



Senator  
J. KALANI ENGLISH

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## MESSAGE FROM KALANI

I take this moment to remember Kekula Bray Crawford, who brought so much light and love to my life and to the lives of many throughout these islands. Rarely do we have the opportunity to know someone as if we were friends from before time began; yet that is why Kekula and I shared a bond that will take us to the end of time. Her remarkable life is chronicled elsewhere, and those who were touched by her spirit understand what a special being she was.

So with all the distractions of life, the quiet moments in attending to Kekula's passing reminded me of all the joys that are entwined in our existence - all the love and aloha that can be shared between us. May we all be so fortunate as Kekula was to have a life well lived, happiness and love.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Kalani English".

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## HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

HĀNA, EAST AND UPCOUNTRY MAUI,  
MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I AND KAHŌ'OLAWĒ



## SENATE ADVANCES MARRIAGE EQUALITY BILL

The State Senate recently passed **Senate Bill (SB) 1**, in the 2013 Second Special Session called by the Governor on Oct. 28, 2013. The bill currently is in the House for hearings and a final vote. SB1 recognizes marriages between individuals of the same gender and extends all of the rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities of marriage to same-sex couples that are not available under the State's civil unions or reciprocal beneficiary relationships. Further, the bill recognizes freedom of religion by exempting a religious organization from liability for refusing to make its facilities or grounds available if the organization does not make them available for a profit.

Twenty years ago, the Hawai'i Supreme Court ruled that laws denying same-sex couples the right to marry violated State constitutional equal protection rights unless the State could show a compelling reason for such discrimination. This action caused wide spread alarm and uncertainty across the nation. Consequently, Congress adopted the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in 1996 providing that states are not required to recognize these marriages and defined marriage as a union of one man and one woman.

The Vermont Court ruled that the legislature had to confer all the substantive privileges of marriage to same-sex couples and could choose its own name for these legal same-sex unions, resulting in the term, "civil unions." In 2003, the Massachusetts's Supreme Court held that Vermont's traditional definition of marriage, exclusively of one man and one woman was irrational and discriminated against same sex couples so invidiously that it violated state equal protection guarantees. The ruling unleashed nationwide litigation and political controversy.

Last June, the US Supreme Court ruled that section 3 of DOMA, which defined marriage as a union between one man and one woman is unconstitutional because it denies same-sex couples the "equal liberty" guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment. In a separate ruling the Court held that the supporters of Proposition 8, a 2008 voter initiative that ended same-sex marriage in California do not have the legal right to defend the law in court. Therefore, the 9th Circuit Court should not have ruled on the case and must dismiss it; that means the previous ruling, which invalidated the law because it violated equal protection and due process clauses of the 14th Amendment stands. For more information go to: [http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/12pdf/12-144\\_8ok0.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/12pdf/12-144_8ok0.pdf) and [http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/12pdf/12-307\\_6j37.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/12pdf/12-307_6j37.pdf)

## 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AIR CARGO DAY

Sen. English was invited by the Air Cargo Association of Hawai'i to say opening remarks at their 16th Annual Air Cargo Day held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the Manoa Grand Ballroom. He was honored to address the over 150 various leaders and executives within the cargo and transportation industry throughout Hawai'i and beyond.

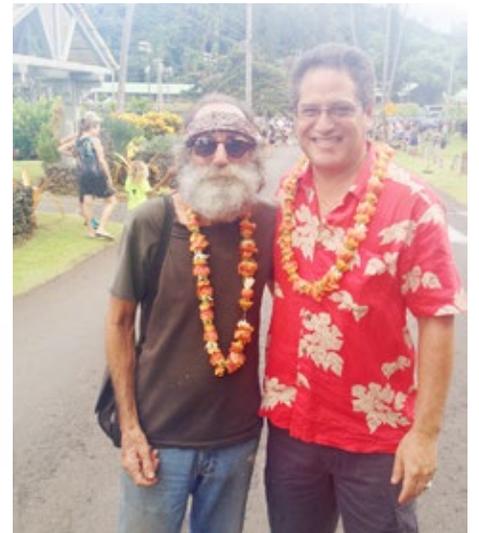


This year's theme, "Managing Change in Today's Cargo Industry," brought to light the importance of collaboration towards expanded partnership and implementation of industry standards. Hawai'i's air cargo industry must constantly manage the ever changing regulations, security screening protocols, agricultural considerations, resource availability, and fluctuations in available air freight capacity to minimize the impact to customers and consumers, while ensuring operations are efficient.

"It was an honor for me to speak at this event, the air transportation and cargo industry provides a vital service to our local economy," said Sen. English, "This industry directly supports our infrastructure, commerce throughout the islands and our lifelines from the U.S. and abroad."



*Sen. English honors Coila Eades with a Senate Proclamation at her 90th Birthday party in Hāna. Oct. 9, 2013.*



*Senator English and Mickael Om Mast enjoy the Aloha Week Parade in Hāna, Maui. Oct. 19, 2013.*

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS (WAM) MAUI SITE VISITS

Sen. English and WAM committee members traveled to Maui for site visits on October 23rd and 24th, 2013 as part of the WAM statewide site visits. This committee considers and passes legislation relating to all pending, current and future fiscal matters.

The WAM members covered a lot of ground during the two days of visits, which included the following sites: Easter Seals, J. Walter Cameron Center, Maui Economic Opportunity, Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kahului Airport, Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor, Farm Bureau Convention at the Royal Lāhainā Resort, Hāna Pier, Hāna High & Elem. School, Hāna Health Center, Hāna Airport and the Invasive Species Council Office in Hāna.

"The trip was an opportunity for the members to see first-hand the success of programs and projects here on Maui that received funds from the legislature," said Sen. English, "Further, as the Senator from Hāna I am pleased that my colleagues took the time to drive to Hāna to see what we have done with our legislative funds and that this visit will instill confidence in further investment in Hāna and on Maui."



*Senators Russell Ruderman, J. Kalani English and David Ige prepare to use ballistic technology in the fight against invasive Miconia during the WAM Site visit to Hāna, Maui. Oct. 24, 2013*

## 'AHA MOKU ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING IN KALAUPAPA

Sen. English was among the legislators who attended the 'Aha Moku Advisory Council meeting in Kalaupapa, Moloka'i on September 21st and 22nd. 'Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) was established within the Department of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to Act 288, 7/7/2012. The committee is modeled after the 'aha moku or district councils that native Hawaiians depended upon for thousands of years to protect their environment and sustain the abundance of natural resources through an indigenous land management system.

The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources has oversight of the committee that consists of eight members who are appointed by the governor from a list submitted by the 'aha moku councils of each island and do not receive compensation for their service. The committee meets within the various moku (district) and submits an annual report in English and Hawaiian to the legislature that includes all of their recommendations.

The AMAC provides advice on the following: integrating indigenous resource management practices with western practices; identifying a comprehensive set of indigenous practices; fostering the understanding and practical use of native Hawaiian resource knowledge, methodology and expertise; providing education and fostering cultural awareness, protection and conservation; sustaining and fostering conservation of all of the State's natural resources; and developing an administrative structure that oversees the 'aha moku system.



*Attendees at the 'Aha Moku Advisory Committee meeting in Kalaupapa. September 21, 2013.*

The Kalaupapa meeting agenda consisted of the following: Legislative issues and updates on furthering the district management system; the Federal Initiative furthering native practices in Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Department of Hawaiian Homelands Lands audits; Department of Land & Natural Resources updates, the status of AMAC, and presentations on Konohiki Management Structure by William Richardson School of Law professor Maila Akutagawa and Konohiki Mac Poepoe of Mo'omomi, Moloka'i.



*Visitors to Kalaupapa pay homage to the legacy of Kalawao. Sept. 22, 2013.*



*Sen. English, Boogie Kipapa, Sen. Kahele and DeGrey Vanderbuilt in Kalaupapa. September 21, 2013.*

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**SENATOR ENGLISH APPLAUDS ARRIVAL OF TSA PRE<sup>√</sup>™  
LANES AT HAWAIIAN AIRLINES TICKET LOBBIES**

Earlier this month, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) embarked on its first full week of services aimed at expediting additional TSA Pre<sup>√</sup>™ security lanes at Kahului Airport on Maui and Lihue Airport on Kauai. Honolulu International Airport has been participating in the new TSA Pre<sup>√</sup>™ lanes, which are part of an expedited screening initiative by TSA to move passengers identified as low-risk through airport security more quickly, helping to alleviate bottlenecks that slow the check-in process.

"The progressive efforts being made by TSA will greatly enhance the experience of our traveling public," said Sen. English, Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, "TSA Pre<sup>√</sup>™ offers an intelligence-driven, risk-based approach to security which is an important step in improving Hawai'i's aviation security and alleviating airport congestion."

Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, along with the State Department of Transportation, met in September with TSA Administrator John S. Pistole and others to discuss TSA-related issues at various airports across the State. The TSA Pre<sup>√</sup>™ program was among the topics addressed at the meeting. Other issues discussed included additional TSA personnel, decreased processing times, sequestration and possible FAA regulation exemptions for the remote airports.

"A big mahalo to TSA Administrator John S. Pistole and his Hawai'i based team for taking a proactive approach to aviation security," said Sen. English. "I look forward to continuing our work together to improve Hawai'i's air travel experience."

This week, the TSA is also opening Pre<sup>√</sup>™ lanes at checkpoints at Sacramento International Airport, Oakland International Airport, San Jose International Airport and San Diego International Airport. An additional Pre<sup>√</sup>™ lane at Kona International Airport is expected to open in 2014.

For more information visit: <http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck>

*In Memoriam*



*Kekula Peiler  
Bray Crawford*

September 15, 1956 - October 21, 2013



Great-Great Granddaughter of  
Kalākaua and  
Nakaikainaeluahokulani, First  
Daughter of Edward Enoka Peiler and  
Verna Aloha Kapu Dodson Bray.