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Message from Kalani

From my vantage point in Hana, I can see that we are evolving in ways that will make all of us, together, stronger and more resilient. I am relieved to see so many young people excited about farming, to see so many of our kupuna using technologies such as iPhones and Skype, and to feel such a groundswell of local independence. Our district – the diverse areas of Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe – embodies this very essence.

At the same time, I am awestruck that out of such diversity we can forge one common vision. From this we can create a shared, respectful reality for each of our communities. I am humbled to work for you, and share here some of the variety and complexity of the job as your Senator.

From the beginning, I have maintained openness to ideas and concepts – even those I personally do not like – to reflect the vastness of our district. I remain open to all of your ideas as we forge ahead to create a shared vision for each of our communities. Together we are better!

J. Kalani English

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SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH

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KULA HOSPITAL'S HALE MAKAMAE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Senators J. Kalani English and Roz Baker, as well as Representatives Gil Keith-

Agaran and Kyle Yamashita visited Hale Makamae a special program and facility of **Kula Hospital** in early July. The program serves medically fragile community members with profound physical and develop-

mental disabilities. "I am so very impressed by the love and care that Hale Makamae provides for its residents," noted Sen. English, "We will find a way to continue and expand their level of funding in the future."

This special visit for the Maui delegation included a tour of the nine-bed facility and a presentation on the program by hospital administrators and patients.

All 50 states have at least one long-term

care facility that serves severely developmentally disabled individuals. Prior to 1974, Maui children with severe mul-

tiple handicaps had to travel to Waimano Training School and Hospital on the island of O'ahu for long-term care. Parents from Maui lobbied for a facility on their home island and in 1985, the permanent Hale Makamae building opened. Hale Makamae, now a statewide program, is

the only facility in the State of Hawai'i, serving such clients from O'ahu, the Big Island and Maui.

Currently, Hale Makamae houses eight patients and employs 17 staffers. Due to the medically fragile nature and special needs of Hale Makamae residents, the unit requires a high staff to patient ratio and licensed nursing staff at all times. Hale Makamae provides daily treatment programs and partners with community organizations that include tutoring with the State Department of Education and weekly monitored excursions. "This is

an essential service to our community," said Sen. English after the informative site inspection.



State Senators J. Kalani English and Roz Baker and State Reps. Gil Keith-Agaran and Kyle Yamashita tour the facility and improvements to the Kula Hopital, visit doctors, care givers and patients of the Hale Makamae Program. July 9, 2012.

AGRICULTURAL TOURISM REINFORCES SMALL SCALE FARMS

Senate Bill **(SB) 2341**, became law without the Governor's signature on June 11, 2012 as Act 239. The measure allows agricultural tourism activities, including certain overnight accommodations of twenty-one days or less, in agricultural districts for any one stay within Maui County.

The intent of Act 239 is to enable Maui County to make its own determinations regarding the allowance of certain activities on, or uses of, land in agricultural districts. To assist in this effort the measure provides that the County adopt ordinances setting forth procedures and requirements for the review and permitting of agricultural tourism uses and activities.

"The enactment of Senate Bill 2341 provides a wealth of opportunity for Maui County farmers and ranchers as well as the greater community," said Senator English, who introduced the measure, "Agricultural Tourism serves as a means of additional economic activity for agricultural communities as well as a learning vehicle for many people who might not otherwise have a connection to agriculture." Senator English further noted, "In order to qualify for this usage, a Bona fide existing agricultural use must be in place. Thus, for many small farmers, Act 239 may just save the farm."

ALAMO ON MOLOKA'I: THREE YEARS OF SERVICE

Sen. English was proud to congratulate Moloka'i's Alamo Rent a Car on their 3rd Anniversary of operations on the island. The official celebration was on June 27, 2012 at the Moloka'i Alamo Baseyard at the Ho'olehua Airport. Alamo management, staff and guests enjoyed delicious food, gathered to "talk story" and generally have a great time with the community.

In honor of this occasion, Sen. English presented Moloka'i Alamo Rent a Car with a Senate Proclamation, recognizing their excellent customer service, outstanding leadership and providing quality jobs for Moloka'i's residents.

"During these challenging economic times it is a testament to Alamo's commitment to the residents of Moloka'i by providing jobs, transportation and stimulating the island economy through visitor and local spending," Sen. English stated.

"Alamo Moloka'i provides an essential service for family,



friends and visitors as well as business and government on the island," concluded Senator English. "In recognizing this fact, I hope that Alamo continues its commitment to serving Moloka'i well into the future. My congratulations on a job well done."

Sen. English Disappointed in Governor's Veto of Hawaiian Language Bill

Governor Neil Abercrombie recently vetoed House Bill 1984, requiring the use of the Hawaiian language.

If passed the bill would have designated the month of February as "'Olelo Hawai'i Month" to celebrate and encourage the use of Hawaiian language. The measure would have further required that all letterheads, documents, symbols, and emblems of the State and other government departments include accurate and appropriate spelling and punctuations of Hawaiian names and language.

Sen. English issued this statement in response to Governor Neil Abercrombie's veto of HB 1984:

"While I am saddened that House Bill 1984 was not signed into law, I am proud of the great strides that have been made by the Legislature and the people of Hawai'i to bring about a renaissance of Hawaiian language," said Senator J. Kalani English, who is a member of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

"Since 1978 the Hawai'i Constitution has recognized the Hawaiian Language as one of the official languages of the State. The enactment of this measure would have further codified the Hawaiian language."

Governor Abercrombie has assured Sen. English that a working group will be created to assess the implementation of Hawaiian language and further evaluate how Hawaiian language can be appropriately incorporated into our State government."

"MOVE OVER" BILL BECOMES LAW

On July 10th, 2012, Governor Neil Abercrombie enacted House Bill (HB) 2030, Act 318, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code. Commonly referred to as the "Move Over" Bill, this measure requires motorists to move over and slow down their vehicles when passing a stationary emergency vehicle on a highway.

"Traffic accident fatalities involving officials responding to emergency situations are tragic and can be prevented with certain traffic safety precautions," said Senator English, Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs. "The enactment of House Bill 2030 will help ensure the safety of our emergency respondents by providing greater clarity to Hawai'i's existing traffic laws."

Sen. English describes the spirit of the bill here: http://bit.ly/PirGap

2012 SUMMER EVENTS



Sen. English addresses the crowd at the Waiohuli, Kula Hawaiian Homes Community Center groundbreaking ceremony, with a portrait of HRH Prince Kuhio in the foreground. June 30, 2012.



Sen. English enjoys a light moment with long-time friends Gerald and Deedee Lee at the Waiohuli, Kula Hawaiian Homes Community Center groundbreaking celebrations. June 30, 2012. Watch a video of the Waiohuli Community Center Groundbreaking event on Hawaiian Homelands from MauiNOWNews: http://bit.ly/OqfxV4



Hawai'i Energy's Program Manager, Ray Starling, 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 and Sen. Roz Baker. July 28, 2012.



Sen. English, Sen. Roz Baker and Senate Pres. Shan Tsutsui celebrate the new Bell 430 Helicopter at the MMMC helipad. July 27, 2012.



Sen. English visits Victor Reyes at his bountiful vegetable garden in Kula. May 23, 2012.





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ASIA PACIFIC FORUM FOCUSES ON ECONOMIC RESILIENCY



Ten former Heads of State, regional experts and world organizations gather at the Presidential Palace to examine economic resiliency in the Pacific. Pape'ete, Tahiti. July 5, 2012.

Senator J. Kalani English attended the **Club de Madrid** Asia Pacific Forum, "Building a More Resilient Pacific in the 21st Century World Order," on July 5th and 6th, 2012 in Pape'ete, Tahiti. Hosted by the Club de Madrid and the Government of French Polynesia, the forum was aimed at identifying and discussing strategies to promote greater socio-economic development in the Pacific and render the region more resilient, connected to the world, and capable of effectively delivering services to its citizens.

"Hawai'i and other communities in the Pacific cannot sit idly by and watch the world evolve around us," said Sen. English, "Hawai'i's unique geographical position, history, and diverse ethnic and cultural ties with others in the Pacific have played pivotal roles in shaping our socio-economic position in the world. It is important that we continue to work together with our friends in the Pacific to build on each others' strengths and encourage a better, more sustainable future for all."

This forum is the first major gathering that the Club de Madrid, the world's largest forum of former Heads of State and Government, has ever organized in the Asia Pacific. Leaders, policymakers and scholars both from in and outside the Asia Pacific region came together to address a wide range of issues, including the environment, geopolitical and socio-economics.

The Club de Madrid is an independent nonprofit organization composed of 89 democratic former Presidents and Prime Ministers from 58 different countries, constituting the world's largest forum of former Heads of State and Government. Former United States Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton are members of the Club de Madrid.





The US delegation calls on His Excellency Oscar Temaru, President of French Polynesia at the Presidency, Pape'ete, Tahiti. July 3, 2012. (L-R) Tarsicius Kabutaulaka, Adjunct Fellow, East-West Center & Associate Professor, Center for Pacific Island Studies; HE President Oscar Temaru; Christopher Kozely, US Consular Agent in French Polynesia; Wayne D. Schmidt, US Consul General Embassy Suva; Senator J. Kalani English; Patricia McDonald, wife of US Consul; Alfred Oehlers, Professor, College of Security Studies, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.