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## MESSAGE FROM KALANI

We are now at the halfway point of the Legislative Session and over 400 Senate Bills have crossed over to the House for review and consideration. The Bills that have crossed align with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals that are outlined in our 2018 Senate Legislative Program.

The Senate began reviewing over 300 House Bills that have crossed over to our chamber. It is a busy time in the Legislative Session and my staff and I are always available to help you through this legislative process.

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## SENATE BILLS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS NOW IN THE HOUSE

The Senate passed 420 measures that have crossed to the House for consideration. The measures align with the 2018 Senate Legislative Program, which consists of the **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**. These Bills provide a framework for improving the quality of life now and for future generations.

"By using the Sustainable Development Goals as a guide for enacting the UN's goals at the state level, we will reinforce the efforts already made and continue to build a more resilient future for Hawai'i," said Sen. English. "Hawai'i is the first state in the nation to settle the debate on climate change and the actions taken by the Senate today demonstrate our commitment to support Hawai'i as a global leader in addressing sustainability and climate change challenges."

The following are a few of the measures to pass on third reading that fall within one of the 17 SDGs:

**SB2793 SD2** Requires the Department of Human Services to use an integrated and multi-generational approach in delivering human services to reduce the incidence of intergenerational poverty and dependence on public benefits. **SB2027 SD2** Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for the coordinated statewide homeless initiative, subject to certain conditions. **SB2988 SD2** Requires the Executive Office on Aging to include in its annual report to the legislature a section that details outcomes of the Kupuna Caregivers Program. **SB2501 SD2** Requires the Department of Human Services to establish safe zones where homeless persons may reside.

**SB3030 SD1** Establishes a farmer apprentice mentoring program to teach and train farmers to utilize a whole farm system approach to agriculture. **SB2572 SD2** Appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture to conduct import substitution projects to encourage Hawai'i farmers and growers to identify and grow food and nonfood alternative products to phase out imports of high-risk pathway food and commodities by 2027.

**SB2656 SD2** Allows the synchronization of plan participants' medications. Requires plans, policies, contracts, or agreements that are offered by health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organization and provide prescription drug benefits, to

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apply prorated daily cost-sharing rates for prescriptions dispensed by network pharmacies for less than a thirty-day supply. **SB3107 SD1** Appropriates funds for programs and other efforts to help persons suffering from multiple chronic conditions, including coordinated treatment, centralized referral, case managers, and peer mentors. **SB2108 SD1** Requires the Department of Human Services to provide health care premium assistance for individuals at various income ranges up to 300% of the federal poverty level.

**SB3070 SD2** Establishes a Hawai'i teacher stipend program to be administered by the Department of Education to address the shortage of teachers in the Hawai'i public school system. Appropriates funds for the program for fiscal year 2018-2019.

**SB2351 SD1** Prohibits prospective employers from requesting or considering a job applicant's wage or salary history as part of an employment application process or compensation offer. Prohibits enforced wage secrecy and retaliation or discrimination against employees who disclose, discuss, or inquire about their own or coworkers' wages.

**SB2930 SD2** Requires, on or before 10/13/2018, that the Department of Health adopt rules for underground storage tanks and tank systems to conform with certain federal regulations and that include additional requirements for field-constructed underground storage tanks and tank systems.

**SB2752 SD2** Creates a revolving line of credit sub-fund under the umbrella of the Hawai'i green infrastructure special fund for any state agency or department to finance cost-effective energy-efficiency measures. **SB2523 SD1** Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop regional economic plans for each county to provide jobs in urban and rural areas of each county based on the development or community boundaries of each respective county. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the Department of Educa-

tion and the University of Hawai'i to develop K-12 pathways for each school that emphasize skills necessary to meet the State's specific industry needs.

**SB3000 SD2** Establishes the research and development program in the Hawai'i technology development corporation to help Hawai'i-based small businesses optimize research and development performed in Hawai'i. Establishes the research and development special fund. **SB2704 SD2** Establishes a process to upgrade and support next generation wireless broadband infrastructure throughout the State. **SB2910 SD2** Establishes a homeland security and resiliency council to assess the resilience of the State's electric grid and other critical infrastructure to natural disasters and other emergencies and make recommendations.

**SB2397 SD1** Establishes a temporary telecommuting task force to develop incentives and recommendations to encourage and expand telecommuting opportunities in the public and private sectors. **SB3023 SD2** Includes persons with disabilities under the minimum wage requirements. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to study the impacts of raising the minimum wage and recommend to the Legislature how the minimum wage should be adjusted in the future.

**SB3099 SD2** Establishes and appropriates funds for a plastics recycling grant program to identify Hawai'i-based alternatives for the sustainable recycling and reuse of plastic commodities. **SB2965 SD1** Requires the Hawai'i climate change mitigation and adaptation commission to prioritize, identify, utilize, and maintain nature-based solutions in its climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts at the regional, state, and local levels. **SB2571 SD2** Bans the sale, offer of sale, or distribution in the State of any SPF sunscreen protection personal care product that contains oxybenzone or octinoxate, or both, without a prescription issued by a licensed healthcare provider.

For a more complete list, go to <http://bit.ly/2p71FYA>

## FESTPAC COMMISSION CONVENES FOR SECOND MEETING

The temporary commission for the Festival of Pacific Arts convened on March 7th for their second meeting at the Hawai'i Convention Center. Sen. English, who is the Chair of the commission, provided a legislative update on **SB2693**: Relating to the Festival of Pacific Arts. The bill recently passed out of the Senate and was referred to the House Committees on Ocean, Marine and Hawaiian Affairs; Judiciary and Finance. The bill appropriates \$1.5 million for the planning of the festival, which will take place in June 2020. The commission also welcomed its newest commissioner, Monte McComber, who was recently appointed as the governor's representative to the commission.

"I am happy to have all commission members aboard as we embark on the daunting task to plan for the FESTPAC in 2020," said Sen.

English. "We have a long road ahead in raising the \$25-\$28 million needed to put on the festival, but I am confident that the commission and its members have the capacity to achieve this task."



Sen. English and FESTPAC commission members. March 7, 2018.

## IN MEMORY OF ROBERT C. KISTE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR PACIFIC ISLAND STUDIES

A celebration of life was held in honor of Robert "Bob" Kiste, former Director of The Center for Pacific Island Studies on March 8 in the Hawaiian-Pacific Collection at the Sinclair Library on the campus of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He is best known for his work in developing Pacific Island Studies into a full-fledged university program.

Robert grew up in Indiana, where he graduated from high school in 1954. He spent three years in the Army; two of which was spent in Hawai'i at Schofield Barracks. He initially became interested in Pacific Island cultures while stationed in Hawai'i.

After being discharged from the Army, he returned home for school and graduated from the Indiana University with a B.A. in anthropology in 1961. He went on to complete his post-graduate degrees at the University of Oregon and attained a Ph.D. in 1967. While at the University of Oregon, he received a grant to conduct studies on ten Pacific Island communities that were forced to move from their ancestral homelands. In 1963, Robert began fieldwork in the Marshall

Islands; later working with the people of Eniwetok Atoll, the second community in the Marshall Islands to relocate due to nuclear testing.

Robert accepted a position at the University of Minnesota after receiving his doctorate degree and remained there until 1978. During his tenure in Minnesota, he mentored over a dozen Ph.D. students (three of which did graduate work on the Pacific region) and was given the opportunity to continue research in the Pacific. He also spent time at the University of Hawai'i as a visiting professor in 1972-1973 and in the fall of 1976.

In 1978, Robert became the director of the Pacific Islands Studies Program (later known as the Center for Pacific Island Studies) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; a position he held until his retirement in 2002. He also worked closely with the East-West Center on the Pacific Islands Development Program to develop the two institutions as links between the United States and the Pacific. Upon his retirement, Robert continued his work as a visiting fellow with the Pacific



Islands Development Program and as a lecturer on Pacific Islands at the Smithsonian's annual, Pacific Islands cruise. On November 28, at the age of 81 Robert passed away in Honolulu, Hawai'i. He is survived by his wife, Valeria and his son, Vincent.

"Bob was a trailblazer who inspired many students, including myself, to pursue a graduate degree in Pacific Island Studies," said Sen. English. "He has touched the lives of many over the course of his career and he will be remembered for his leadership and dedication to making the Pacific a better place."



## 2018 PHYSICAL THERAPY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Over a dozen physical therapists spent the day at the Capitol on March 12 as part of the 2018 Physical Therapy Legislative Day. The event was coordinated by the Legislative Committee of the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA) and brought together physical therapy professionals from across the state to participate in a full day of activities, which demonstrates their role in the health care system and addressing current legislative issues important to the profession.

"Physical Therapy Day was a great event for legislators and staff to learn about the importance of good health and wellbeing in a fun and engaging way," said Sen. English. "I was amazed to learn that physical therapy is an alternative to opioids and other pain-relief medication."



Senators English and Keith-Agaran participating in "brain games" as part of the Physical Therapy Day at the Capitol. March 12, 2018.

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**KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS – KAPĀLAMA CAMPUS  
STUDENTS VISIT THE CAPITOL**

Following a class field trip to the State Archives and 'Iolani Palace on March 1, students from the Kamehameha Schools – Kapālama Campus (along with their kumu, Stacy Naipo) visited Sen. English. The students, who are a part of an archival research class at the campus, spent twenty minutes asking a variety of questions regarding issues such as water and land rights, Native Hawaiian self-determination and the importance of archival research at the legislature.

“Archival research provides content to form an understanding of contemporary political issues,” said Sen. English. “It is great to see that the students are engaged in this type of endeavor to broaden their world-view.”



Mahalo Senator English for letting us visit with you and for talking with us!  
-Tiana Rodriguez

Thank you for talking to us!  
-Janyne Medina

Mahalo for taking time out of your day to share with us!  
-Taylor Vierra

Mahalo Senator English for allowing us in your office and taking the time out of your busy schedule to talk to us. It's great to see a graduate of Kamehameha doing such great things!  
-Kaitiaki

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND TIME WITH US!  
-Jesse Linnick

Senator English, thank you for speaking to us at our impromptu visit. I enjoyed your thoughts on local issues.  
-Kovic Medicinos

Senator English, Mahalo for taking the time out of your busy day to speak to us and give us your thoughts on local problems. Your time was very much appreciated.  
-Lanianna Frank

Senator English, Mahalo for allowing us to meet you in your office and thank you for taking the time to speak with us!  
-Lehua Paooao (Assistant Archivist)

Mahalo Senator English for taking time out of your schedule to share with us.  
-Shana Munday

Mahalo Senator English for taking the time to share some of your mana'o with us. Your views on local issues were very informing and thoughtful.  
-Myah Pimental

Mahalo Nui Loa Senator for your moving mana'o and for taking time to share with us. You are making a difference in our community here in Kapala.

Mahalo Senator English for allowing us to visit & talk with you!  
-Tiana Rodriguez

Thank you so much Senator English for having us and answering our questions.  
-Kaitiaki

Mahalo for taking the time out of your busy day to speak to us and give us your thoughts on local problems. Your time was very much appreciated.  
-Lanianna Frank

It was truly an honor meeting you.  
-Lehua Paooao

Thank you so much for having us. It was an honor.  
-Tiana Rodriguez

Handwritten thank you notes to Sen. English from the students. March 1, 2018.