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### MESSAGE FROM KALANI

During the Legislature's interim, there are more opportunities for legislators to focus on the community and consider legislation for the next session. My years of experience working at the Senate enable me to work with organizations like the Integrated Resource Planning Advisory Group, where we help to efficiently shape Hawai'i's energy resource planning for the future. I had the privilege of being part of a delegation to welcome His Majesty King Tuheitia and his entourage from Aotearoa, New Zealand on his visit to Hawai'i. And in a Special Session, the Senate confirmed a new Maui Second Circuit Court Judge.

In this issue, we take an in-depth look at these events, in addition to show casing some community activities. As always, my office remains open during the interim, ready to assist you.

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## THE MAORI KING TUHEITIA VISITS HAWAI'I

In order to boost relations between Hawai'i and New Zealand, Sen. English, Gov. Neil Abercrombie and other Hawai'i officials met with His Majesty King Tuheitia, the seventh Maori monarch of Aotearoa, New Zealand during his official visit to Hawai'i.

King Tuheitia and his delegation completed a week-long stay in Hawai'i as an exchange of friendship between the two island cultures and to build bridges with Hawai'i; specifically in the areas of culture, education and business. The delegation visited the Dr. Agnes Kalaniho'okaha Native Hawaiian Traditional Healing Center, Bishop Museum, East-West Center, Kamehameha Schools, Kualoa Ranch, and St. Andrew Cathedral and Priory.

"Maintaining relations with our cousins in the Pacific is important - we share lineal and cultural bonds for hundreds, if not thousands of years," said Sen. English, "To continue to fulfill our obligation to this body of water we share, we must find ways to enhance and build partnerships while strengthening the current relationships."

*His Majesty King Tuheitia, the Maori King and Sen. English at the Hawai'i State Capitol discussing Maori investments in Hawai'i and our efforts to preserve our language. May 22, 2012*



## HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART GETS SUPPORT FOR AN ENERGY RETROFIT

Sen. English was in attendance to award a Hawai'i energy rebate for the Honolulu Museum of Art on Oahu. \$346,000 was awarded to the Museum for undertaking a massive energy efficiency program that will pay for itself in less than five years. The rebate comes from the Hawai'i Energy-Administered Public Benefit Fund and is the largest rebate check awarded to date.

The rebate is to assist the Honolulu Museum of Art's \$1,550,000.00 program to completely redesign its energy system. This energy efficiency project will redesign and consolidate central air conditioning, the hot water system and refrigeration controls. State of the Art chillers and compressors will be installed that incorporate "mag-lev" technology and variable speed drives in the central plant. The total projected energy reduction is 28 percent, with an estimated 900,000 kWh savings per year equaling a savings of roughly \$270,000 per year.



*L-R Sen. English; Gov Abercrombie; Myles Kubo, COO Energy Industries Corp; Rep. Chris Lee; Hermina Morita, Public Utilities Commission Chair; Ray Starling, Hawai'i Energy Program Manager and Stephan Jost, Honolulu Museum of Art Director. May 30, 2012.*

## MAUI'S NEW TRANSPORTATION CENTER IS AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



MEO annually provides over \$5,000,000.00 of specialized transportation services, funded by the County of Maui, in addition to the federal Head Start program and Medicaid transportation and gurney transport services for Maui Memorial Medical Center. MEO vehicles travel over one million miles annually, and were used to provide almost 300,000 trips last year.

*Left - Sen. Roz Baker, Senate President Shan Tsutsui, Sen. English, and Rep. Joe Souki enjoy the spirit of the day. Below - Sen. English with members of MEO break ground that will become the Public Transportation Hub of Maui. June 26, 2012.*

Maui Economic Opportunity Inc (MEO), held a ground-breaking ceremony for their new Transportation Center in Puunene, Maui on June 26, 2012. This ceremony marked the beginning of construction for the \$23,180,000 project which will be built on a 10-acre parcel partially donated by Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. The new Transportation center will be located at the hub of Hana, Mokulele, and Kuihelani Highways and Puunene Avenue and Dairy Road.

"This project is a great example of what we can achieve working together, said Senator English, "With the support of Alexander and Baldwin, our State and County Legislators and the community we can provide specialized transportation services to those who need it throughout Maui County."





## BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE ISLAND OF LANA'I

On June 20, 2012, Castle & Cooke, Inc., privately held by David H. Murdock, announced the sale of its Lana'i assets to an entity privately-owned by Lawrence J. Ellison. Castle & Cooke has owned more than ninety-seven percent of the island since 1985.

Over the past two decades David Murdock has been the major land owner of Lana'i, building and maintaining various operations including the Four Seasons Resorts Lana'i, Lodge at Ko'ele and the Four Seasons Resorts Lana'i at Manele Bay, two championship golf courses - The Experience at Ko'ele, The Challenge at Manele and La Ola, a photovoltaic solar farm.

Following the announcement of the island's sale, Sen. English released a statement sharing his appreciation to Mr. Murdock for his efforts in sustaining the island over the years and hopes the community will see a bright future under its new ownership.

"To the people of Lana'i this transfer of ownership is much more than a business transaction," said Sen. English, "It is the livelihood of a community and of an island. As such, it remains imperative that cultural and conservational values be maintained."

"After speaking with Ellison's personal representative, I feel that he shares this same belief," said Sen. English, "And I look forward to meeting with him in the future, so that I can develop a better understanding of his vision. It is my hope that this new ownership is one which works with the community to foster a healthy and vibrant Lana'i."



## HAWAII STATE SENATE CONFIRMS PETER CAHILL TO THE MAUI SECOND CIRCUIT COURT

On June 29, 2012, in a Special Session, the Hawai'i State Senate confirmed the appointment of Peter T. Cahill as Judge for the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, located on Maui.

Cahill was nominated by the Judicial Selection Commission to fill the vacancy left open by the recent retirement of Judge Shackley F. Raffetto.

"Judge Cahill has established himself as a person of great integrity and diligence," said Senate President Shan Tsutsui, who represents Wailuku, Waihe'e, Kahului, Pa'ia, Lower Pa'ia, "We are honored to confirm him to Maui's Second Circuit Court."

"Judge Cahill possesses the professional experience, exceptional legal skills, and even temperament inherent of a good jurist. I believe that the people of Maui will be well-served under his judgeship," said Senator Roz Baker, who represents South and West Maui.

"Judge Cahill's even-keeled temperament, intellect, and commitment to leadership are characteristics that will make him an asset to the State's Second Circuit Court and to the people of Maui," said Sen. English.

Cahill currently serves as an attorney at Cahill & O'Neill on the island of Maui, concentrating on injury and wrongful death cases. Prior to his employment at Cahill & O'Neill, he worked as a lawyer at Krueger & Cahill and the Law Office of James Krueger.

Cahill earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Notre Dame Law School.



*Maui Senators congratulate Peter T. Cahill on his confirmation: (L-R: Sen. Roz Baker, Governor Neil Abercrombie, Jessica Cahill, Judge Peter T. Cahill, Sen. English, Senate President Shan Tsutsui. June 29, 2012.*



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## SEN. ENGLISH APPOINTED TO IRP ADVISORY GROUP

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has appointed Senator Roz Baker and Senator J. Kalani English as members to the newly created Hawaiian Electric Companies' Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Advisory Group. The Advisory Group was recently established by the PUC in response to the Commission's Decision and Order on March 14, 2011 for a revised IRP Framework to govern energy resource planning by electric and gas utilities in the State of Hawai'i.

The goal of IRP is to develop an action plan that governs how the Hawai'i Electric Companies will meet energy objectives and customer energy needs consistent with state energy policies and goals, while providing safe and reliable utility services at reasonable cost, through the development of resource plans and scenarios of possible futures that provide a broader long-term perspective.

Members of the Advisory group were selected to provide the Hawaiian Electric Companies with the benefit of community perspectives by participating in the utility's IRP process and representing diverse community, environmental, social, political, or cultural interests consistent with the revised framework's goal. Individuals selected to be part of the group include State and County officials, and environmental, cultural, business and community interest groups.

"Hawai'i's ability to move away from our dependency on imported fossil fuels and towards locally-produced renewable energy will be determined by our actions today," said Sen. English, "As the former Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment I understand the complexity of the issues surrounding energy and the impact it has on our State."

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY



*Top Left - Sen. English visiting friends, farmers and vendors on Moloka'i. May 19, 2012. Above - Sen. English's cousin Yvette English and her Granddaughter Lynn Kaponianani Puailihau at the Moloka'i High School Graduation Ceremony. May 19, 2012.*



*Sen English attended King Kamehameha Day Parade in Lahaina town. June 16, 2012.*