

# SENATOR J.KALANI ENGLISH

## HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

HĀNA, EAST AND UPCOUNTRY MAUI,  
MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I AND KAHO'OLAWÉ



### CONFERENCE DISCUSSES IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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#### MESSAGE FROM KALANI

With the conclusion of the 2013 Legislative Session, I would like to take a moment to thank my staff, Alan Teixeira, Libby Kimball, Cissy Rees, Sharon Lum Ho and Lauraine Ayers-Briel for the hard work and dedication during the last four months. We have concluded an extremely productive session for our district and constituency.

In this issue, we take a look at a conference on climate change, we strengthen the existing sister-state relationship between Taiwan and the State of Hawai'i. We will also look at the site visits I conducted while on Lāna'i and we honor the life of Moana Dudoit as I visited Moloka'i.

The "Waves of Change" conference was held at the University of Hawai'i-Manoa's East-West Center and Kama-kakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies on April 4th, 2013. The conference discussed the environmental, social, cultural, political, economic, and legal impacts of climate change in the Pacific Islands.

"While the issue of climate change has been an ongoing discussion for years, this conference brings to light how the Pacific Islands are already experiencing its impact," said Sen. English, Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs. He was among several policymakers, natural scientists, academics, university students, and community members attending the event.

Migration and the implications of climate change for Hawai'i, which is already home to many Pacific Islanders was also discussed.

"Due to the changing climate, there is potential for increased migration from the Pacific Islands to the State of Hawai'i," said Sen. English, "Islanders believe Hawai'i is able to provide them with the economic security and welfare they need, which has become challenging to achieve because of how climate change is impacting their home."

The Pacific Islands Regional Climate Assessment report released in December 2012 warns that Hawai'i and other Pacific Islands have experienced "higher average surface air temperature; decreased groundwater discharge to streams over the past century; more frequent and prolonged drought; and habitat changes affecting native species" as a result of climate change.

"It is important that we become aware of these major shifts in our environment so that we can address the issues and take action to reduce the impact of climate change today for the future generations," added Sen. English.



*(L-R): Sen. English, Tony deBrum, Minister in Assistance to the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Tarcisius Kabutaulaka, Waves of Change Conference organizer. April 4, 2013.*

# SEN. ENGLISH VISITS LĀNA'Ī

Sen. English traveled to Lāna'ī on April 12th and 13th for site visits in addition to various meetings with local groups and constituents. He visited the Lāna'ī Community Health Center to view the integration of new technologies and improvements they have implemented over the years. Diana Shaw and Beverly Zigmond were happy to give Sen. English the grand tour as they also informed him of their current issues and future needs.

Sen. English was happy to deliver a Senate Proclamation to Principal Pierce Myers on the completion of new classroom facilities for Lāna'ī High and Elementary school, a project the Senator has been working on for about 10 years. According to the Department of Education, the last time classroom construction occurred for Lāna'ī High and Elementary school was in 1976 and some of the facilities date back to 1937.

Thanks to Sen. English and the Maui delegation of Senators, \$616,000 was appropriated by the Legislature in October



*Michael Lopez and Sen. English visit Ka Lanakila Church at Keomoku Village on Lana'ī's windward side. April 12, 2013.*

2006, to design a six-classroom building and in 2010, \$8 million was appropriated for construction of this new facility. Construction began in 2011 with many residents contributing to the design of the building that includes an office and classrooms for science, general education and special education. April 20th, 2013 was the official dedication of the new facility.

While on the island, Sen. English also met with various community groups and constituents to discuss their mana'o and any concerns they may have for the future of Lāna'ī.



*Sen. English presents Principal Pierce Myers with a Senate Proclamation. April 12, 2013.*



*Sen. English and Principal Myers discuss solar lighting in Lāna'ī High and Elementary School's new classroom buildings. April 12, 2013.*



*Sen. English and Kapa Maly tour the Lāna'ī Culture Heritage Center. April 12, 2013.*



*Sen. English visits Aunty Irene Cockett Perry to wish her a Happy 97th Birthday! April 12, 2013.*



*Sen. English is briefed by Beverly Zigmond and Diana Shaw on the programs of Lāna'ī Community Health Center with Mike Lopez. April 12, 2013.*



*Sen. English meets with constituent group, Lāna'ī Changes Community Development Corporation. April 12, 2013.*

## TAIWAN MINISTER ADDRESSES SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minister Jung-Tzer Lin, Taiwan Executive Yuan Minister without Portfolio and Governor of Taiwan Province, addressed the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs (TIA) at an informational briefing on Monday, April 15, 2013, in the State Capitol's Conference Room 414.

Minister Lin will be discussing the significance of strengthening the existing sister-state relationship between Taiwan and the State of Hawai'i, which was established in 1993.

"We should continuously look for ways to strengthen our sister-state relationship with Taiwan. With the recent addition of Taiwan to the United States Visa Waiver Program, our economy is expected to get a boost from an increased number of visitors from the region," said Sen. English, Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs.

To strengthen ties with Taiwan, the Legislature recently adopted **Senate Concurrent Resolution 61**. The measure urges the Governor, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i; Board of Education and Hawai'i congressional delegation to strengthen the sister-state relationship with Taiwan in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Hawai'i and Taiwan.



*Members of the TIA Committee meet with Minister Jung-Tzer Lin, Taiwan Executive Yuan Minister without Portfolio and Governor of Taiwan Province with V.C. Chu, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu and staff during an Info Briefing at the Capitol. April 15, 2013.*

Sen. English presented a certified copy of the resolution to Minister Lin during the informational briefing.

"Hawai'i and Taiwan benefit greatly from this sister-state relationship. Along with the cultural exchange, ideas on the development of clean energy can be shared as well as many other important policymaking matters," said Sen. English, "It's a win-win relationship."

## HA'IKU HO'OLAULE'A & FLOWER FESTIVAL



*Ha'iku School principal, Bernice Takahata; Governor's Liaison, JoAnn Inamasu; Sen. English, and Mayor Alan Arakawa - all smiles on this fun day. April 20, 2013.*



*Frank Kane gives Sen. English a tour of Ha'iku Elementary School's Mala O Ha'iku keiki garden. April 20, 2013.*

*It was a perfect day for Sen. English to meet old friends, make new friends, shop for his favorite flowers and sample delicious local fare. April 20, 2013.*

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**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
KUMU HULA MOANA DUDOIT**

On April 27th, Sen. English traveled to Moloka'i to present the 'ohana of the late Moana Dudoit with a Senate Proclamation in honor and remembrance of her life. Ohana, friends and colleagues from around the world gathered at the Mitchell Pauole Center in Kaunakakai, Moloka'i to celebrate Moana's life and contributions to the community. Moana was the epitome of all that Moloka'i represents. She was kind, friendly, spiritual and full of aloha.

During the 45 years that Moana taught hula, she believed that no one should be denied access to her halau because they could not afford the lessons. Therefore, joining Moana's Hula Halau was free due partially to the help of the community. Besides showcasing the hula, Moana shared and spread the unique aloha and spirit of Moloka'i while traveling to the continent, Japan, Europe and the South Pacific.

Moana had a special appeal. Her youngest student was 5 years old and the oldest was nearly 90. Although, her halau competed in the prestigious Merrie Monarch Festival in Hilo, Hawai'i, Moana made the hula fun and treated each member of her halau as part of her ohana. Moana was cherished by many and will be missed by all.



*Sen. English and the Maui Senate delegation meet with students from Pukalani Elementary. April 30, 2013.*