



# SENATOR J.KALANI ENGLISH

## HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

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

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### MESSAGE FROM KALANI

As the year ends, we take a moment to reflect on all that has transpired in 2014. Let us forgive a little and rejoice in our good fortunes. In anticipation of 2015, the Senate is already busy with preparations for the 28th Legislature. We will convene on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. I look forward to a prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year, and ask that we all work together to make Hawai'i a better place.

May the Blessings of the New Year be with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Kalani English".



### 2014 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES (NCSL) FORUM IN D.C.

Sen. English attended the NCSL Forum in Washington, D.C. from Dec. 9 - 12 to help build the States' Agenda and learn the latest on important state-federal issues. The Forum provides many opportunities for legislators. Since 1975, NCSL has helped states remain strong and independent by providing the tools, information and resources for crafting effective legislation. NCSL is committed to the success of legislators and staff by improving the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures; promoting policy innovation and communication and ensuring state legislatures a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system.

Among the topics discussed during the Forum were: State Implementation of Proposed EPA Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulations; Transmission Development for a Changing Energy Grid; Gas Pipelines – Improving Safety and Reducing Emissions; Promising Practices in Women's Health; A Case Study of Vermont's GMO Labeling Law; Legalizing Industrial Hemp in the States; New Technologies in Agriculture; Military Mission Sustainability: A Community Perspective; Recent Reforms to the VA; Update from the U.S. Department of Defense; State Progress in Helping Seniors Live Independently and the Changing Role of Family Caregivers; Supporting Family Caregivers Through Workplace Flexibility and Helping Seniors Live Independently and with Dignity; Cyber Security - State Governments at Risk; Escalating Cyber Security Attacks; and Strategies for Safeguarding State Information Assets.

"NCSL is an invaluable organizational asset for legislators because they provide us with the support, ideas and connections that we as individuals would not have otherwise," states Sen. English, "Over the years I have benefitted tremendously by attending the many forums and summits NCSL held throughout the Nation. The issues covered are always relevant and current. Most important, legislators discuss the issues and develop strategies to craft state policies."



# SENATOR ENGLISH'S YEAR IN REVIEW

2014 was a very productive and exciting year for Sen. English. Here are some highlights of events, friends, gathering and travels that include:

Celebrating Maui Nui neighborhoods and festivals, teachers and students; Ushering in Hawai'i district Judges and welcoming many foreign dignitaries; Honoring artists, adventurers and Medal of Honor Veterans; Grieving for Maui Counties own dedicated servants and US soldiers born or stationed in Hawai'i who were killed in action.

*Sen. English explains the activities of the Hawai'i State Legislature to students of Pukalani Elementary School on Maui touring the State Capitol Gallery. May 1, 2014.*



*Hökūle'a crew member Linda Furuto and apprentice Navigator Lehua Kamalu with Sen. English prior to 2014 World Wide Voyage. March 10, 2014.*



*Sen. English celebrates Hawaiian artist and his long time committee clerk, Sharon Lum Ho, honored on the House floor for her outstanding native Hawaiian artwork. Jan. 31, 2014.  
Left - Sen. English with Former Sen. Avery B. Chumbley at Opening Day Ceremonies in the Senate Chamber. Jan. 15, 2014.*



*A time of mourning  
A time of healing*

**Loretta Fuddy  
Tremaine Balberdi  
Kathleen Kern  
Richard Rooney**

*"On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, I would like to extend my most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of those in service to Maui County, who lost their lives and those injured in the tragic plane crashes of 2014 on Moloka'i and Lana'i.*

*I want to take a moment to acknowledge all government workers who must fly between our islands to provide services to our people. Thank you for your dedication. Our unique County-Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe- is truly blessed."*



*Sen. English with graduates of the inaugural class of the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Leadership Development Program at the East-West Center in Manoa. March 25, 2014.*



# SENATOR ENGLISH'S YEAR IN REVIEW CONTINUED



Left - "I was very proud to serve with my colleagues in one of the most productive legislative sessions to date." Sen. Roz Baker, Sen. English, Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran.



Right - Aunty Tweety Lind (Kipahulu 'Ohana) with Sen. English celebrate the 22nd Annual East Maui Taro Festival May 3, 2013.



Left - Gov. Ige with Sen. English on the 4th of July.



Right - Sen. English enjoyed visiting Summer Starr's family and friends along the route of the Annual Makawao 4th of July Parade.



Left - Sen. English baking O'io to make Gau Gee at Mapulehu, Moloka'i. June 15, 2014.



Right - Always a favorite event, Sen. English enjoys the local faire booths and shopping for plants at the Annual Haiku Ho'olaule'a & Flower Festival. April 12, 2014.



Sen. English meets with (L-R) Tracey Kealoha (Kamehameha Schools), Brian Nagami, Dean Wong, Alexa Marino, Bobbie-Jo Moniz Tadeo from Imua Family Services in Hāna. Aug. 5, 2014.



Sen. English and members of State Dept. of Transportation walk the historic King's trail in Hāna, Maui. Oct. 28, 2014.



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## NATIONAL CAUCUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATORS (NCEL)

Sen. English attended the NCEL Washington D.C. summit at the White House focusing on trade, global warming and the Clean Power Plan on Dec. 9. NCEL was organized in 1996 with the purpose of providing environmentally progressive legislators an opportunity to coordinate their activities and share ideas on affirmative and negative environmental issues.

The goal of the NCEL is to organize pro-environment state legislators nation-wide and to educate them on state and federal environmental issues and policies resulting in the enactment of sound policy at the state level.

"I have always been a champion of the environment," said Sen. English, "NCEL provides legislators with the best information possible to advance new environmental initiatives and safeguard existing environmental policies as well as helping us communicate more effectively across state lines on nationwide trends."



*Senators English and Kamehameha pay homage to King Kamehameha the Great in Washington, D.C. during the NCSL Fall Forum. Dec. 10, 2014.*



*HAWAII CONGRESSIONAL TALK STORY & TOUR - While Sen. English was in D.C. he met with members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, which includes: U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono and Sen. Brian E. Schatz; U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Rep. Mark Takai.*

*These meetings provide Sen. English with an update on federal matters that impact the State of Hawai'i and its residents.*

## NCSL LEGISLATIVE LEADERS SYMPOSIUM IN NEW YORK CITY

Before returning to Hawai'i from the East Coast, Sen. English traveled to New York City for the NCSL Symposium for Legislative Leaders from Dec. 15 -17. As the new Senate Majority Leader, Sen. English will have new responsibilities and face many challenges.

"NCSL provides many resources to help legislators perform our duties in the most efficient and reliable manner in whatever capacity we serve," said Sen. English, "The symposium in New York was very helpful because the presentations were specific to those legislators in leadership positions."

During the 3 days, topics included: The Power of Likeable Leaders, Leadership and the Art of Power with Pulitzer Prize Author Jon Meacham, Effective Communications Strategies, Telling Your Story and Making Your Point, 2015 U.S. Economic Outlook and the 2015 NCSL Leaders Programs Preview. The Symposium closed with a roundtable discussion on State Budgets and the Federal Fiscal Landscape.