



Senator
J. KALANI ENGLISH

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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

December brings heightened activity at the State Capitol. Legislators and staff prepare for the new legislative session. Bills are drafted, informational briefings are held and meetings are scheduled before the swiftness arrives with the New Year.

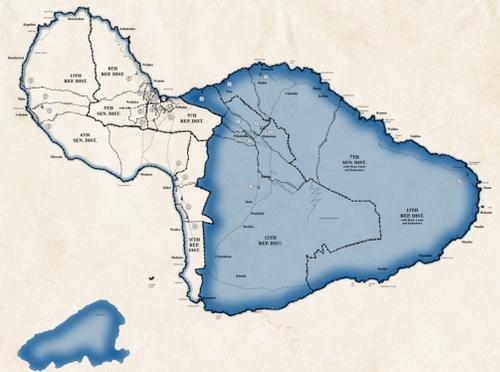
In this issue, we look at redistricting and Senate reorganization, His Majesty King Mohammed VI in Hawai'i Week and staying connected with the Hawai'i State Legislature.

To all my family and friends, happy holidays and be safe!

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HAWAI'I SENATE DISTRICT 7

GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEW SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

To coincide with the U.S. Census, every ten years the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, Article IV, Section 4, requires the Reapportionment Commission to allocate the total number of members of each house of the state legislature among the four basic island units (Hawai'i, Maui, Kauai and O'ahu) using the total number of permanent residents of each basic island unit. After making this allocation, the Commission apportions the number of legislators allocated to each basic island unit among the districts in such a manner that for each house the average number of permanent residents per member in each district is as nearly equal to the average for the basic island unit as practicable.

The Commission determined the permanent resident population of the State of Hawai'i and each basic island unit by taking the total population figures from the last U.S. Census and subtracting: (a) military personnel who were counted by the U.S. Census on-base in group quarters and who therefore could be located with reasonable certainty in census blocks, and (b) college students who were identified as non-residents by their institutions and could be located with reasonable certainty in census blocks. No data was available on the residency status of military dependents, who are considered private citizens by the military reporting agencies and who are not identified or located in any way in the U.S. Census. Therefore, military dependents could not be accurately identified as to status or located for extraction.

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Based on the permanent resident population figures the Commission allocated the 25 members of the Senate and the 51 members of the House of Representatives among the four basic island units as follows:

Island Unit	Senate	House
O'ahu	18 seats	35 seats
Hawai'i	3 seats	7 seats
Maui	3 seats	6 seats
Kauai	1 seat	3 seats

With this redistricting, Sen. English now represents the 7th Senatorial District, which encompasses all of the former 6th District of Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i, Kaho'olawe, and now includes Kahului Airport and a portion of Southern Makena.

For more information visit: <http://hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment/>



Maui Senator Shan Tsutsui has once again been elected as the President of the Senate and will preside during the 27th Hawai'i State Legislature, which will convene on January 16, 2013. Senator J. Kalani English will continue as Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs. He will serve as a member of the Senate Committees of Agriculture, Economic Development and Housing and Ways and Means. "I am honored to once again be able to provide reliable access to all our transportation corridors across the State of Hawai'i," said Sen. English, "and proud to represent our district and people on these important committees."

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The Senate acted quickly to organize after the November 6, 2012 General Election, with a primary goal of promoting an environment of cooperation and shared leadership and authority. While much of leadership and committee chairmanships remained unchanged from the 26th Legislature, additional standing committees were established to provide greater scrutiny over important subject matter areas as well as to provide a greater number of Senators the experience and authority to preside as committee chairs and vice chairs.

HIS MAJESTY KING MOHAMMED VI OF MOROCCO WEEK IN HAWAII

The Governor, Sen. English and dignitaries for the State of Hawai'i were proud to commence a weeklong series of events dedicated as His Majesty King Mohammed VI Week in Hawai'i from November 28 - December 2nd, 2012. These events celebrate the long and rich relationship between Morocco and the United States which began in 1777 when Morocco became the first country to recognize the independence of the United States and the signing of the agreement establishing this new Sister State relationship between Morocco and the State of Hawai'i.

His Majesty King Mohammed VI, acceded to the Moroccan throne on July 23, 1999 upon the death of his father, King Hassan II. As the eldest son, he became the Heir to the throne and Crown Prince at birth. Shortly after becoming King, he promised to improve human rights and economic conditions in Morocco by creating jobs and tackling poverty, inequality and corruption. In 2004, he enacted a new family code which granted women more power. In 2011, His Majesty broadened the power of parliament while curtailing some of the powers of his office.

"I am pleased that the Sister State agreement between Hawai'i and Morocco was officially signed, which begins a long and prosperous relationship for both sides," said Sen. English, "As the Chair of the International Affairs Committee, it has been my passion to work on developing mutual relationships among the nations of the world and furthering those relationships within our own government."

On Wednesday, November 28, 2012, Sen. English attended the official opening ceremony and signing of the Sister State

agreement between Hawai'i and Morocco's greater Region of Rabat-Sale-Zemmour-Zaer. The relationship promotes greater cultural, educational, tourism, international trade and policy discussion of mutual interest between Hawai'i and Morocco.

On November 29th, Sen. English attended the blessing and unveiling ceremony of the Kingdom of Morocco's official gift of an authentic Moroccan fountain dedicated to the people of the State of Hawai'i. The fountain was installed on the front lawn of the State Art Museum adjacent to the State Capitol. Water in Morocco symbolizes life. Moroccan artisans used 88,000 tiles to create the fountain and applied colors of the ocean to symbolize peace.

Later that evening, Sen. English attended a traditional Moroccan dinner at Washington Place in honor of His Majesty and enjoyed entertainment offered by the Kingdom of Morocco. Centuries of interactions and exchanges with other cultures and nations has created a refined Moroccan cuisine. The base for the cuisine includes beef, lamb, chicken, rabbit and seafood. Morocco produces a large range of Mediterranean fruits and vegetables that are used in their cuisine which is extensively spiced.

In farewell to His Majesty King Mohammed VI, Sen. English attended the official closing dinner which was hosted by His Majesty on Sunday evening, December 2nd. The entertainment included a fashion show of beautiful Moroccan caftans. Besides being known for its refined cuisine, Morocco is internationally renowned for its glamorous cultural fusion and annual Caftan Show where the traditional caftan is imbued with spectacular colors and embellishment.



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There are many resources available online that citizens can utilize to stay connected and stay informed.

Website: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

The Hawai'i State Legislature's website is the key portal for those wishing to get informed and involved in the legislative process.

Create an Account

You can also create an account with the Legislature and as a registered user, you can track your own personalized list of bills and get e-mail notifications for legislative committee hearings.

Video Streams

The Legislature streams selected committee hearings and the daily Senate and House floor sessions live over the Internet. Links to the live and archived audio and video streams are accessible from the website.

Public Access Room

The Legislature's Public Access Room (PAR) is located on the fourth floor of the State Capitol building, with knowledgeable and friendly staff to assist and educate citizens about participating in the legislative process. Staff assistance is available in person (Room 401, State Capitol Building), by phone (808) 587-0478, and by email par@capitol.hawaii.gov

Hawai'i State Senate Majority Caucus Website: www.hawaiisenatemajority.com

A link to the Hawai'i Senate Majority Caucus website can be found on the Senate page of the Hawaii State Legislature's website. You can stay abreast of Senate Majority messages, press releases, and activities.

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