for the Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27, 2020.

SB2691 SD HD1: Allows boards, under Hawaii' Sunshine Law, to provide a copy of the public notice of a meeting to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or appropriate county clerk's office via electronic mail.

FUNDS RELEASED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

\$3,400,000 was released for additional construction for restrooms renovations at Holding Rooms A, B, and E at the Kahului Airport on Maui.



Senators Gil Keith-Agaran, Roz Baker, Sen. English, Fernando Scaliem, Speaker of the Pohnpei State Legislature, Federated States of Micronesia and Host Jill Kuramoto on the set for Maui Mana'o Episode 1 of the 2018 Session. Olelo TV broadcasting air date to be announced. April 12, 2018.

MAUI MANA'O

SENATE HONORS 2018 WATERWOMAN OF THE YEAR



Puamakamae DeSoto was recognized on April 3 by the Senate for her accomplishments in receiving the Waterwoman of the Year honor at the 2018 Buffalo Big Board Surfing Classic. She received the highest overall combined score of any female at the contest after competing in seven

events, including the alai'a shortboard and standup paddleboard squash divisions. Puamakamae is also on the honor roll at 'Iolani School, a published poet and photographer, and a volunteer at Nā Kama Kai's Ocean Clinics every month.

"We are always proud to recognize outstanding young individuals who contribute greatly to their culture and the community," said Sen. English. "Through her work and accomplishments, Puamakamae continues to inspire other young individuals and I wish her much success in her future endeavors."

SENATE AND HOUSE BRING EASTER CHEER TO THOSE IN NEED

This Easter Season, as part of the 19th Annual Women's Legislative Caucus Easter Basket Drive, the Legislators and staff helped those in need by donating more than 240 baskets filled with necessities. The baskets included everything from socks and school supplies to household items and health care products. The donation was made to the Institute of Human Services, Windward Spouse Abuse Center, and the Salvation Army.

"For many years, my staff and I have been strong supporters and participants in the annual Easter basket drive," said Sen. English. "I commend the efforts of Sen. Baker and the rest of the Women's Legislative Caucus for putting on a great event that helps the community."



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KŪPUNA POWER DAY



Now in its sixth year, Kūpuna Power Day was held in the rotunda of the State Capitol on April 12. More than 40 organizations gathered to provide vital information for the health, safety, and well-being of Hawai'i's seniors.



This year's Kūpuna Power Day was dedicated to honoring the late U.S. Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka, a devoted Statesman and champion for seniors, veterans, and all people of Hawai'i. He passed away on April 6.

The free event, which is open to the public was filled with entertainment and information that kūpuna can use to thrive in their golden years. Seniors, as well as

caregivers, received tips on topics ranging from the latest news on Medicare and Medicaid, to becoming tech savvy and pedestrian safety. This event has become known for its star-studded performances by local artists, this year including Marlene Sai and Danny Kaleikini.

An important part of this event is recognizing those who are doing extraordinary work in support of our seniors. This year, the honorees of the Daniel Kahikina Akaka Award for Outstanding Senior Service are John McDermott, Hawai'i Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and Lanakila Meals on Wheels, a non-profit, island-wide meal service provider.

"Caring for our kūpuna is a priority for the Senate," said Sen. English. "Through the adoption of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which lists good health and well-being as prerogatives, the Senate has reaffirmed our commitment to kūpuna by introducing legislation that increases their quality of life."

Kūpuna Power Day is sponsored by the Na Kūpuna Makamae Center, a project of Pacific Gateway Center, and through the generous support of donors including AARP, Walgreens, Territorial Savings Bank, HMSA, Hawai'i Gas, OHA, Kamehameha Schools, Laborers' International Union Local 368, and the City and County of Honolulu.

