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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

We have reached the half way point of the 2013 Legislative session. Bills from the Senate are crossing over to the House and vice versa, to ensure that all bills will be heard in both Legislative Houses and are properly vetted.

In this issue students from Ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘O Ānuenu visit the Hawai‘i State Capitol, February is proclaimed ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i month by the Governor, the Transportation and International Affairs Committee tour the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies and we look at the bills I introduced currently moving through the Legislature.

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MOLOKA‘I, LĀNA‘I AND KAHO‘OLAWÉ



KE KULA KAIAPUNI ‘O ĀNUENU STUDENT VISIT

Senator English met with students from Ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘O Ānuenu , a K-12 grade Hawaiian immersion school as part of their “Participation in a Democracy” class. The students were able to ask Senator English questions about the policy making process in Hawaiian since Senator English is one of the few Legislators fluent in ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i.

Students from throughout O‘ahu attend Ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘O Ānuenu, which is located in Palolo Valley in a lush watershed bordered by a stream which runs through the school’s taro patches. Here, the students, staff and visitors experience and learn native agriculture, Hawaiian culture and language firsthand. The school is one of the oldest immersion schools in the state and has provided many students with quality education in both Hawaiian and English.

“I am pleased that Hawaiian culture and language is being perpetuated by our students,” said Senator English, “Even more so because the language was once banned in the public schools.”



Students meet with Senator English in his office at the Hawai‘i State Capitol. Jan. 29, 2013.

FEBRUARY PROCLAIMED “ŌLELO HAWAI’I MONTH”



On January 14, 2013, Senator English joined the Governor in his ceremonial office to sign a Proclamation recognizing February as “Ōlelo Hawai’i Month.” Last year, Governor Abercrombie vetoed HB 1984, which would have designated the month of February as “Ōlelo Hawai’i Month.” Consequently, Senator English met with the Governor and was assured that a bill was not necessary and that through a proclamation the Governor could make that designation.

“This is the first step towards the institutional revitalization of the Hawaiian Language and I am especially pleased after so many years of introducing legislation to recognize the role of the Hawaiian Language and culture in defining Hawai’i internationally and among the fifty states,” said Sen. English.

Ōlelo Hawai’i was considered to be nearly extinct by the 1980’s, when fewer than fifty fluent speakers under the age of eighteen were left. A major reason for the deterioration of the Hawaiian language was an 1896 law that required English instruction in Hawai’i schools. This law prevented students from speaking Hawaiian in school.

To save the Hawaiian language, a number of historic initiatives were launched, including Aha Punana Leo’s Hawaiian language immersion preschools, the department of education’s Hawaiian language immersion program and the Hawaiian language programs of the University of Hawai’i system. In addition, in 1978, the Hawai’i constitution was amended to recognize the Hawaiian language as one of the two official languages of Hawai’i. While the Hawaiian language revitalization movement has made major strides in the last thirty years, for Ōlelo Hawai’i to survive and thrive, more people need to speak Hawaiian.

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TIA TOURS ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES

Senator English and the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs (TIA) recently toured the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, (APCSS) one of the Department of Defense’s five regional security studies centers. APCSS addresses regional and global security issues, inviting military and civilian representatives, national officials, decision makers and policy makers of the United States and Asia-Pacific nations to its comprehensive program of executive education and conferences.

Senator English and the TIA committee visited APCSS to exchange ideas, explore pressing issues and achieve a greater understanding of the challenges that shape the security environment of the Asia-Pacific region. For more information about APCSS go to: <http://www.apcss.org/>.

The TIA Committee participating in a roundtable discussion at APCSS. Jan 30, 2013.



NEW FLIGHTS TO LANAI AND MOLOKA’I

‘Ohana by Hawaiian Airlines will begin daily service to Moloka’i and Lana’i this summer using 48-seat ATR42 turbo-prop aircraft. The flights will be operated out of gates 49 and 50 at Honolulu International Airport by contractor Empire Airlines. Early estimates indicate the new service will create up to 100 new Hawai’i-based jobs in various areas of air transportation. Empire Airlines will be recruiting pilots, flight attendants and mechanics. The new service will also need contracted ground-handling and customer service positions on Moloka’i and Lana’i.

Reservations and sales for the new operation will be handled by Hawaiian Airlines, allowing ‘Ohana by Hawaiian flights to integrate seamlessly into Hawaiian’s well-established route network.

“I am extremely happy that additional flights are available for the islands of Moloka’i and Lana’i,” said Senator English, “With these new flights we are providing much needed jobs and travel options to the remote areas of our State.”

2013 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BILLS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ENGLISH THAT HAVE PASSED HEARINGS

- SB 464** Requires the County liquor commission to adopt or amend rules regarding conduct of patrons and to define the term “dancing”.
- SB 465** Creates a civil cause of action of constructive invasion of privacy if the person obtains any type of visual image, sound recording, or other physical impression of another person under circumstances in which another person has a reasonable expectation of keeping private their personal life under certain conditions.
- SB 470** Prohibits retailers from imposing credit card surcharges in certain instances.
- SB 472** Establishes a civil violation for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana that is subject to a fine of not more than \$100.
- SB 473** Clarifies that electronic copies shall be construed in the same manner as an original document. Requires that electronic copies are acceptable for all purposes as intended by the particular statute that references an original document.
- SB 474, SD1** Specifies that the State and Counties shall not require any person to file the original of any document for any purpose if a duplicate copy of the original is available. Applies retroactively.
- SB 475** Authorizes Department of Transportation to issue revenue bonds for Capital Improvement Projects for harbor improvements.
- SB 476** Appropriates funds for Capital Improvement Projects in the 7th senatorial district.
- SB 479, SD1** Updates the membership of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization policy committee.
- SB 482** Clarifies the maximum number of gallons of honey that can be sold by a certified honey house or food processing establishment for an exemption from obtaining a permit from the Department of Health. Exempts from the permit requirement sales of honey directly to retail stores. Requires certain wording on labels of each container of honey sold.
- SB 483, SD1** Requires State agencies to comply with County rules to grant or deny permit applications for development-related permits within a specified time as contained in County rule.
- SB 484, SD1** Requires applicants for category 2 (motorcycle and motor scooter) licenses to designate whether the applicant elects to wear a safety helmet with a chin strap at all times when operating the vehicle. Clarifies rate of County vehicle weight tax on motorcycles and motor scooters owners, who elect to wear safety helmets that shall be discounted by \$50.
- SB 959** Allows any person or entity, other than a towing company that has applied a wheel boot on any vehicle that is left unattended without authorization on a property owned, leased, or rented by that person or entity to charge the vehicle owner or driver a fee for unlocking the boot. Prohibits the charge from exceeding \$25 and from being shared with other persons.
- SB 960, SD1** Establishes a notice of postponement or cancellation of sale requirement relating to judicial foreclosures.
- SB 1275** Grants the Kaho’olawe Island Reserve Commission a permanent exemption for the procurement of food or fuel products necessary for the commission to carry out the purposes.
- SB 1276** Repeals the permit requirement that an ambulance with paramedics be present at a mixed martial arts event.
- SB 1375** Amends the definition of “collective bargaining” to clarify that “other terms and conditions of employment” are limited to what is specifically incorporated into a collective bargaining agreement. Requires the arbitration panel to be selected within twenty-five days after the date of an impasse from a list of qualified persons. Reduces the amount of time in which an arbitration panel must begin proceedings after selection from one hundred twenty days to twenty days. Requires an arbitration hearing to be completed without delay unless there is an unforeseeable emergency. Repeals the authority of the parties to modify any time frame provided for in an impasse procedure.
- SB 1358** Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds to make improvements to the Moloka’i irrigation system.

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**KULA HOSPITAL & CLINIC CONDUCTS COMMUNITY
HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Sen. English is participating in an advisory committee comprised of community leaders to complete the community health survey for Kula Hospital & Clinic. "The Patient Care and Affordable Care Act," signed into law by President Obama in 2010 requires all not-for-profit hospitals to conduct a community health needs assessment every three years.

As a member of the committee, Sen. English's responsibilities will be to provide counsel at a minimum of four meetings, to complete a community health survey questionnaire, and to assist in having five or six community members complete the community health survey.

The following will be shared and discussed at the meetings: an overview of the new legislative requirements and the role of the advisory committee members; a study which measures the economic contribution of the hospital; drafts and a final summary of community health survey questionnaires; a health services directory



Sen. English meets Hospital personnel, patients and a special needs aid dog during his recent visit to Kula Hospital & Clinic.

to ensure that all health services are listed and the information is correct; an economic and demographic data report; health indicators/health outcomes report; and review of all completed survey forms to plan strategies for implementation of the recommendation of the advisory committee.

"As a Senator representing the more remote and isolated areas in Hawai'i, the delivery and availability of quality health care has been one of my priorities," said Sen. English, "I am pleased to be a member of the advisory committee and to help determine our community's health care needs, prioritize them and to provide suggestions and strategies in its implementation."

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