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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

The Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs is charged with the oversight of all transportation over air, water and land throughout the State in addition to international relations and foreign policy for Hawai'i. During my tenure as Chair of this committee, I have always taken a proactive approach to maintaining, modernizing and improving our transportation corridors. Committee site visits enable legislators the opportunity to evaluate and assess pending or completed projects for which, the legislature has made appropriations.

In this issue, we sit down with TSA Administrator, John Pistole during a meeting at the Hawai'i State Capitol, we welcome and educate the inaugural class of the Pacific Islands Leadership Program on the government and history of Hawai'i and we join some Senate Committees as they make site visits around the State.

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FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATOR VISITS SENATORS

Sen. English had many questions for the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Administrator, John Pistole during a recent meeting with Senators and Department of Transportation Airports officials at the Hawai'i State Capitol.

Sen. English, Chair of the Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, with Senators Kahele and Solomon, who are all neighbor island senators with vast travel experience, met with Administrator Pistole and his staff to discuss TSA issues at various airports across the State. Among the questions raised were: additional TSA personnel, decreased processing times, sequestration, the new TSA Pre-Check system and possible FAA regulation exemptions for the remote airports.

The TSA Pre-check program is a pre-screening initiative that makes risk assessments on passengers who voluntarily participate prior to their arrival at the airport checkpoint. The program includes U.S. citizens who are select frequent travelers of participating airlines or members of existing Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Trusted Traveler programs. Passengers 12 and younger are allowed through TSA Pre-check lanes with eligible passengers.

Participants are eligible for screening benefits which may include no longer having to remove their shoes, jacket, belt, laptop or compliment carry-on bag. For more information please visit: <http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck>



*Sen. English addresses Transportation Security Administrator John Pistole.
Sept. 13, 2013.*

SENATOR ENGLISH WELCOMES THE PACIFIC ISLANDS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TO THE HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL

The inaugural class of the Pacific Island Leadership Program (PILP) was invited by Sen. English to the Hawai'i State Capitol to discuss our legislative process, our system of government, local politics and history. PILP members were able to tour the Capitol, including the Senate Chamber where they had a crash course in parliamentary procedure.

"The PILP provides a unique venue for young leaders from across the Pacific to share information, ideas and practices," said Sen. English, "The next generation of leaders will have the opportunity to work together in a united effort, to solve the various problems pertaining to the region."

The PILP is a leadership program hosted by the East-West Center and sponsored by the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs. The objective of the PILP Fellowship is to empower young leaders from across the Pacific Islands region to exercise leadership and promote cooperation in a variety of cultural, geographical and institutional environments. It is intended to strengthen participants' knowledge and understanding of key economic, social, political, health, educational and environmental issues affecting the region, and enable them to cultivate the leadership skills, approaches and networks to make meaningful contributions to the region throughout their careers.

Participants will spend two months engaging in experiential learning exercises at the East-West Center's campus in Hawai'i, followed by a month of field study in Taipei at the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Institute of Diplomacy



Above: Sen. English discusses the history and procedures of the Hawai'i State Legislature with young leaders from the Pacific Island region. Sept. 12, 2013.

Below: Sen. English with members of the Pacific Island Leadership Program (PILP) participating in a two month forum and study at East-West Center Campus. Sept. 12, 2013.

and International Affairs. The program curriculum includes such topics as applied leadership skills, future scenario planning, social entrepreneurship and risk analysis, climate change and environmental stewardship, international relations, and public health. Tuition, residence hall room costs, health insurance, course materials, living stipend, round-trip airfare to Honolulu, roundtrip airfare from Honolulu to Taipei, as well as visa SEVIS fees, when required, are included.

For more information visit:

<http://www.eastwestcenter.org/node/33869>



SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS (WAM) SITE VISITS

Sen. English and Senate Ways and Means, (WAM) Committee members traveled to the islands of Hawai'i and Kaua'i as part of the statewide WAM site visits. The WAM committee is considered the money committee, which considers and passes all legislation relating to pending, current and future fiscal matters.

Sen. President Kim joined the WAM members for the Hawai'i Island visits on Aug. 20 and the 21st. The visits covered the entire island and consisted of the following sites: the Kona Airport, Judiciary Courthouse; Kona Community Hospital; UH Hawai'i Community College, Palamanui Site, Waimea Middle School, Puna Community Medical Center, Pahoa Public Library, Pohoiki Swim Area and Boat Ramp, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Research Labs and modules, and the Old Hilo Memorial Hospital. They also attended a meeting and potluck at the Waimea Middle School.

The Kaua'i site visits took place on Sept. 26 and 27 where the Senators visited the Kaua'i Airport, Waimea Russian Fort, Kaua'i Coffee, Sunrise Capital Shrimp Farm, Kaua'i Commu-



WAM Members tour the Puna Community Medical Center on the Big Island. August 21, 2013.

nity College (KCC), Kaua'i Museum, Waiakea Boat Ramp, Upper Kapahi Reservoir, the Hindu Temple, Lihue Civic Center and West Kaua'i Community Correctional Center. While on Kaua'i, the Senators met with members of the Kaua'i Business & Professional Assoc., Cattlemen's Assoc., KCC Chancellor Helen Cox, State Department of Education Superintendent Bill Arakaki and Kaua'i County Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr.

"I look forward to the Maui site visits. These visits give us a first hand view of how the projects we fund help the local communities," said Sen. English, "More importantly, jobs are created that fuel the overall economy and well-being of Hawai'i."



Senators visit Judge Ibarra in his chambers at the Kona Courthouse. August 20, 2013.



Senators enjoyed fruits and vegetables from the Waimea Middle School Garden. August 20, 2013.

Senators Kahele, Ige and English outside the main entrance to the Kadavul Hindu Temple on Kaua'i. Sept. 27, 2013.



UH Hilo, College of Pharmacy students share their stories. August 21, 2013.

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**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS (TIA) TOURS HONOLULU HARBOR**

Sen. English and members of the TIA committee toured Honolulu Harbor as guests of the Honolulu Harbors Users Group (HHUG) on September 30th, 2013. HHUG represents the 22 primary harbor users and includes the following companies: Matson, Sause Brothers, Pasha, Horizon and Young Brothers. This tour was an opportunity to observe DOT Harbors' modernization plans, which will be implemented over the upcoming years and view areas of concern directly from the Harbor users.



Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Horizon Lines; Wintehn Park, Office of Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa; Sen. English; Ku'uhaku Park, Matson and Sen. Ige. September 30, 2013.

The Senators began the tour at Horizon Lines, followed by visits to Pasha Piers 31/32, the Kapalama Military Reservation, Sause Brothers and the Matson Piers at Sand Island. A special tug boat tour was provided by Young Brothers to see areas of concern first hand from the water. During the tour the Senators were able to witness the location and area of damage that resulted from the 233,000 gallons of molasses that leaked into the Harbor earlier this month.



"Although State and Federal officials and Matson continue to work on the rehabilitation of the harbor ecosystem in the aftermath of the molasses spill, I am encouraged after taking the tour that measures are now in place to ensure that this type of incident will not recur," said Sen. English. "I am also impressed by the efficiency that I saw in the day to day operations of one of the busiest harbors in the Pacific that also serves as our statewide lifeline to food and other consumer goods."



Senators Kahahele, Espero, English, Keith-Agaran and Ige tour the Honolulu Harbor at the invitation of the Honolulu Harbor's Users Group. Sept. 30, 2013.