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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

The 2011 legislative session was unique. A new administration and Senate leadership brought about many initial changes. The budget deficit we faced this year, forced us to make difficult decisions on the various competing and equally deserving interests. I remained steadfast to my core values and priorities. I worked to improve our schools, keep our health-care facilities, ports and roads safe and accessible as well as ensuring that our growing population will have affordable, alternative energy produced in the islands for use in our homes.

In this issue, we showcase the final days of the 2011 session with appropriated capitol improvement projects, some events and school repair updates. As always, my office will remain open during the interim and I look forward to updating you again, in the issues to come.

J. Kalani English

SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH

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HAWAI'I STATE SENATE RECOGNIZED FOR GOING GREEN

Governor Neil Abercrombie recognized Senator J. Kalani English and members of the Hawai'i State Senate for their participation in the Hawai'i Green Government Challenge on April 20, 2011.

The Hawai'i Green Government Challenge, administered by the State Energy Office within the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, provides an opportunity for government agencies to work towards smart energy and resource-efficient operations. This directly benefits the government through reduced operational and utility costs.

In 2008, the Senate launched its Paperless Initiative with two goals in mind - to enhance public access to the legislative process by making sure more documents are available in electronic format and to reduce paper waste generated by the Senate.

The Paperless Initiative has significantly

reduced the Senate's paper usage by 80 percent since the program was put in place. During the 2010 session, only 1.5 million pages were printed, compared to 8.3 million pages in 2007. Over the last three years, the Senate has saved half a million dollars in purchasing paper and copy machine expenses.

For the public, participation in the legislative process has become more accessible, as individuals are able to submit testimony by e-mail as well as view all measures, committee reports, and testimony submitted on any measure via the Legislature's website. Public hearing notices posted on the Capitol website are also interactive, containing links

to documents previously mentioned.

The Hawai'i State Senate is also supporting and participating in the Capitol's conservation initiatives, including: energy conservation, recycling, emissions reduction and water conservation.



The 2011 Green Business and Green Government Awards. April 20, 2011.

Senator J. Kalani English was honored to speak before the Harvard Club of Hawaii on April 19th at the Hawai'i State Capitol. As Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, Senator English provided unique insight and knowledge in discussing Hawai'i's relations with the Pacific Island nations comprising the Compact of Free Association (COFA) with the United States. This agreement between the United States, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands grants governmental concessions and privileges to the United States in exchange for the nationals of these Pacific countries free entry into the United States. In addition, COFA migrants to the United States can obtain various other benefits normally available to U.S. citizens.

Senator English proudly discussed the numerous reasons and advantages of such an arrangement between our countries. Despite his busy schedule, Senator English remained after his presentation concluded to answer any lingering questions participants had.

The Harvard Club of Hawaii is an alumni association that promotes fellowship and continued learning amongst its roughly 250 members who are Hawaii residents. Arkie Koehl, Vice President of Activities for the Harvard Club of Hawaii and organizer of the event said, "This was perhaps the best Harvard Club brown bag event I've had throughout the dozens and dozens over the years."



Sen. English addresses the alumni at The Harvard Club of Hawai'i Luncheon. April 19, 2011.

Senator English joined Governor Abercrombie, U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye and various political and business dignitaries at the unveiling of Better Place Hawai'i's electric car charging network infrastructure. The installation of the first 10 charge spots across Oahu, five at the Sheraton Waikiki and five at three Hawaiian Electric sites, is the result of cross-sector partnerships between Better Place, Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts (Kyo-ya), Starwood Hotels & Resorts Waikiki, Hawaiian Electric Company and the Hawai'i Renewable Energy Development Venture.

The project includes seven electric cars, of which Kyo-ya will operate two and Hawaiian Electric will own five. This collaborative project is approximately \$1.1 million, of which about \$500,000 in funding was provided through the U.S. Department of Energy and the Hawai'i Renewable Energy Development Venture.

"Integrating electric vehicles into Hawai'i's transportation systems is a great way to lessen our dependence on petroleum," said Senator English, "with an electric vehicle grid in place, we are on track in achieving Hawai'i's Clean Energy Initiative, which aims to decrease oil imports from 90% of the

islands energy intake to a mere 30% by 2030."

Better Place is the world's leading electric car services provider. They build the infrastructure and intelligent networks to deliver a range of services to drivers that enable widespread adoption of electric cars and optimize energy use. The Better Place network in Hawaii addresses the historical limitations to electric car adoption by providing unlimited driving range in a convenient and accessible manner.



Brian Goldstein; Better Place Hawaii Director, Senator English and Jason Wolfe; Better Place North America V.P. at the Better Place Car Charging Network Blessing, "filling the tank" on an electric car. April 19, 2011.

APPOINTED BOARD OF EDUCATION



Senator English congratulates the new Board of Education Chairman, Donald Horner. April 14, 2011.

It was a historic day at the State Capitol on April 14, 2011 as Senate President Shan Tsutsui, Senators J. Kalani English and Roz Baker along with their twenty-two colleagues, voted to unanimously confirm their first appointed Board of Education since 1966.

Voters in the 2010 General Election approved a constitutional amendment calling for an appointed, rather than elected, Board of Education. Act 5, which was signed into law by the governor on March 14, 2011, gives the governor the authority to appoint nine members: one member from the County of Hawaii, one member from the County of Maui, one member from

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the County of Kauai, 3 members from the City and County of Honolulu, and three at-large-members, provided that the governor selects an at-large member as the chairperson.

The Senate confirms the Governor's selections to the now appointed Board of Education.

Senators: Carol Fukunaga, Suzanne Chun Oakland, Malama Solomon, Donovan Dela Cruz, BOE members: Keith Amemiya; At-Large, Cheryl Ka'uhane Lupenui; Oahu, Nancy Jo-Yamakawa Budd; Kauai, James Williams; Oahu, Wesley Lo; Maui, Brian De Lima; Vice Chairman, Donald Horner; Chairman, Charlene Cuaresma; Oahu, Senators: Michelle Kidani, Clarence Nishihara, Senate President Shan Tsutsui and Brickwood Galuteria. Back Row- Senators: David Ige, Will Espero, Gilbert Kahele, Governor Neil Abercrombie, Senators: Maile Shimabukuro, Jill Tokuda, Ronald Kouchi, J. Kalani English, Clayton Hee, Pohai Ryan, Les Ihara, Roz Baker, Josh Green, Sam Slom and Mike Gabbard. April 14, 2011.



SIXTH DISTRICT 2012-2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

MAUI		TOTAL: \$ 29,487,000	
Upcountry Watershed (Plan, design, construction of a pipeline)	6,000,000	King Kekaulike High School (Design and construction of a new auditorium)	1,950,000
Old Haleakala Highway (Plan, design & construct sidewalk along one side of Kula Highway to Pukalani Street)	1,000,000	Hana Highway, Huelo to Hana (Construction to mitigate rock falls & landslides & repair & upgrades to bridges & other facilities)	5,222,000
Hana Highway (Road widening and improvements at vicinity of milepost 28.1)	830,000	Hana Highway, Uakea Road to Keawa Place (Existing road widening)	290,000
Haleakala Highway Improvements (Construction to install right turn lane at King Kekaulike High School entrance)	1,500,000	Hana Highway Bridge Preservation Plan (Plans for developing a bridge preservation plan for Hana Preservation District)	1,600,000
Hana Highway, Hoolawa Bridge (Design & construction to regrade roadway to redirect runoff)	80,000	Hana, Haneoo Rd (Install new outdoor warning siren)	85,000
Hana Boat Ramp (Plans, design & construction for improvements to boat ramp, revetment)	3,125,000	Kula Hospital (Elevator upgrades & new nurse call system)	2,505,000
Makawao Veteran's Cemetery (Land acquisition for expansion of burial space)	5,300,000		
LANA'I		TOTAL: \$ 36,451,000	
Lana'i Airport (Runway Safety Area Improvements)	35,111,000	Lana'i Community Hospital (Plan & Design for ER expansion, fire, exhaust ventilation system, repairs and upgrades)	1,340,000
MOLOKA'I		TOTAL: \$ 9,525,000	
Moloka'i Ohana Health Care (Plan, design, construction to expand facility)	500,000	Kualapuu Elementary School (Design & construction for a new waterline for fire suppression)	2,750,000
Kamehameha V Highway (Drainage improvements)	450,000	Kamehameha V Highway (Makakupaia Stream bridge replacement)	3,750,000
State Highways (Design & construct guardrail & shoulder improvements)	825,000	Moloka'i Irrigation System (Improvements)	1,250,000

TOTAL \$79,463,000

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**SCHOOL BLDG. REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
PROJECTS FY 2011-2012**

SCHOOL	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST
Haiku Elementary	Reroof Walkways	27,600
Kula Elementary	Renovate Restrooms	35,678
Kaunakakai Elementary	Resurface Recoat Roof	24,513 20,000
Kualapuu Elementary	Resurface Playcourt	19,659
Moloka'i High	Resurface Renovate Boys & Girls Restroom	19,280 21,639

The following schools were on the highest priority Lump Sum Project List. The projects are subject to change based on current information and funding availability.

Moloka'i High	Renovation of existing science labs to meet safety, work space, utility infrastructure, and storage requirements. If necessary to handle the enrollment needs, new laboratories may need to be constructed.	Lump Sum Total \$15,000,000 Cost per school varies
Hana High & Elementary		
Lana'i High & Elementary		
Paia Elementary	Special Education Renovations	Lump Sum Total \$1,000,000 Cost per school varies
Lanai	Land Acquisition	Lump Sum Total \$1,000,000 Cost per school varies



Senator English visits fifth graders from Pukalani Elementary School in the Senate Chamber Gallery during the schools visit to the Hawaii State Capitol. May 5, 2011.