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Keeping a clear vision on what has worked
in the past and what needs to change for the future

Working Together with Communities



Community meeting with residents on Moloka`i



Greetings from Kalaupapa resident Puna Ramos

Lana`i's Wish Becomes Reality

Ceremonies launching the new Manele Small Boat Harbor on Lana`i occurred on Saturday February 23rd, 2003. I worked together with Representative Sol Kaho`ohalahala, (13th House District: East Maui, Moloka`i, Lana`i, Kaho`olawe), Mason Young (Department of Land and Natural Resources, DLNR), and Manuel Emiliano (DLNR), to successfully secure \$600,000 in funds from various State and Federal sources. The ramp will be moved 15 feet inland and extended from 60 to 80 feet; the area in front of it will be dredged for safe boat launching. In an effort to upgrade the harbor facilities infrastructure, parking and landscaping, I introduced Senate Bill 1207, which appropriates \$4,043,538 for the improvements.

Read the press release at:

http://www.kalanienglish.com/pressrelease_030227.html.

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Moving Forward...

Of the 135 Senate Bills I introduced this legislative session, 32 have moved over for hearings in the House and are summarized below. Click on the links to see the full text or go to www.capitol.hawaii.gov, click on "Bill Status & Docs" and search for resolution text and status.

Focusing on Environmental Safeguarding

SB 505: [appropriation for the emergency environmental workforce](#)
SB 840 SD1: [addresses environmental impact statements](#)
SB 843 SD1: [relates to conservation of aquatic life, wildlife and land plants](#)
SB 857 SD2: [establishes the invasive species law](#)
SB 1517 SD2: [relates to environmental protection using conveyance tax](#)
SB 1593 SD1: [relates to environmental justice](#)

Relating to Energy

SB 492: [energy efficiency in state facilities](#)
SB 506: [relates to geothermal royalties](#)
SB 855 SD1: [relates to energy systems](#)
SB 1239 SD1: [relates to bio-diesel fuel/ bans grease from landfills](#)

Addressing Hawaiian Homelands

SB 381 SD2: [appropriation for payment of damages](#)
SB 477 SD1: [relates to Hawaiian homelands commission act](#)
SB 638 SD1: [relates to Hawaiian homes commission](#)

Relating to Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

SB 489: [requires a management audit of the PUC](#)
SB 498 SD2: [establishes a web site for PUC](#)

Taxation

SB 377 SD1: [provides tax credit for private development at Ko Olina](#)

Accreted Lands

SB 378 SD1: [amends provisions relating to public land](#)

Federal Funds

SB 386: [relates to utilization of federal funds](#)

Technology

SB 425 SD2: [relates to high technology](#)

Economic Development

SB 426 SD1: [relates to economic development](#)

Organic Labeling

SB 542 SD1: [relating to organically produced agricultural products](#)

Landowner's Liability

SB 552 SD2: [amends provision relating to landowner's liability](#)

Missing children

SB 637: [relates to missing children](#)

Drug treatment

SB 634 SD2: [funding for drug treatment](#)

Counselors

SB 695 SD2: [relating to professional counselors](#)

Highways

SB 711 SD1: [relating to highways](#)

Medical services

SB 745 SD2: [relating to emergency medical services](#)

Public Access

SB 1489 SD2: [relating to public access](#)

Bottle deposit

SB 1611: [relates to the deposit beverage container program](#)

Community Health Centers

SB 1519 SD1: [Relating to community health centers](#)

Penalties

SB 1080 SD1: [Relating to penalties](#)

Island of Kaho'olawe

SB 848: [relating to the island of Kaho'olawe](#)

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Search for bill status, bill text
and hearing notices.

Committee Assignments

In addition to being Chair of the Energy & Environment (ENE) Committee, I am also a member for the following Committees:

- Ways and Means (WAM)
- Water, Land and Agriculture (WLA)
- Science, Art and Technology (SAT)
- Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs (JHW)

Congratulations To Kula School Teacher Rae Takemoto

Kula Elementary School is fortunate to have educator Rae Takemoto. The integration of global education into her curriculum won her the award for Hawai'i's Outstanding Global Teacher 2002. The Senate honored her in ceremonies on the 10th of March 2003.



Visit My Web Site

www.kalanienglish.com

Site Visit to Moloka`i

On March 7th through 10th, 2003, I visited the beautiful island of Moloka`i along with Representative Sol Kaho`ohalahala and my staff: Committee Clerk, En Young and Environmental Scientist, Jodie Holloway.

Spectacular Students! Shaping a Sustainable Future



PRISM Student Presentation

The students of Moloka`i demonstrated enormous talent during their presentations at the 7th Annual PRISM Symposium. PRISM: Providing Resolutions with Integrity for a Sustainable Moloka`i, is a program at Kualapu`u Elementary School, that emphasizes environmental education and explores sustainable living techniques by embracing concepts of responsibility and accountability.



With PRISM student Lindsey Keohulua

Groups of 5th and 6th graders presented research from projects that addressed environmental issues affecting Moloka`i. In an in-depth study, students performed a telephone survey to gather data, with results scientifically analyzed to derive conclusions about how residents felt towards local issues. Topics investigated were: water conservation and native habitat creation at Kualapu`u School, coastline management, discarded cars, alternative fuels, sonar testing by the Navy, commercial advertising in schools, and cruise ship visitation to Moloka`i. The impressive Power Point presentations clearly displayed data in graphs and showed that Moloka`i teachers and students are working together by embracing 'pono' (correct) actions that create a future to look forward to.



With staff En Young and Jodie Holloway

Kalaupapa: Small Community-Big Effect Investing in the Environment

On March 10th, 2003, we visited the community of Kalaupapa and met with residents to 'talk story' and discuss plans for Kalaupapa's future. It was evident that great strides have been taken to adopt and practice a sustainable lifestyle, and I was extremely impressed to hear about the waste management, landfill diversion, and recycling programs. Last year Kalaupapa sent by barge to O`ahu for recycling: 1000 used tires, 40 broken appliances, 12 old vehicles, 2 twenty foot dumpsters of scrap metal, 1 twenty foot container of crushed aluminum and 50 pallets of miscellaneous metal parts. In addition, chemicals from cars and appliances were extracted for recycling and safe disposal. This working environmental management program proves that when communities unite, the common goal can be obtained. Congratulations to Kalaupapa for leading the way and setting an example for Hawai`i.

Cruise Ship Negotiations Imperative

Moloka`i residents voiced their concerns about cruise ships visiting the island during a community gathering and concert on the evening of March 8th, 2003. The evening featured a locally created documentary and presentations that detailed the potential effects visiting cruise ships could have on the current lifestyle of Moloka`i residents and the stresses added to the environment. Senate Bills 485 and 503, which I introduced this legislative session to protect Hawai`i's oceans from cruise ship pollution, while preserving the economic benefits they would bring to the island, were not passed out of the Transportation Military Affairs and Government Operations Committee (TMG). In an effort to ensure that Hawai`i's waters are guarded and that the cruise ship industry meets Hawai`i's environmental standards, I introduced Senate Concurrent Resolutions 158, 162 and 167 and Senate Resolutions 107, 11 and 116.

See text of Resolutions at:

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/scr158 .htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/scr158.htm)

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/scr162 .htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/scr162.htm)

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/scr167 .htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/scr167.htm)

Resolutions

Below is a complete list of the Resolutions I introduced this session. Click on the title to read the full text or go to: www.capitol.hawaii.gov, click on "Bill Status & Docs" and search for resolution text and status.

- SCR 21/SR 11: [Anti-war Resolution](#)
SCR 22/ SR 12: [State and Alternative Fuel Provider Fleets; Energy Policy Act of 1992](#)
SCR 53/ SR 33: [Study on Establishing an Environmental Court](#)
SCR 54/ SR 34: [Native Hawaiians; State Vital Statistics Records](#)
SCR 55/ SR 35: [Bioprospecting Advisory Commission; OHA](#)
SCR 120/ SR 79: [PEG Access, Statewide Implementation Plan](#)
SCR 121/SR 80: [Time Warner Telecom; Franchise Audit](#)
SCR 146/ SR 98: [School Libraries; Long-Range Plan](#)
SCR 153: [Land Use Policies; Auditor Investigation; Solid Waste Management Programs](#)
SCR 154/ SR 102: [Public Assistance Allowance Formula Increase](#)
SCR 155/ SR 103: [Appointment of Special Master to Settle Individual Trust Claims](#)
SCR 156/ SR 105: [Consumer Advocate; Renewable Energy; Power Purchase Agreements](#)
SCR 157/ SR 106: [Utilization of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Technologies](#)
SCR 158/ SR 107: [Cruise Ships; Environmental Effects; LRB Research](#)
SCR 159/ SR 108: [Kyoto Protocol](#)
SCR 160/ SR 109: [Ferry System Between Maui, Lana`i, and Moloka`i; Feasibility Study](#)
SCR 161/ SR 110: [Encouraging correct usage of Hawaiian language in public media](#)
SCR 162/ SR 111: [Cruise Ships; Wastewater Infrastructure](#)
SCR 163/ SR 112: [State Capitol Mural Art by Students Project](#)
SCR 164/ SR 113: [Emissions Task Force](#)
SCR 165/ SR 114: [Protection of Personal Information](#)
SCR 166/ SR 115: [Alien Aquatic Organisms; DLNR; DOA](#)
SCR 167/ SR 116: [Cruise Ships](#)
SCR 168/ SR 117: [Marine Protected Area in Kaneohe Bay](#)
SCR 169/ SR 118: [Low Frequency Active Sonar \(LFAS\)](#)
SCR 170/ SR 119: [Standardized power purchase contracts](#)
SCR 171: [DBEDT; Chicago Climate Exchange; Renewable Energy Credits](#)
SCR 173/ SR 121: [Small Harbors](#)
SCR 174/ SR 122: [Supporting the Reauthorization of the Clean Vessel Act](#)
SCR 177/ SR 125: [Smart Growth and Boundary Review Task Force](#)
SCR 178/ SR 126: [Marine Reserves Network](#)
SCR 179/ SR 127: [Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan; Task Force](#)
SCR 180/ SR 128: [Island Burial Council Task Force](#)
SCR 200/ SR 140: [Hawaiian Home Lands Construction](#)
SCR 205: [Requesting the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to support the research and development of hydrogen fuel cell energy as an alternative energy source for next-generation automobiles in Hawai`i.](#)

Senate Welcomes Maui Visitors

Mahalo to Maui members of the State Council for Developmental Disabilities for visiting me at the Capitol in February.



Improvements Authorized for Rural Island Schools Funds Released for Capitol Improvement Projects

Students at three island schools will soon be enjoying the benefits of improved accessibility to playground facilities, made possible from the March 3rd, 2003 release of funds by the Governor. Part of my 2002 State Budget was for improvements to rural school facilities, and I am pleased the Governor recognized the importance of enhancing conditions for the students at these schools. Hana High and Elementary School will receive \$1,056,000 for playground accessibility improvements and a new softball field, while Lana`i High and Elementary School and Pa`ia Elementary School will receive \$238,600 and \$245,600 respectively for playground accessibility improvements and for the removal of an old cesspool at Pa`ia Elementary.