



## Senator J. Kalani English 6th District

HANA, EAST & UPCOUNTY MAUI,  
MOLOKA`I, LANA`I & KAHO`OLAWÉ

Chair of Senate Committee  
on Energy and the  
Environment



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## Voice For Hawai`i's Environment

Every action I take affects you in some way...

I remember this with each decision I make

### Support for United Nations: A Pathway to Peace

I introduced a Resolution in the Senate urging the President of the United States to support multilateral action in our conflict with Iraq. Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 21 and Senate Resolution (SR) 11 seeks to promote a peaceful solution to the Iraq situation, minimizing the risk of war and the serious effects it would have on our island people and economy. Though I am in full support of our brave soldiers during conflict that may ensue, I am also dedicated to keeping them out of harms way by urging our President to work in concert with the United Nations Security Council and under established international laws and norms. Though SCR 21 and SR 11 have been deferred in the Senate's Committee on Transportation, Military Affairs and Government Operations (TMG), the majority of the Senate have committed their support for this measure and the values it seeks to promote. We shall continue to strive for peaceful solutions to our global conflicts, remembering always that our greatest American right is our ability to contribute a voice for freedom.

See text of Resolution at: [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/scr21\\_.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/scr21_.htm)

### Aliens in Your Yard

Alien and invasive species are a serious threat to our health, environment and economy affecting the lifestyle of our islands. Since immediate action is necessary to combat pests such as *Miconia sp.*, *Salvinia sp.*, fire ants and the coqui frogs, I introduced Senate Bills 854, 857 and 1517, among others, which protect private, public and natural land areas, as well as funding for control and eradication programs.

### Savor Hawai`i's Clean Water

Hawai`i has some of the most beautiful ocean and fresh water in the world, and as pollution levels rise, protection is needed. To address this, I introduced Senate Bills 485 and 503. These bills sought to protect our water from pollution, such as cruise ship's effluent sewage, ballast water release as well as urban run-off. Unfortunately, these bills were not passed out of the TMG Committee; leaving Hawai`i's oceans, beaches, aquifers and aquatic life vulnerable.

## Together We Shape Hawai`i's Future

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## Setting the Standard



Nick, Jodie, En, Beth, Chris and Libby

### **Elsbeth (Beth) Mckeen, Office Manager**

As a lawyer, scholar and teacher, Beth comes with an abundance of knowledge and a great work ethic. As she was raised and educated on O`ahu and lived for twenty years on the Big Island, she is familiar with Hawai`i's history, culture, traditions and language.

### **En Young, Committee Clerk**

Born and raised on the Island of Hawai`i, and a world traveler, En contributes a vast wealth of information. He began studies in both Environmental Engineering and Communications and his strong will to create high standards for Hawai`i drew him into politics.

### **Jodie Holloway, Environmental Advisor**

With an Environmental Science Degree specialized in Environmental Science, a Technological Diploma of Environmental Science and a Diploma in Documentary Film Making, catered from an environmental perspective, Jodie aids in decisions regarding Hawai`i's environment.

### **Nick Oocchipinti, Policy Analyst**

Nick has a Degree in Political Science specialized in international politics as well as war and peace studies that is valuable for political analyzing and advising. He has a strong interest in alternative energy sources.

### **Libby Kimball, Receptionist**

Libby was born and raised on Moloka`i and comes to us with a delightful personality and five years of experience at the Capitol. Her expertise in management came from being a former Supervisor and Receptionist, as well as a Master of Ceremonies.

### **Chris Martelles, Legislative Aide**

Only three months away from receiving his degree in Political Science that emphasizes environmental politics, Chris joins our collaborative team for his second year at the Capitol. He has a strong commitment for preserving and restoring Hawai`i's environment and has contributed to reforestation projects on his home island of Maui.

## The Race to Renewables

My vision for the future of Hawai`i is clean, green and sustainable. Today we are at a great energy impasse; will we continue to consume fossil fuels or will we champion the clean technologies of the future? I have led the charge in the Senate for alternative energies; including bills to power all state facilities with solar power, renewable energy tax credits and the regulation of power plants. This balanced approach will integrate fossil fuel alternatives and create pathways to reduce Hawai`i's dependence on fossil fuels.

### Focusing on the Future...

## Money for Your Neighborhood

### Capital Improvement Projects

I introduced Senate Bill 1702, as an initiative to allocate money for improving the neighborhoods within my district. Below is a summary showing the division of funds; see SB1702 at the Capitol web site:

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1702\\_.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1702_.htm) for an in depth outline of the appropriations.

#### Maui

- Bikeway pullout: \$200,000
- Firebrick road bypass construction: \$19,525,000
- Road improvements: \$38,322,000
- School improvements: \$13,700,000

#### Lana`i

- Agricultural park: \$450,000
- Community kitchen: \$81,000
- Hospital improvements: \$25,000
- School improvements: \$2,943,000
- Veterans cemetery construction: \$100,000

#### Moloka`i

- Bridge next to Meyer's place: \$221,000
- Cultural center at Malama and Palaaau Parks : \$200,000
- Electric plant cleanup & construction: \$950,000
- Highway improvements: \$5,383,000
- Kalaupapa museum plans: \$585,000
- School improvements: \$1,020,000

## Leading to Reflect Today and Tomorrow's Vision

### Get Involved

Go to: [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)  
Click on: "Bill Status & Docs"  
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I welcome your comments.....