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The 21st Legislature is underway; the 2002 Session convened on January 16. The next 60 working days will be intense. I've got 105 bills in the hopper; 65 were introduced by the 2002 session bill introduction deadline on January 25. The 40 bills I introduced last year during the 2001 Session are still alive and have been carried over to this session. Bringing governance closer to home is the thrust of SB's 2102, 3007 and 3018 to abolish the Board of Education and establish regional boards; SB's 2247 and 2248 transfer state parks and state highways, respectfully, to the counties; and SB 2272 moves regulation of cable TV to the counties. Taking care of our natural resources are the basic tenets of SB 2247 to reduce our dependency upon fossil fuels; SB 2278 encourages business investment in effi-



cient combined heat and power systems; SB's 2479, 2483, 2517, 2971 and 2972 eradicate pests and alien invasive species; SB 2898 protects Hawaii's caves; and SB 2932 funds State park acquisitions. To address a flagging economy, SB 2226 makes permanent the office of the small business defender; SB's 2473 and 2533 exempt professional employer organizations and retailers in the

East Maui enterprise zone from the general excise tax; SB's 3006 and 3024 invest in our public school facilities; and SB 2900 continues the emergency environmental workforce.

Requesting health and human services funding, SB 2227 seeks dental care funds; and SB's 2274, 2275, 2276 and 2591 appropriate monies to Maui AIDS, Maui Adult Day Care, Maui Food Bank and Hana Community Health Center.

This is a snapshot. You can find a complete listing at my web site, www.kalanienglish.com.

Mahalo for your calls, emails and letters. They keep me focused and direct my efforts to serve you.

Kalani English

International Relations



Student visitors to the State Capitol, particularly those from foreign countries, are amazed by the accessibility to lawmakers. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in shadowing programs throughout the session, and recently hosted Natalia Bakanova, a 17-year old student from Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, Russia. Natalia is enrolled in a program overseen by the Hawaii International Hospitality Center and is here in Hawaii for a year, living with her host family, the Kirkhill's of Kula, Maui.

Hawaii State and Fukuoka, Japan legislators commemorated the 20th anniversary of their Sister-Legislature relationship with a signing ceremony. I recently visited Fukuoka during the State's trade mission to China.



2002 Staff Introductions

Mele Carroll, Chief of Staff: Mele has worked with me since January 1998 when I was a Councilmember at the Maui County Council. Originally from Ewa Beach, Oahu, and graduate of James Campbell High School, Mele studied Business Administration at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, then moved to Maui in 1988. Prior to joining me at the Maui County Council, she worked for the Maui AIDS Foundation. Mele has served on the boards of the Cancer Society-Maui Branch, Maui Young Democrats, and Maui Adult Day Care Center and currently serves as Board President for the Maui AIDS Foundation.

Kalei Keolanui, Office Manager/Communications Specialist: Kalei is a lifelong resident of Lanikai, Oahu, and I've known Kalei since we were high school students at the Kamehameha Schools. She received both her B.A. and M.A. in English from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where, prior to joining my team, she was an English instructor and academic advisor.

Julie Hugo, Legislative Advisor: I'm glad to welcome Julie back for this 2002 Session. Julie was educated at the Kamehameha Schools and Stanford University. Raised in Montreal, Canada, and Kailua, Oahu, she has lived in the Piihonua area of Hilo, Hawaii, since 1990. Working in the Hawaii State Legislature has been on her list of "things to do" since 1983, when she first visited the Capitol to support funding for Destination Molokai Association and was "charged" by the experience. Prior to joining us, Julie was the Executive Director of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce.

Arati Clarry, Legislative Advisor: Arati Clarry is from Hilo, Hawaii. She went to school in Waimea and graduated from Hawaii Preparatory Academy. She is a recent graduate from Bryn Mawr College where she received a Bachelor's degree cum laude in The Growth and Structure of Cities. Arati joins Senator English's staff as a legislative advisor.



(l-r) Arati Clarry, Julie Hugo, Mele Carroll, and Kalei Keolanui

Opening Day 2002

Mahalo to Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom for her gift of song on Opening Day. Mahalo, too, to all of you who called with good wishes and to our many visitors. We were glad to hear from and see so many of you.



2002 Legislative Timetable

February

15th- First Lateral (House)

21st-27th- Mandatory 5 day recess

March

1st- Filing Deadline for First Decking

4th- One Day Recess

6th- One Day Recess

7th- First Crossover

13th- Last Day to intro substantive resolutions

22nd- Second Lateral

April

5th- Filing Deadline for Second Decking

8th- One Day Recess

10th- One Day Recess

11th- Last Day to Disagree

11th- Second Crossover

16th- One Day Recess

18th- Deadline for final form of constitutional amendments

22nd- Second Crossover for concurrent resolutions

25th- Last Day to file non-fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading

26th- Last to file fiscal bills to deck for final reading

29th- One Day Recess

May

1st- One Day Recess

2nd- Adjournment Sine Die

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