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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

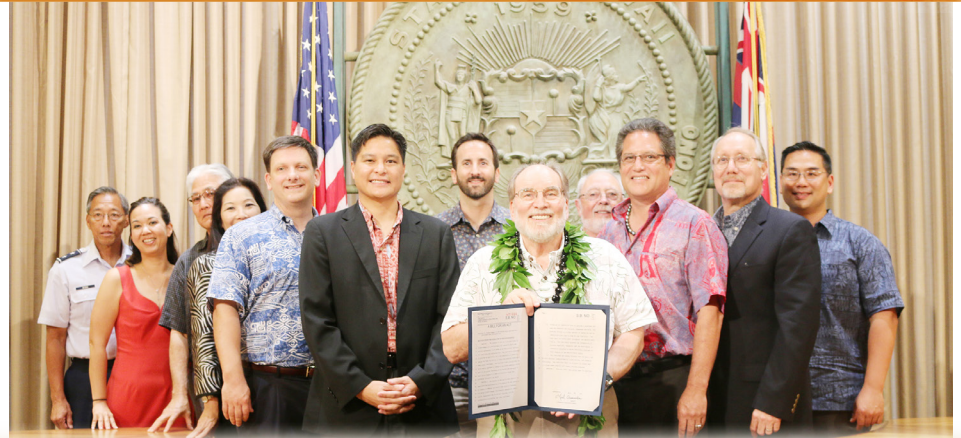
Sustainability and Resilience are old concepts for us in the islands, yet the rest of the world is catching up. We are beginning to value the idea of making sure we are able to meet our own demands as well as recover in case of a catastrophic event. Two significant measures have been put into operation –The Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability (PAIRS) and the Aloha + Challenge. As the primary introducer of both of these measures, it is my hope that we build a better society and that we acknowledge our own vulnerabilities. Our future depends on it.

I spent two days on Lāna'i, with inspections of our Airport, Harbor and Medical facilities, as well as meetings with local business leaders, groups and constituents. I am always impressed with the warm welcome Lāna'i shows each time I visit.

SENATOR J.KALANI ENGLISH

HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

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



SENATOR ENGLISH'S MEASURES ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE REALIZED

Sen. English, four county mayors, various legislators and Office of Hawaiian Affairs leaders were in attendance on July 7 at a ceremonial signing of the Aloha + Challenge which outlines energy, agriculture, and waste targets. Sen. English was the primary introducer of SCR 69, Endorsing and Supporting the Aloha + Challenge, which was adopted in April.

"The Aloha+ Challenge will help keep us on the path to a sustainable future through coordinated efforts and strategic investments," said Sen. English. "It's a commitment by the government and our partners to hit our goal marks for clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, waste reduction, smart sustainable communities, green jobs and education."

The Aloha+ Challenge sets six targets to be reached by 2030. They include: (1) 70 percent clean energy, including 40 percent from renewables and 30 percent from efficiency; (2) At least double the local food production with a goal of 20-30 percent of food consumed being grown locally; (3) Reverse the trend of natural resource loss by increasing watershed protection, community-based marine management, invasive species prevention and control, and restoration of native species; (4) Reduce the solid waste stream prior to disposal by 50 percent, through source reduction, recycling, and bioconversion; (5) Increase livability and resilience in the built environment through planning and implementation at the state and county levels; and (6) Increase local green jobs and education to implement these targets.

Also on July 7, Sen. English attended the bill signing ceremony for SB 2742. The bill, now **ACT 229**, establishes the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability, (**PAIRS**). Sen. English worked with stakeholders and colleagues throughout the 2014 legislative session to ensure its passage.

PAIRS creates a revolutionary and innovative public-private partnership to better approach community resilience and improve how the region addresses disruptive changes through global collaboration. It provides the structure and opportunity for a new generation of well-trained leaders to emerge who possess the skills and ability to address the region's risks from natural and man-made hazards.

"In Hawai'i, we have concerns about rising sea water threatening our shoreline and as lawmakers we are looking ahead at how we will face these challenges and adapt to changes," said Sen. English. "The foundation of the Institute is based on helping communities become resilient and sustainable through preventive measures, assess vulnerability, identify solutions and provide support."

Upon the establishment of **PAIRS** at the Hawai'i Pacific University (HPU), the Office of the Lieutenant Governor will act as the State's liaison to assist the Institute to: form partnerships with various entities from the public, private and civil sectors; facilitate 3 core initiatives: (1) Sustainability and the environment; (2) Global leadership and capacity building; and (3) Critical community

continuity, including all levels of security awareness.

Establishing **PAIRS** at HPU, we envision the creation of 3 research centers of excellence. These centers are: (1) Center for Cyber Leadership, serving as the initial innovation hub committed to revolutionizing leadership development, education and applied solutions; (2) Center for Sensemaking, bringing together experts from government, business, academia and the science and technology communities to address critical infrastructure; and (3) Center for Strategic Planning and Network Analysis, providing a hub for network and relationship science analytics with a comprehensive set of big data and analytic capabilities for a community.

The institute, with the aid of partners such as the Global Partnerships Forum of the United Nations, State Department of Defense, PACOM, Hawaiian Telcom, IBM, HPU and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) will engage in activities to achieve the 3 core initiatives.

"Thanks to the establishment of **PAIRS**, communities in the region will become resilient and sustainable through new solutions" said Sen. English. "It is a commitment by government and our partners to meet a new wave of global challenges that permeates the world and demands an innovative and revolutionary approach to enhance security, the economy and well-being of our residents."

For more information on SB 2742, visit: http://capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2742&year=2014

For more information on SCR 69, visit: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2014/bills/>



Maui Mayor Arakawa, Sen. English and Kauai Mayor Carvalho at a ceremonial signing of the Aloha + Challenge and ACT 229. July 7, 2014.

Sen. English joined 'ohana, friends, business and government leaders from the Moloka'i community on July 16 to celebrate Enterprise and its brand, Alamo Rent A Car's 5 years of operation on the island of Moloka'i. Alamo Rent A Car is the only rental car business on the island.

"I was honored to share in the special day and proud to present a proclamation to the Enterprise team on Moloka'i," said Sen. English. "Alamo Rent A Car stepped in 5 years ago and made a commitment to provide a valuable transportation service to the residents, guests, businesses and community on Moloka'i. I also appreciate their outstanding leadership and thank them for providing the much needed jobs that helps Moloka'i and consequently affects the economy of the entire State."



Above - Alamo dedicated staff members gather to celebrate five years of serving Moloka'i visitors.

Right - Sen. English presents Senate Proclamation to Yolanda Uhinui, Alamo Area Manager. July 16, 2014.



CELL PHONE AND DRIVING LAW AMENDED

Thanks to a measure introduced by Sen. English, SB 2729, now ACT 74, changes to the use of mobile electronic devices while operating a vehicle took effect on July 1.

The amendments are: Exempts drivers who are completely stopped and pulled over in a safe zone with their engines off; Makes a violation a traffic infraction (eliminating the need to go to court); and, Changes the fines for violations to a flat fee of \$250 and \$300 for violations in a school or construction zone.

\$320,000 FOR HĀNA HIGHWAY BRIDGE PRESERVATION PLAN

Community meetings are currently being conducted by the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to gather information on the development of a preservation plan document for the 43 or more DOT bridges and structures within the Hāna Highway Historic District. All of which, are listed on the state and national registers of historic places.

"We recognize the importance of maintaining the historic nature of our bridges, yet we have to ensure the safety of our highways in and out of Hāna," said Sen. English.

The document will provide the DOT with a comprehensive plan to manage these bridges, taking into consideration their historic value, public safety and federal funding options. The scope of the project is similar to the County of Maui Bridges preservation plan and may include: 1) Review of previous Historic Bridge Inventory and Evaluation studies; 2) Review of preservation

and rehabilitation guidelines for historic bridges; 3) Prepare an inventory of historic character-defining features for the affected bridges; 4) Review public safety considerations including applicable design standards, National Bridge Inspection Program standards and ratings, and tort liability issues; 5) Review federal funding alternatives; 6) Conduct community and agencies consultation; and 7) Develop recommendations in consideration of historic preservation, public safety, funding alternatives, and community and agencies input. All of this shall be documented in a final report. A specific preservation plan for each bridge or affected structure shall be developed and included in the report.

"I am pleased funds for the Hāna Highway State Bridge Preservation Plan was released and work on the plan has begun," said Sen. English. "The bridges along Hāna Highway is part of the character of our district and cannot simply be replaced. This plan takes us in the right direction."

\$500,000 RELEASED FOR LĀNA'I COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (LCHC) FACILITY

LĀNA'I MEETINGS AND SITE VISITS

"My colleagues and I worked hard to secure this funding in the state budget to help fund the LCHC project," said Sen. English, "The people of Lāna'i deserve a new center in a prime location to provide better access for those who need these types of necessary healthcare and dental services. With its larger design in a central location, more people in this remote area will receive care from top-knotch professionals."

LCHC serves over a thousand patients of the estimated island population of 3,100 residents. The new facility will be five times larger than the existing clinic and will contain nine exam rooms, dental and general lab facilities, conference and general administrative office facilities.

"The healthcare providers at LCHC have over the years shown their commitment to the people of Lāna'i," said Sen. English, "I applaud the Center's officials and staff on the work they have done to see this new facility come to fruition."

For more information please visit: <http://www.lanaicommunityhealthcenter.org/index.php/about-us/our-board-of-directors/>



Sen. English traveled to Lāna'i on July 23rd and 24th to conduct site visits and meet with various groups and constituents. First, Sen. English attended a community luncheon. Later, he toured Lāna'i Airport and Kaunalapau Harbor with Department of Transportation (DOT) Director Ford Fuchigami and officials from the airports and harbors divisions.

Sen. English's visit included: tours of Lāna'i Community Health Center, the Senior Center and Lāna'i Hospital. He also met with members from Lāna'i Changes and Pūlama Lāna'i as well as various constituents to discuss their mana'o and any concerns regarding the future of Lāna'i.



HIGHLIGHTS THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICT AND BEYOND



Sen. English touring the new renovations to Lānaʻi Community Hospital. July 24 2014.



Sen. English visits Auntie Elaine Cockett. Lānaʻi City. July 23, 2014.



Sen. English with long-time friend and Lānaʻi resident Annie Heid. Lānaʻi City. July 23, 2014.



Sen. English and DCCA Director Kealiʻi Lopez after testifying at the Time Warner-Comcast transfer of franchise public hearing on Maui. July 15, 2014.



Meeting of Emergency Personnel for East Maui, Hāna Fire Station. July 9, 2014.

HIGHLIGHTS THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICT AND BEYOND



Los Angeles Harbor Facilities tours with Hawai'i Department of Transportation and the Hawai'i Harbor Users Group. July 17, 2014.



Sen. English enjoyed one of his favorite district events, The Annual 4th of July Makawao Rodeo Parade. July 4, 2014.



State Budget Director Kalbert K. Young and Sen. English on an overnight visit aboard the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan. July 11, 2014.



View of Kosrae Island, Federated States of Micronesia. July 1, 2014. (see story on pg 6)

J. KALANI ENGLISH HAWAII STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

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PACIFIC REGIONAL ADVISORY MEETING IN KOSRAE MICRONESIA

Sen. English attended the Joint Board Meeting of the Pacific Regional Comprehensive Center (PRCC) and the **Regional Educational Laboratory (REL)** Pacific on June 30 – July 1 in Tofol, Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia. PRCC is part of the federal Comprehensive Centers Program designed to help States assist districts and schools in meeting student achievement goals. REL Pacific is one of 10 Regional Educational Laboratories established and funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is housed at McREL International's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds, a private non-profit education research corporation in Honolulu, Hawai'i. The board welcomed new constituent member, Sen. English, who contributes valuable policy, legislative, and broad Pacific experience and perspective. The board is composed of the chief state school officers in the U.S.-affiliated Pacific. The goal of the REL is to help education stakeholders use research and evidence to inform practice and policy for school improvement.

"I have been engaged in many issues that affect the Pacific region for more than 25 years," noted Sen. English. "Each of the 10 Pacific Island entities in REL is unique, but we all share the Pacific Ocean as home and the future of children depends on what we do today."

REL Pacific identifies regional needs through comprehensive reviews of education system data, interviews with education staff and contact with field and support partners. Key stakeholders work collaboratively to address problems of high priority and relevance to Pacific education, including teacher effectiveness, family and community engagement, college and career readiness.

"As a state lawmaker, I understand the importance of collaboration," adds Sen. English, "With private and non-profit partnerships working together with government, we can improve the health of our educational systems and solve problems that exist and persist in our regional schools."



Nolan Malone, Vice President of Pacific Operations and Jean Isip Schneider, Consulting Manager, McREL International's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds with Sen. English, Kosrae, June 30, 2014.

At the board meeting, members discussed the priority topics of strengthening teacher effectiveness, optimizing data systems, college and career readiness, and engaging families and communities in education. Members provided feedback on REL work and planned for future work in collaboration with the Pacific Region Comprehensive Center. "I am pleased to be a part of this educational endeavor for the benefit of us all," noted Sen. English.

For information visit: <http://relpacific.mcrel.org>



Sen. English meets with Grant Ismal, Administrator, Kosrae Visitors Bureau in Tofol, Kosrae.



FSM Secretary Rufino Maricio, Ph.D. and Palau Minister of Education, Sinton Soalablai participate in REL discussions, Tofol, Kosrae.



Attendees of the Pacific Regional Comprehensive Center and REL Pacific Board Meeting in Kosrae, July 1, 2014.

(L - R) Sinton Soalablai, Minister of Education, Republic of Palau; Wilson Kephos, Kosrae Department of Education; Marilyn Low, Pacific Resources for Education and Learning; Joseph Villazon, Director of Education, Pohnpei State; Gardenia Aisek-Macayaon, Director of Education, Chuuk State; Rufino Mauricio, Secretary of Education, Federated States of Micronesia; Hilda Heine, Minister of Education, Republic of the Marshall Islands; Vincent Parren, Director of Education, Yap State; Christine Sorenson, PREL; Jim Arenovski, Business Owner, CNMI; Maridel Perez, Guam Department of Education; Sen. English, Hawai'i; Nolan Malone, Vice President of Pacific Operations, McREL Int. Pacific Center for Changing the Odds.