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## HAWAI'I INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS MONTH

Legislators joined the Governor on February 9 to present awards to individuals and organizations for their work in combating invasive species throughout the islands. For the first time, the State of Hawai'i is hosting the inaugural Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Month (HISAM) for the month of February. HISAM is an expansion on the past five years of hosting the Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Week (HISAW) and is organized in coordination with the United States National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) and regional Pacific Invasive Species Awareness efforts.

In 2003, the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) was established to provide policy level direction, coordination, and planning among Federal and State agencies, and international and local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species throughout Hawai'i.

At the awards, Sen. English and Rep. DeCoite presented the 2018 Maui County MVP to William "Butch" Haase of the Moloka'i Land Trust for his work on Moloka'i in removing invasive species and restoring natural habitats. Butch is the current and founding Executive Director for Moloka'i Land Trust, where he has worked for the past nine and a half years. Butch has worked on Moloka'i removing invasive species and restoring native ecosystems since 1995, where he has been actively engaged with the community in overseeing the protection of nearly 2,000 acres and five miles of shoreline on the Mokia and Kawaikapu Preserve .

## MESSAGE FROM KALANI

By the middle of February, the Capitol is full of activity. Hearings are conducted daily from morning to evening, numerous awards are presented to individuals and organizations, groups host gatherings to display their products and services, and many meetings are held.

Although, the atmosphere seems hectic at times, my staff and I are here to keep you informed so that you can be an active participant in the political process.

*Top: Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Month. Legislators and the Governor with the 2018 HISC award winners. Feb. 9, 2018.*

*Right: Sen. English and Rep. DeCoite presenting the Maui MVP award to William "Butch" Haase of Moloka'i Land Trust (From L to R: Rep. DeCoite, Butch Haase, Joyce Haase and Sen. English). Feb. 9, 2018.*



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## HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS MONTH CONTINUED

Pūlama Lāna'i Natural Resource Program was also honored as the 2018 Business Leader for their efforts to minimize the introduction of invasive species to Lāna'i. The organization has taken biosecurity of the island seriously and ensured in-house funding and technical capacity for shipment inspections and implementing a rigorous approach to early detection and rapid response.

"Both awardees, display great leadership in implementing measures to protect Hawai'i's threatened and endangered species from invasive predators," said Sen. English. "Their work is of much value and a key component in ensuring the conservation of native species and ecosystems in Hawai'i."



Sen. English and Rep. DeCoite presenting the 2018 Business Leader award to Pūlama Lāna'i representatives. Feb. 9, 2018.

Other HISC Awards Winners are:

O'ahu MVP: The Honolulu Board of Water Supply for their efforts to include watershed protection as key component of their Water Master Plan and Watershed Management Plans.

Greatest Hit 2018: Tyler Bogardus for his efforts to protect endangered species from invasive rodents on the Island of O'ahu.

Hawai'i Island MVP: Franny Kinslow Brewer for her dedication to educating the public about invasive species issues on the island of Hawai'i.

Community Hero: Bob and Pam Warren for their ongoing efforts related to the planning and removal of the invasive algae in Kilauea stream on Kauai.

Kauai County MVP: Kelsey Brock for her efforts to develop a comprehensive Prioritization and Feasibility of Control assessment tool for new and current KISC eradication targets.

## THE HAWAII OCEAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN (ORMP) DASHBOARD

The Office of Planning's Coastal Zone Management Program announces the launch of the Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Dashboard. The Office of Planning is a state agency, attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), that gathers, analyzes and provides information to the governor to assist in the overall analysis and formulation of state policies and strategies.

Three perspectives guide the plan: connecting land and sea; preserving our ocean heritage; and promoting collaboration and stewardship. This framework acknowledges the interconnected nature of the ecological, social, cultural, and economic dynamics that occur from mauka to makai.

In 2013, during the public outreach process a state performance measures website was requested as a means to evaluate the implementation of ORMP's stated objectives. The ORMP Dashboard was created to fulfill this request and provide a platform for ongoing information sharing. The website assesses progress in fulfilling ORMP's management priorities and goals by tracking 84 metrics, indicators of performance or progress. The Dashboard is also the result of cooperation and commitment on the part of Hawai'i's state agencies, county and federal partners, non-governmental organizations, and private parties dedicated to the collaborative management of Hawai'i's invaluable resources.

"The Dashboard is an important public resource that monitors how the agencies are taking actions to achieve the goals stated in the Ocean Resources Management Plan," emphasizes Sen. English. "More importantly, now through the Dashboard the public can monitor the actions that are taken to advance state policies and strategies."

The ORMP Dashboard may be viewed at: [dashboard.hawaii.gov/stat/goals/25ji-kwv7](https://dashboard.hawaii.gov/stat/goals/25ji-kwv7).

The ORMP Dashboard page is:

[planning.hawaii.gov/czm/ocean-resources-management-plan-ormp/ocean-resources-management-plan-dashboard/](https://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/ocean-resources-management-plan-ormp/ocean-resources-management-plan-dashboard/)



### FUNDS RELEASED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

\$1,500,000 in funds were released by the Governor for lot development and infrastructure improvements at the Hawaiian Home Lands in Ho'olehua, Moloka'i.

\$200,000 was released by the Governor to finance design and construction for covered walkways at Makawao Elementary School.

# SENATE COMMITTEES ADVANCE THE 17 UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Senate Committees on Agriculture & Environment; Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health; Education; Economic Development, Tourism & Technology; Government Operations; Human Services; Judiciary; Labor; Transportation & Energy; Water & Land; and Ways and Means, heard and passed all Senate Bills (SB2661-SB2678, except SB27673, which is incorporated in SB2661) that relate to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Sen. English introduced the bills as the Senate Package.

The bills codify the SDGs based on the United Nations' Global Goals and indicators. In January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by world leaders in September 2015 officially came into force. While the SDGs are not legally binding, governments are expected to establish frameworks for achieving the goals.

In January, the Hawai'i State Senate announced its intention to enact the

17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into state law this legislative session to achieve the sustainability of Hawai'i's people, communities, natural resources and economic prosperity.

"I am pleased that my colleagues fully support the enactment of the 17 sustainable development goals into state law," remarks Sen. English. "Their action shows that the Senate is committed to achieving a sustainable Hawai'i for all and places the State at the forefront in the Nation and among other countries of the world. This ensures the conservation and sustainable use of the land and sea, promoting sustainable agriculture and food security, poverty eradication, reducing climate change and providing equality in the workplace and global justice for all to live peacefully."

To view the Senate's commitment to the 17 SDGs, go to:  
<https://www.hawaiisenatemajority.com/2018-senate-legislative-program>

## SENATOR ENGLISH'S BILLS PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE

The following is a list of Senator English's bills that are also advancing this session. For the status of a bill or to submit testimony go to: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>

**SB 2680** Requires the legislative reference bureau to conduct a study on the impact of the weighted student formula on small and remote schools to determine whether the formula fulfills its statutory purpose of equalizing operational funding among the State's public schools.

**SB 2684** Clarifies what pedestrians are required to do in a crosswalk with a countdown timer.

**SB 2685** Exempts the gross proceeds of any qualified small farmer from the general excise tax.

**SB 2686** Prohibits the issuance of new building permits unless it is established that the building will be furnished with equipment that allows for the collection and future use of gray water.

**SB 2687 SD1** Appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i to translate the Hawai'i State Constitution into the Hawaiian language and appropriates funds to the Judiciary for Hawaiian language interpreters.

**SB 2691** Allows boards to file a copy of the notice of public meetings with the office of the lieutenant governor or appropriate county clerk's office via electronic mail.

**SB 2693** Makes an appropriation to the temporary commission on the thirteenth festival of Pacific arts to plan for the historic event occurring in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27, 2020.

**SB 2885** Clarifies the intent of the small business regulatory review board's power when reviewing state and county administrative rules that affect small businesses.

**SB 2886** Amends descriptions of capital improvement projects related to East Maui Water Systems in the General Appropriations Act of 2015.

**SB 2887** Appropriates moneys for events recognizing the twenty-fifth anniversary of the sister state relationship between Hawai'i and Taiwan.

**SB 2888** Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for appropriation funds to the department of transportation to plan, design, and construct the Pa'ia bypass.

**SB 2984** Excludes from any waiting list maintained by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands any lessee or successor who sells or transfers their lease on a tract of Hawaiian home lands.

**SB 2986** Requires two hours of annual in-service training in suicide prevention for all teachers, principals, and school counselors.

**SB 3067** Establishes requirements and procedures for a real estate investment trust to file tax returns and payments. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2018.

**SB 3068** Implements the recommendations of the **Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report** issued by the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission.

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**2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
HIGHLIGHTS**



*Clockwise from top:*

*Hawai'i State Senate participating in National Wear Red Day to show their support for the awareness of heart disease. Feb. 2, 2018.*

*Sen. English met with the Moloka'i Child Abuse Prevention Pathways regarding the grand-in-aid application (From L to R: Paula Morelli, Sen. English and Elizabeth Fujii). Feb. 13, 2018.*

*Sen. English is joined by Sen. Tokuda and Rep. Cullen at the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) Innovation and Tech Day at the Capitol. Feb. 9, 2018.*

*Senate Committee on Labor voted to advise and consent on the nomination of Leonard Hoshijo as the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Feb. 9, 2018.*

*Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy voted to advise and consent on the nomination of Jade Butay as Director of the Department of Transportation and Roy Catalani as Deputy Director (From L to R: Sen. Harimoto, Sen. English, Sen. Espero, Jade Butay, Roy Catalani, Sen. Inouye and Sen. Shimabukuro). Feb. 7, 2018.*

