

SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC ISLAND LEGISLATURES

Senator J. Kalani English has been re-elected President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, an association of twelve Pacific Island States. This is his second one-year term as President.

"I am honored to be selected again by my colleagues to serve as president of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures," Sen. English said, "Over the past year, we have been successful in examining a number of areas of mutual interest where regional cooperation, coordination, exchange, and assistance have helped our individual governments achieve important goals through collective action. I believe that Hawai'i has played a vital role in these endeavors, and I am thankful that I will have an opportunity to continue to contribute whatever I can to APIL's ongoing efforts."



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) Executive team, Vice President (Palau) Rebluud Kesolet, Secretary (Guam) Judith Won Pat, President (Hawaii) J. Kalani English, Treasurer (Marshall Islands) Alik J. Alik, 28th General Assembly, Pohnpei, FSM. June 2009. For more information, please visit <http://www.apilpacific.com>

maintaining sustainability in the region. Having the support of the APIL will play a significant role in fostering the Center for a Sustainable Future."

The APIL's mission is to organize a permanent association of mutual assistance by representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands. Current issues before the APIL include those arising in the areas of Resources and Economic Development, Commerce, Legislation, Energy, Regional Security and Defense, Communications, Cultural Appreciation, Health and Social Services, Education, Agriculture,

At its recent General Assembly in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, the APIL also passed fourteen resolutions addressing concerns of APIL member Legislatures.

Resolution 28-GA-05 supports the establishment of the **Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future**, an administrative, research and development center for the Western Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit and the Micronesian Presidents' Summit. "Micronesia is seeing a lot of changes in growth, urbanization and Westernization," said Sen. English. "Preserving their culture and resources are vital concerns. Two summits, the Chief Executives' Summit and the Presidents' Summit, are aimed at

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His Excellency Leo Falcam, former President of the Federated States of Micronesia with APIL President J. Kalani English and the Kamehameha Class of 1984 Trophy. June 2009

Air and Sea Transportation, Aquaculture, Sports and Recreation, Youth and Senior Citizens, Tourism, Finance, Political Status, External Relations, and Development Banking.

Among the Pacific Island States participating in the APIL are: American Samoa; Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Federated States of Micronesia, (States of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap); Island of Guam; Republic of the Marshall Islands; Republic of Palau; State of Hawai'i; Republic of Kiribati; and Republic of Nauru.

BILLS THAT SENATOR ENGLISH INTRODUCED THAT THE 2009 LEGISLATURE PASSED

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- A photograph of Senator English, a man with glasses wearing a blue Hawaiian shirt with white star and bird patterns, standing on a balcony and looking out over a lush green landscape. The image is partially overlaid by the text of the bills.
- SB715** Requires the statewide transportation Council to comply with County transportation plans.
- SB718** Requires State and County transportation departments to accommodate all public highway users.
- SB1055** Authorizes the department of transportation to adopt rules governing commercial harbors.
- SB1056** Conforms penalties to federal law for operating a commercial vehicle with any percent alcohol level.
- SB585** Authorizes pharmacies to dispense medications through controlled remote dispensers.
- SB1202** Establishes a state policy for the development of non-fossil fuel transportation modes.
- SB1223** Specifies the criteria for use of the phrase “made in Hawai’i” and similar phrases.
- SB1676** Clarifies legislative support for expanded use of new technology in tele-health.
- SB415** Requires the department of health to license home care agencies.
- SB423** Appropriations to match federal funds for Medicaid disproportionate share of hospital allowance.
- SB1058** Establishes a task force to examine issues relating to medical cannabis patients and laws.
- SB1664** Adds definitions relating to partial unemployment and sets out claimants’ eligibility.
- SB1665** Enhances Hawai’i’s community colleges’ workforce development.
- SB1673** Authorizes a facility or regional health care system to transition into a new legal entity.
- SB1677** Requires two-thirds majority vote of the legislature to sell or give away public lands.
- SB203** Increases penalties for contractor’s violations.
- SB536** Statewide development of a starlight reserve strategy.
- SB1329** Requires the Dept. of Education to use successful assessment tools to determine a student’s initial placement.
- SB1345** Provides fair compensation when leased public agricultural lands are condemned.

\$136,526,558 TOTAL FOR 6TH DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS

& OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2010

MAUI

TOTAL: \$67,694,333

<u>Hana Health Center</u> (Plans for medical center expansion)	450,000
<u>La'akea Foundation</u> (Plans, design, construction for Sunrise Farm Community)	400,000
<u>Nahiku Community Center</u> (Plan and design for improvements to the center)	250,000
<u>Kula Hospital</u> (Plan, design, construction of new long term care facility)	5,000,000
<u>Haleakala Highway</u> (Widening at milepost 8)	1,905,000
<u>Maui Highways (Islandwide)</u> (Operating)	25,516,881
(Investment Capital)	27,340,000
<u>Hana Harbor</u> (Operating)	42,540

<u>King Kekaulike High</u> (Design of a new auditorium)	600,000
<u>Makawao Elementary</u> (Plans & design for the expansion of the cafeteria)	400,000
<u>Upcountry Ground Water Well</u> (Plan & design of a new test well)	150,000
<u>Hana Highway, Huelo to Hana</u> (Improving, upgrading & repairing roadways, bridges, walls and drainage)	2,930,000
<u>Hana Highway, Uakea Road to Keawa Place</u> (Widening)	2,010,000
<u>Hana Airport</u> (Operating)	699,912

LANA'I

TOTAL: \$20,656,266

<u>Lana'i Airport</u> (Airport Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Station improvements)	7,655,000
<u>Lana'i Highways</u> (Operating)	830,403

<u>Lana'i Airport</u> Security access control, closed circuit television system (Operating)	1,382,000
(Investment Capital)	1,751,863
	9,037,000

MOLOKA'I

TOTAL: \$47,775,959

<u>Moloka'i Campus, Maui Community College</u> (Plans & land acquisition)	500,000
<u>Moloka'i Airport</u> (Security access control, closed circuit television system) (Operating)	1,505,000
(Investment Capital)	2,813,565
	1,505,000
<u>Moloka'i Highways</u> (Operating)	10,002,919
(Investment Capital)	10,150,000
<u>Kamehameha V Highway</u> (Kawela Stream bridge replacement)	10,000,000
<u>Moloka'i Irrigation System</u> (Improvements)	3,500,000

<u>Kaunakakai Harbor</u> (Operating)	634,804
<u>Kalaupapa Airport</u> (Operating)	1,014,671
<u>Kamehameha V Highway</u> (Drainage)	1,400,000
<u>Kamehameha V Highway</u> (Makakupaia Stream bridge replacement)	3,750,000

KAHO'OLAWA

TOTAL : \$400,000

<u>Hakioawa Shelter and Kitchen</u> (Design and construction of new hale & alternative energy infrastructure)	400,000
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A MESSAGE FROM KALANI

The 2009 legislative session began with our state's economy slowing and tax revenues falling while demands on government services were increasing. Furthermore, over 3,500 bills were introduced in both Chambers. In the end, we passed about 250 bills that take care of the true necessities.

The State budget was our central concern. As a member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, I saw firsthand the critical need to balance our community's needs with our State's resources. Here was the opportunity to make policy and help ensure that our state was moving towards future prosperity. Tough choices had to be made. We imposed tax increases upon those with higher incomes and luxury homes believing that they could give a little more. It is important to note that these taxes sunset when the economy improves. Also, hotel taxes will increase and so will taxes on cigarettes.

I am confident that we stood up to the challenges we faced and took the opportunity to make decisions that will improve our State and the future well-being of our keiki. It is a privilege to serve my district and our state as a whole and believe that the changes we made will improve the lives of those we represent.

Aloha,

J. Kalani English

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

- HB981** Implements the ignition interlock program.
- HB267** Eases the transportation of rental cars between islands.
- SB979** Ensures that drivers convicted of DUI will not be able to drive.
- SB281** Allows counties to regulate electric mobility devices on sidewalks.
- SB537** Establishes a committee to assist in the development of aerospace industry.
- SB1108** Extends the sunset date for the Aha Kiole Advisory Council to 2011.
- HB1040** Extends the liability protection for lifeguards.



COMMITTEES

- ▶ **Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs**
- ▶ **Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment**
- ▶ **Member, Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**
- ▶ **Member, Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

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