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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

With the hustle and bustle around the State Capitol before conference, the Hōkūle'a and her crew offered a pleasant reminder of days and times long past. We must remember that the Hōkūle'a is more than just a canoe, it is a symbol of hope and inspiration. As legislators and policy makers we should take the message of their worldwide voyage, "Mālama Honua" to heart; Care for the Earth.

In this issue, we welcome Hawaiian Airlines' return to the islands of Moloka'i and Lāna'i, we congratulate the Maui District teacher of the year, Anthony Kamaka'eu Williams of Pā'ia Elementary School and welcome His Excellency Anote Tong, President of Kiribati on his visit to Hawai'i. We also say thank you, farewell and good luck to the Hōkūle'a and her crew as they continue on their worldwide voyage.

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



HAWAIIAN AIRLINES RETURNS AIR SERVICE TO LĀNA'I AND MOLOKA'I

'Ohana by Hawaiian, ('Ohana) a new interisland subsidiary of Hawaiian Airlines launched its inaugural flight from Honolulu to Moloka'i on March 11. Sen. English was among the passengers on the flight, which included: Hawaiian Airlines President and CEO Mark Dunkerley; Maui County Council Member, Stacy Helm Crivello; Hadden Watt, managing director of the subsidiary; and Sig Zane, who created the aircraft exterior design that consists of three kapa patterns: kalo (taro) representing family, manu (bird) representing where we come from and piko (navel) representing ancestry.

At least 500 people coming from all over Moloka'i gathered to enthusiastically greet the aircraft. There was a traditional Hawaiian greeting, blessing, entertainment and food. "It was a special day for Moloka'i and its residents. The last time Hawaiian Airlines flew to Moloka'i was 10 years ago and we were excited to welcome them back. The 'Ohana by Hawaiian operation will better serve our residents while creating more than 100 new jobs locally."

A week later, on March 18, 'Ohana also launched its inaugural flight from Honolulu to Lāna'i.

Sen. English was among the passengers on 'Ohana's celebratory flight on March 20th from Honolulu to Lāna'i City. He also participated in the official community festivities welcoming the return of Hawaiian Airlines to the island of Lāna'i.

In its 85th year of continuous service, Hawaiian Airlines is the state's biggest and longest serving airline. Hawaiian has been recognized as one of the best airlines in America and is the nation's number one on-time carrier. Now, besides the approximately 117 daily jet flights between the Islands, Hawaiian adds twice daily turboprop service from Honolulu to Lāna'i and thrice flights daily between Honolulu and Moloka'i.

"I was humbled by Hawaiian Airlines' invitation to take the flights, provide remarks and tour the aircraft. Hawaiian Airlines is establishing a network of safe and reliable routes that connect families and friends daily."



Maui County Councilmember Stacy Helm Crivello, Hawaiian Airlines' President & CEO Mark Dunkerley and Senator English with Moloka'i students at the blessing ceremony of Hawaiian Airlines' return to the island. March 11, 2014.

ANTHONY KAMAKA'EU WILLIAMS OF PĀ'IA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINS MAUI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Hawai'i State Senate recognized Anthony Kamaka'eu Williams in a special presentation on the chamber's floor for being named the 2014 Maui School District Teacher of the Year. Williams is a fourth grade Hawaiian language immersion teacher at Pā'ia Elementary School. Williams was one of seven District Teacher of the Year recipients and will receive a monetary award from the Polynesian Cultural Center and gifts of instructional software from SMART Technologies for this honor.

"I commend Kumu Kamaka'eu for this great honor. His passion for the Hawaiian language and teaching students is inspirational to all educators," said Sen. English. "Just 30 years ago, the Hawaiian language was close to becoming extinct. The Hawaiian language lives on thanks to committed teachers such as Kumu Kamaka'eu who have dedicated their lives to the Hawaiian Immersion Program."



Maui Senators congratulate Kumu Kamaka'eu from Pā'ia Elementary who was recognized as Maui District Teacher of the Year. March 22, 2014.

Kumu Kamaka'eu is an extraordinary educator who was also voted Maui Hawaiian Immersion Teacher of the Year in 2012. He has also helped to create the Hawai'i Aligned Portfolio Assessment (HAPA), a portfolio based high stakes assessment used prior to the Hawai'i State Assessment to determine if Hawaiian Immersion schools made adequate yearly progress.

Kumu Kamaka'eu's passion for the Hawaiian language and teaching students extends beyond the classroom. He leads several extra curricular activities in Hawaiian language in order to provide a Hawaiian language environment to students outside of the school day. He coaches soccer and softball in Hawaiian. He also founded and co-directs Kā Pa Hula o ka Ulu Koa, a hālau hula that is taught exclusively in the Hawaiian language. For many students who participate in these after school activities, it is the only exposure they have to the Hawaiian language beyond the classroom.



Education Week at the State Capitol. Elementary, Middle, High School students and Community Colleges showcased their talent and programs. March 10 - 14, 2014.



MAUI'S KEONE KALI CONFIRMED AS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE HAWAII OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY



Maui Senators congratulate Keone Kali, Chief Information Officer. March 17, 2014.

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The Senate confirmed Keone Kali as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the Hawai'i Office of Information Management and Technology. Kali previously served as the State's Deputy CIO for operations and was appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to fill outgoing CIO Sanjeev Bhagowalia's position when he was appointed as Chief Advisor for Technology and Cyber-Security. Kali also served as the Director of Information Technology and acting Chief Technology Officer for the Pacific Disaster Center on Maui and the CIO for the City of Beverly Hills.

"I am pleased that my colleagues joined me in confirming Keone Kali as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the State of Hawai'i," said Sen. English, "With nearly twenty years of experience in information technology, business development and management, I believe that Kali is the best person to lead the State's 12-year technology plan to modernize its IT systems."

The plan also emphasizes open government, a concept that has been the centerpiece of Bhagowalia's IT career. It will reinforce the state's e-gov goals by improving mobile and online access to all government services.

SENATOR ENGLISH WELCOMES HIS EXCELLENCY ANOTE TONG, PRESIDENT OF KIRIBATI

Sen. English was honored to introduce His Excellency Anote Tong, the President of Kiribati, at a special public lecture on, "The Impacts of Climate Change on Kiribati and the Pacific Islands Region: Risk and Resilience," at the Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center of the East-West Center. This was President Tong's first official visit to the East-West Center.



*Above - Sen. English greets His Excellency Anote Tong upon his arrival at the East-West Center. March 13, 2014.
Below - President Tong delivers his address to a full house at the East-West Center. March 13, 2014.*

President Tong was first elected President in 2003 and is a leading international voice on the issue of climate change. As head of one of the world's atoll nations, President Tong is an advocate on the urgent need for action to address issues associated with the effects of rising sea levels.

"Our topic today is more important than ever before and President Tong has been at the forefront of the international movement to take collective global action on this existential issue. It is an issue I am committed to working on here in Hawai'i Nei," said Sen. English.

"I know that if we work even more closely with our neighbors in Kiribati, the prospects for preventing the disastrous consequences of climate change and sea level rise will be greatly enhanced."



MAUI COUNTY SENATE TEAM WELCOMES STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Maui members of the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities met with their Senators and Representatives on March 13, 2014 during their annual day at the Capitol. This meeting gave caregivers and providers the opportunity to participate in the legislative process, discuss issues and concerns relating to intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as tour the Hawai'i State Capitol. For many attendees, this was their first time to participate in the legislative process.

"I know that the services that we provide are important and it was good to hear them express their thoughts and concerns on these issues," said Sen. English.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Hawai'i and is part of a nationwide campaign to raise public awareness and build understanding. "Ability at Work," the 2014 theme for National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, encourages people to understand that when individuals with disabilities are welcomed into local workplaces, neighborhoods and schools, everyone benefits. "We should recognize that all individuals have talents and abilities to contribute," added Sen. English.



Senator English visits with advocates for early education. March 19, 2014.



Senator English visits with farmers from Moloka'i. March 19, 2014.



Senator English being interviewed by Kristine Uyeno of KHON2. The interview can be seen here: <http://khon2.com/2014/03/18/lawmaker-discusses-options-once-go-airlines-departs/>

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BON VOYAGE HÖKÜLE'A



Sen. English and colleagues recognized and honored the crew of the Hōkūle'a during a special Senate floor presentation as they prepare for the second leg of their worldwide voyage, aptly referred to as "Mālama Honua," or "Care for the Earth." After session, the honorees: Nainoa Thompson, Jenna Ishii, Lehua Kamalu, Marisa Hayase and Clyde Aikau were invited to the Lt. Governor's office where they met with the Governor, Lt. Governor, Senate President and Senate members to discuss the past, present and future of the Hōkūle'a .

The worldwide voyage is projected to take four years to complete using traditional Polynesian navigation methods and will cover 47,000 miles, which includes visits to twenty-six countries and forty-five ports. The crew consists of 260 individuals from 16 countries including navigators, students, educators, scientists, documenters, medic, cultural leaders and global ambassadors.

The Hōkūle'a is a wa'a kaulua, Polynesian double-hulled voyaging canoe. In 1976, Hōkūle'a sailed from Hawai'i to Tahiti proving that vast Pacific voyages by traditional vessels using Polynesian navigation techniques without Western navigational instruments were possible. The successful trip, reconnected the peoples of the Pacific and sparked cultural revitalization of Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

Since 1976, Hōkūle'a has completed voyages to Micronesia, Polynesia, Japan, Canada and the West Coast of the United States using ancient Polynesian navigational techniques. The canoe is only one component of a successful voyage. In 1975, to sail without instruments required the knowledge of master navigator Mau Piailug of Micronesia since no one living in Hawai'i knew the ancient techniques for long distance ocean voyaging. Over the years, Mau's mentorship led to a renaissance of Hawaiian culture, voyaging and non-instrument navigation that soon spread across the Pacific.



Top - The Senate recognizes and honors the crew of the Hōkūle'a. Above - Nainoa Thompson shared with the State Senate an overview of the Worldwide Voyage. March 10, 2014.

Legendary North Shore big wave surfer and lifeguard, Eddie Aikau became a part of the Hawaiian Renaissance and was a team member on the second Tahiti voyage of the Hōkūle'a in 1978. Shortly after departing from O'ahu, the Hōkūle'a capsized in high wind and seas off Moloka'i. Valiantly, Eddie attempted to paddle to Lāna'i for help and vanished. The canoe carries a plaque in his memory. In the aftermath, voyages of the Hōkūle'a were accompanied by an escort vessel.

On March 24, the committees on Technology and the Arts; Hawaiian Affairs; and Transportation and International Affairs, chaired by Sen. English passed Senate Resolution 35 and Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 70 urging the Governor to proclaim 2014 as the Year of the Worldwide Voyage while SCR 71 urges the state and state entities to support the Hōkūle'a and their crew as they journey around the world.

"Hōkūle'a is more than a canoe, it is a symbol of hope and inspiration," said Sen. English, "As she travels around the world, she will share Hawaiian knowledge and practices, raise awareness about the importance of our natural resources and teach keiki the value of hope and about our shared responsibility for respecting each other and the caring for the earth."