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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

Through technology and innovation, the world we live in is now a much smaller place. From this global village in which we live, we're able to communicate and collaborate much faster. This has also enabled us to recognize the social, financial and educational issues Hawai'i is challenged with are similar problems confronting states across the country.

It is incumbent that we, as Legislators, broaden our abilities as decision makers through travel and observe firsthand how others resolve the challenges we face. Symposiums, conferences and summits provide this opportunity to work in partnership with fellow lawmakers and I always return from these working trips more inspired to find solutions to make our community a better place to live.

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



NCSL SYMPOSIUM FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS

America's top legislative leaders convened in Québec City, Québec on Sept. 17-20, at the National Conference of State Legislators' (NCSL) Symposium for Legislative Leaders to have conversations with top thinkers in economics, policy and leadership development. This meeting, held exclusively for legislative leaders, included topics on: Leadership Lessons; Demographics and State

Policy; Canadian/U.S. Relations and Politics; the 2016 Economy; State Finances; Supreme Court Purview; State Revenues, Employment and Public Pensions.

"NCSL is an invaluable resource in providing opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas and solutions with legislators from across the country who have similar concerns and challenges," said Sen. English. "It enables us to bring home tested approaches to our State's challenges."

NCSL is a bipartisan organization that serves the nation's 7,383 state lawmakers and more than 20,000 legislative staff throughout the country, commonwealths and territories. It provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues and is an effective and respected advocate for the interests of the states in the American federal system.

For more information on the National Conference of State Legislators go to the NCSL homepage at: <http://www.ncsl.org/>



7TH DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP) FUNDS RELEASED

During fiscally challenging years, every dollar that the Governor releases to fund Capital Improvement Projects is critically important for encouraging economic growth throughout the State. Funds for the following Capital Improvement Projects in the 7th District were recently released:

Kahului Airport - \$15 million for land acquisition and \$2 million for the construction of an environmentally compliant washrack facility.

Maui County, Water Transmission and storage - \$2.5 million to finance a new water transmission and storage facility in Upcountry Maui.

Natural Area Reserves and Watershed Management, Statewide - \$9 million - a portion of the funds to be used for Kipahulu Forest Reserve and Kahikunui Forest on Maui.

Upcountry Watershed Project, Maui - \$75,000 for the design of the Kealahou Lateral section of the project.

Makawao Elementary School - \$1.2 million for the design, construction and equipment of two additional portable classrooms to address the projected increase in student population.

"As the population of Maui has grown, Kahului airport and our schools on Maui have grown proportionately and has the need for a safe and adequate water supply," said Sen. English. "Whenever CIP funds are released, I am extremely pleased because it shows that we are keeping up with the increased levels of demand for these resources and facilities."

Bills signed by the Governor and are now State law:

SB1030 SD1 HD2 (Act 122) Prohibits the sale, purchase, possession or consumption of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking device (or e-cigarettes) to anyone under age 21.

HB525 HD2 SD2 (Act 123) Prohibits smoking at all Hawai'i state parks.

SB388 HD1 (Act 30) Requires each county police department to post its policies relating to domestic violence, officer-involved domestic violence, and standards of conduct on its official website.

HB623 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 97) Increases renewable portfolio standards to 30 percent by Dec. 31, 2020, 70 percent by Dec. 31, 2040, and 100 percent by Dec. 31, 2045.

SB1345 HD1 CD1 (Act 116) Requires the Department of Education

to develop a transition plan to end multi-track schedules in public schools and report to the legislature regarding the plan and any proposed legislation.

SB374 SD2 HD2 CD1 (Act 113) Renames the "running start program" as the "dual credit program" and broadens the participation to include ninth and tenth graders from public schools and home-schooled students for courses offered on UH campuses. Replaces a standardized test with an assessment and repeals tuition and fees requirement.

HB1140 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 120) Provides a temporary income tax credit for the cost of upgrading or converting a qualified cesspool to a septic system or an aerobic treatment unit system, or connecting to a sewer system.

HB1075 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 103) Authorizes the Maui Region of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation to enter into negotiations to allow a new private non-profit entity to manage, operate, and use the existing hospital facilities to carry out services to people previously served by the Maui Regional System. The bill specifies Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital & Clinic, and Lanai Community Hospital as candidates for the non-profit.

SB181 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 124) Allows the Department of Education to continue awarding high school diplomas to qualified veterans who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory induction into active service in the U.S. Armed Services or any person whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices such as internment during World War II.

SB550 SD1 HD2 (Act 186) Prohibits the consumption, purchase, possession, offer for sale, and sale and distribution, of powdered alcohol.

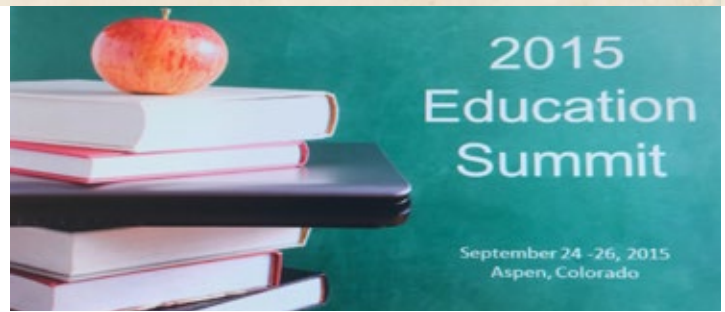
SB982 SD1 HD2 (Act 217) Provides limited immunity to a person who, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for someone who is experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose from being arrested, charged, prosecuted, or convicted or have property subject to civil forfeiture, or otherwise be penalized for certain other acts.

2015 EDUCATION SUMMIT WITH STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS FOUNDATION (SLLF)

Sen. English attended the 2015 Education Summit presented by The Aspen Institute Education & Society Program and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation on September 24-26 in Aspen, Colorado.

The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies organization, whose mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues. The Institute is based in Washington, DC and has campuses in Aspen, Colorado, and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It also maintains offices in New York City and has an international network of partners.

The SLLF is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to professional development for the nation's current and future State legislative leaders. And through their Emerging Leaders Program, they offer mentoring to first and second term legislators who have been identified by their peers as future leaders.



"I am honored to be chosen by my peers to be part of a select group of future national leaders," said Sen. English. "The mentoring that SLLF provides is unsurpassed and the lessons that I learn can be applied here at home."

The objectives of the Summit were to: Engage with leading education experts in an introduction to K-12 education policy; improve participants' understanding of their state's education policies and practices; and work with leading experts in the field and peer legislative leaders to develop a framework for thinking about education policy issues and decisions for the future.

The Opening Session delved into the question of the purpose of public education in the United States and considered the competing goals of public education. During the next 2 days, participants discussed the following topics: What Should Be The Purpose of Public Education?; From Common School to Common Core: The History and Current State of Education Policy; Current State of Public Education in the United States; Education Finance for Policymakers; Knowledge and Skills for the 21st Century; Measuring Student Learning – Assessment 101; Understanding Education Data; and a Discussion on What's Next?

For more information about SLLF visit: <http://www.sllf.org/>; for more info. about the Aspen Institute go to: <https://www.google.com/#q=the+aspen+institute>



MAUI SENATORS OPTIMISTIC FOLLOWING MAUI HOSPITALS OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT SELECTION

State Senators representing the island of Maui expressed optimism on the future of healthcare for their community following the announcement on September 23 that Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation's (HHSC) Maui Regional System Board selected Kaiser Permanente to operate its facilities.

"We're pleased that the process is moving forward," said Sen. English. "We hope this partnership will preserve a strong health care system for the residents of Maui."

Sen. Roz Baker, Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health, believes the decision will be supported by the residents of Maui. "We know the best health care is care that is closest to home. The community wanted to keep Maui Memorial

viable, they wanted to keep quality health care in the community and this is the first step to ensure that we have a long-term sustainable plan for providing quality health care on Maui," said Sen. Baker.

"Maui has now reached a crucial milestone and I'm looking forward to seeing the details of a final deal that keeps the health care needs of our community foremost in mind as the Governor, the regional board and Kaiser Permanente begin negotiations," said Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee. "We're hopeful that with this partnership, quality health care will be available to all residents on Maui."

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SENATOR ENGLISH ADVISES PRECAUTIONS TO STEM DENGUE FEVER RISK



As the number of confirmed cases of Dengue Fever continues to climb in Hawai'i, Sen. English is reminding Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i residents to take measures to avoid the spread of the virus.

Sen. English was one of the 122 people who contracted Dengue fever during the 2001 outbreak of the tropical disease on Maui, O'ahu and Kaua'i.

"I had a 105-degree fever, was in intense pain and delirious. I was really, really sick," said Sen. English recalling his bout with the disease. The experience has heightened his awareness of how simple measures can help reduce the mosquito population and the risk of another outbreak.

Sen. English is urging others to take action and do their part to prevent Dengue from becoming endemic in Hawai'i and is reminding residents to take measures to avoid the spread of Dengue fever including:

- Applying mosquito repellants on exposed skin and clothing
- Wear long sleeves and pants, and lighter colored clothing, to limit exposure to mosquitos
- Eliminate standing water around the place of residence to reduce mosquito breeding (puddles, buckets, cans, tires, etc.)
- Treat Bromeliads (or other plants that hold water) – flush weekly or spray with soapy water or chemical treatments from a garden store
- Repair screens and jalousie windows

Some key symptoms of Dengue include sudden onset of high fever, severe headaches especially behind the eyes, joint and muscle pain, and rash. It is rare, but bleeding can also occur with severe forms of Dengue fever and is considered a medical emergency. Anyone who believes they may have contracted Dengue should see a healthcare provider immediately.

"We can only hope this latest outbreak will end quickly, but I urge everyone to take precautionary measures now. Don't wait for the Department of Health to declare any need for action in your neighborhood. It's very simple. Be proactive and clean up," said Sen. English.

The latest information on the state's efforts to control the spread of Dengue fever can be found on the DOH website www.health.hawaii.gov

