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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

As we enter Makahiki season, we will also be welcoming four new Senators into the Senate and anticipate much change in the coming months.

I always enjoy visiting our communities and looking for new ways to improve our quality of life. Blessings for Thanksgiving and remember that we do have a lot to be thankful for - our health, happiness and each other.

J. Kalani English

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17TH ANNUAL NATIVE HAWAIIAN CONVENTION: KE AU HAWAI'I

Sen. English attended the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) 17th Annual Native Hawaiian Convention at the Prince Waikiki on October 8-10. Over 800 participants attended the three-day convention that included over a dozen panels and workshops related to Native Hawaiian health, education, housing, intellectual property and other relevant topics; an Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Candidate Forum; two-day mākeke (Native Hawaiian Marketplace) and also featured a fashion show by Native Hawaiian designer Kini Zamora.



The Pacific Islander Caucus included Sen. English and was comprised of other distinguished members of the Hawaiian community. The other panel discussions he participated in included Pacific region topics such as: U.S. Nationals and their voting rights in Hawai'i; current federal legal challenges to the Chamorro Land Trust; and the impact of the REAL ID Act on citizens from the Freely Associated States of Palau, the Marshall Islands and the Federated State of Micronesia.

Sen. English was joined by his Legislative colleagues in a "Legislator's Breakfast and 2019 Forecast Panel." There the Legislators provided conference attendees with a better understanding of how the legislature operates.

"I was very impressed with the quality of the workshops and presenters that CNHA was able to provide for the conference attendees," said Sen. English. "By far, this has been the best CNHA Native Hawaiian Convention and I look forward to working with them on future endeavors."

Above: Sen. English with members of the Hawai'i State Legislature at the 2018 Native Hawaiian Convention. Below: Sen. English with Lt. Gov. Doug Chin. Pi'inaio, Waikiki, O'ahu. October 10, 2018.

2018 GLOBAL TOURISM SUMMIT



The 2018 Global Tourism Summit at the Hawai'i Convention Center from October 1-3 attracted over 1,200 attendees as well as over 75 sponsors and exhibits.

The summit featured keynote addresses from Stephen England-Hall, chief executive of Tourism New Zealand, Chris Malone, managing partner of Fidelum Partners on the topic of "The Human Brand", and Mike Dominguez, senior vice president and chief sales officer for MGM Resorts International. 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Hawaiian Airlines and Disney Aulani was also honored at the Tourism Legacy Awards Luncheon for their work in perpetuating 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

"The Global Tourism Summit provides a great opportunity and platform for building collaboration and dialogue among various Hawai'i and global tourism stakeholders," said Sen. English. "Hawai'i continues to be a world-class destination for travelers. Conversations around culture and sustainability must continue to be at the forefront of our tourism efforts."



(L to R): Keli'i Wilson, Sen. English and Kalani Ka'anā'anā. Pi'inaio, Waikiki, O'ahu. October 3, 2018.



Sen. English, Sen. Inouye and Sen. Kidani with members of Aha Pūnana Leo at the 2018 Tourism Legacy Awards Luncheon. Pi'inaio, Waikiki, O'ahu. October 3, 2018.

FORMER TAHITIAN PRESIDENT OSCAR TEMARU VISITS HAWAI'I

Former French Polynesia President Oscar Temaru and his Tavini Huiraaatira delegation was in Honolulu for a day on their way back home to Tahiti from the United Nations in New York. During their brief stay, Sen. English hosted the French Polynesia delegation to a behind-the-scenes tour of the **Bishop Museum** with President/CEO Melanie Ide to view the work of their late distinguished anthropologist the late Dr. Yosihiko Sinoto. The delegation was also honored guests at a Chinese dinner.

"President Temaru and the Ma'ohi people of French Polynesia have a deep cultural connection to Hawai'i through our common ancestors

who voyaged across the Pacific for hundreds of years prior to western contact," said Sen. English. "I also believe that Hawai'i should maintain strong relationships with other Pacific Island leaders because we all face similar challenges to our island homes such as climate change and sea-level rise."



Sen. English joins members of the Tavini Huiraaatira delegation on a visit to Bishop Museum hosted by President/CEO Melanie Ide. Kaiwi'ula, O'ahu. October 12, 2018.



(L to R): Stanley Cross, Michel-Stanislas Villar, Valentina Hina Cross, Sen. English, President Oscar Temaru, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office Director General Michael Tseng and Antony Geros. Honolulu, O'ahu. October 12, 2018.

KAKA'AKO CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR 2020 FESTPAC FESTIVAL VILLAGE

At the conclusion of a site visit by members of the Temporary Commission for the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FESTPAC) on October 26, Kaka'ako was chosen as the site for the festival's cultural village.

"With 21 months left until the festival, the selection of Kaka'ako as the site for the festival village is a huge step forward in our planning efforts," said Sen. English. "FESTPAC will have the ability to increase economic development in the Kaka'ako area and we look forward to working with the community and local businesses to plan for the festival in 2020."



Sen. English and members of the Temporary Commission on the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture on a site visit to Kaka'ako Waterfront Park. Honolulu, O'ahu. October 26, 2018.

FUNDS RELEASED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

\$624,000 in funds were recently released for additional construction for Phase 2C of Hāna Highway improvements from Hūelo to Hāna.

\$900,000 in funds were released to fund the East Maui Water Systems.

\$600,000 was released for a covered play court at Makawao Elementary School.

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SENATE HOLDS SECOND SPECIAL SESSION TO CONFIRM JUDICIARY APPOINTMENTS

During the week of October 22, the Senate convened the Second Special Session of 2018 to consider two judicial appointments for the Intermediate Court of Appeals and the District Court of the First Circuit. The Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously on the 24th to consent to the nominations. The following day, the Senate voted to confirm Judge Keith Hiraoka to the Intermediate Court of Appeals and Summer Kupau-Oda to the District Court of the First Circuit.



Kupau-Oda, a Maui-born and Lāhainaluna graduate, has been a Co-Litigation Director and staff attorney for the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation

since May. Prior to that she served five years as a senior associate attorney at the Earthjustice Mid-Pacific Office. Prior to that she was a Deputy Public Defender for eight years. Kupau-Oda previously served as a law clerk to Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr. (ret.).

Judge Hiraoka is currently a Judge on the First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i. He has practiced law in Hawai'i since 1983. In recent years, his primary areas of practice have been insurance coverage and representing attorneys, accountants, realtors, and other professionals in legal matters. Hiraoka has tried cases before juries, judges and arbitrators, partic-



ipated in mediations and briefed and argued appeals before the Hawai'i Supreme Court, the Intermediate Court of Appeals and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

"I believe that both Kupau-Oda and Hiraoka are well qualified to serve on the District Court of the First Circuit and the Intermediate Court of Appeals respectively," said Sen. English. "They both possess the judicial competency and skillset needed to effectively serve the courts and I wish them the best in their new roles."



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Lower left: Sen. English and members of the Senate with Judge Keith Hiraoka during the Second Special Session of 2018. Honolulu, O'ahu. October 25, 2018.

Above: Sen. English with Summer Kupau-Oda, Judge Keith Hiraoka and John Kupau; Judge Kupau-Oda's father, who is from Hāna. Honolulu, O'ahu. October 25, 2018.

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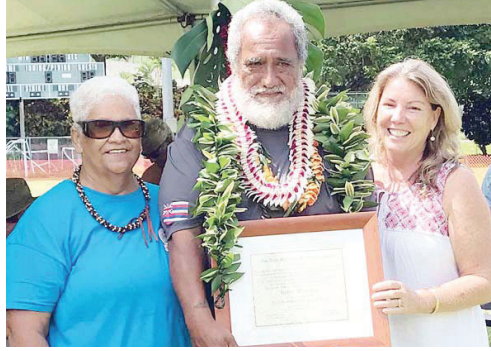
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ROBERT MALAIKINI RECEIVES 2018 TINY MALAIKINI MEA KOKUA AWARD



During the Hāna Aloha Festival Celebration on October 6, Robert Malaikini was awarded the 2018 Tiny Malaikini Mea Kokua Award, the community's highly coveted recognition for public service.

Robert was chosen by the Malaikini family for his 42-year involvement with the Hāna Canoe Club, having participated as both a paddler and a coach. He coached the first Hāna High School team that participated in the Maui Interscholastic League Tournament. Robert regularly transports the team's canoes to races, especially the koa-built Te Tāne Hāna Hoe for which he is the kahu.

"I would like to congratulate Robert on being awarded the 2018 Tiny Malaikini Mea Kokua Award," said Sen. English. "He tirelessly gives of himself and truly embodies the spirit that makes Hāna a very special place."

Established in 1992, the Malaikini Award is presented annually to the person who has given most selflessly for the betterment of the Hāna community. It honors the memory of Paniani "Tiny" Malaikini, a beloved Hawaiian man whose life embodied the values of aloha and kokua. Robert is Tiny's younger brother.

HĀNA ALOHA FESTIVAL CELEBRATION



Sen. English with the 2018 Hāna Festival of Aloha Parade Grand Marshalls, John and Tweetie Lind. Hāna, Maui. October 6, 2018.



Sen. English sitting on the wall with Kaipo Kimokeo III and his sister Ihilani Kimokeo, watching the parade. Hāna Maui. October 6, 2018.

PŪLAMA LĀNA'I SITE VISIT

Sen. English and Rep. Lynn DeCoite visit with nursery workers Erlinda Bolo, Adela Haban, and Valentin Racadio during a day long site inspection. Lāna'i City, Lāna'i. October 29, 2018.

