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## MESSAGE FROM KALANI

The Senate is now turning its attention to the \$25 Billion State biennium budget, which allocates resources to all 20 executive departments in the government. We are also carefully considering all the Capital Improvement Projects and Grant in Aid requests for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

The Constitution mandates that we spend only what we have and prohibits deficit spending. Because of this, many worthy projects may not be funded in this cycle. Nonetheless, we are hopeful that over the coming weeks, we will find a fair budget for all of Hawai'i.

*J. Kalani English*

# SENATOR J.KALANI ENGLISH

## HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

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



## STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS FOUNDATION SPRING LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Sen. English was invited to participate in the State Legislative Leaders Foundation's (SLLF) Spring Leadership summit this month at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. From the White House to the State House: Lessons in Presidential Leadership was the second in a series of programs dedicated to exploring the leadership styles of past presidents.

The summit provided a distinguished faculty of presidential historians and former White House staffers. Lou Cannon, Jim Newton, Richard Norton Smith and Former U.S. Senator Pete Wilson were on hand to share their observations about the styles of Presidential leadership they have observed or witnessed first-hand.

Established in 1972, the SLLF is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the professional development of all Senate Presidents, Speakers of the House, Majority Leaders, Minority Leaders, and Pro Tempore. All SLLF programs focus on two categories: strengthening leadership skills and examining

critical public policy issues. SLLF is the only nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that represents ALL Senate Presidents, Speakers of the House, Majority Leaders, Minority Leaders and Pro Tempore.

Our nation's state legislative leaders occupy a truly unexampled position in the American political system. In addition to their primary responsibility as lawmakers, they must be capable managers, articulate spokespersons for their political party, chamber, and the legislature as a whole, effective mediators of dispute and architects of compromise, and tireless fundraisers and campaigners for their political party, as well as themselves.

"This was a great opportunity to reflect on what these accomplished Presidents did to leave their mark on history and collaborate with fellow legislative leaders from across the country," said Sen. English. "Each of the discussions were engaging, relevant, and inspiring and I am looking forward to applying what I have learned at the Hawai'i Legislature."



Left - Sen. English with Former California Governor Pete Wilson. March 20, 2015. Right - Sen. English, former U.S. Attorney General Ed Meese III and Senate President Donna Mercado Kim at the SLLF Spring Leadership Conference. March 20, 2015.

## UPDATE OF THE 2015 MEASURES INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ENGLISH

The following includes bills that Sen. English introduced as co-sponsor, first primary and primary introducer that have crossed over to the House of Representatives for consideration and the recently introduced Senate resolutions. To view the bills go to: [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/advreports/advreport.aspx?report=intro&year=2015&leg=English&rpt\\_type=first\\_pri](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/advreports/advreport.aspx?report=intro&year=2015&leg=English&rpt_type=first_pri)

**[SB 868,](#)**  
**[SD1, HD1](#)** Requires county liquor commissions to prescribe regulations on dancing in establishments licensed to serve alcohol through the adoption or amendment of administrative rules.

**[SB 871,](#)**  
**[SD1, HD1](#)** Establishes driver licensing reciprocity privileges between Hawai'i and foreign countries upon certain conditions. Allows the examiner of drivers to waive the demonstration of the ability to operate a motor vehicle for individuals who receive license reciprocity privileges. Repeals the driver's license reciprocity committee.

**[SB 878,](#)**  
**[SD1](#)** Authorizes the counties to approve the installation and use of composting toilets in areas that are inaccessible to municipal wastewater systems. Defines "composting toilets".

**[SB 887,](#)**  
**[SD2, HD1](#)** Defines "industrial park" to include broadband cable landing and connectivity infrastructure facility development. Requires the board of directors of the high technology development corporation to establish advisory subcommittees to make recommendations to the board. Requires a report to the governor and the legislature in 2016 regarding the formation of the sub-committees and their plans to develop industrial parks in conjunction with broadband cable landing and connectivity infrastructure facilities.

**[SB 892,](#)**  
**[SD2, HD1](#)** Makes various appropriations for the Hawai'i resilience and sustainability strategy.

**[SB 895,](#)**  
**[SD1](#)** Requires that all letterheads, documents, symbols, and emblems of the State and other political subdivisions include accurate and appropriate Hawaiian names and language. Establishes references for accurate, appropriate, and authentic Hawaiian names and words, including proper Hawaiian spelling and punctuation.

**[SCR 24](#)** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM LEASE AND NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR PIER PILINGS ENCROACHMENT PURPOSES AT PULAWAI, ON THE ISLAND OF LANAI.

**[SCR 25](#)** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM LEASE AND NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR THE TIDE POOL STAIRS ENCROACHMENT PURPOSES IN THE MANELE-HULOPOE MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON THE ISLAND OF LANAI.

**[SCR 89/](#)**  
**[SR 42](#)** REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY AND COST STUDY RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT RAMP IN PUKO'O, MOLOKA'I.

**[SCR 163](#)** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FOUR TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS COVERING PORTIONS OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT STABLE ROAD BEACH, STABLE ROAD, SPRECKLESVILLE, WAILUKU, MAUI, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF FOUR EXISTING ROCK GROINS.

**[SCR 164/](#)**  
**[100](#)** REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE SCOPE AND RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE HEALTH OF HAWAII'S RESIDENTS AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS TO HEALTH STATEWIDE.

**[SCR 165/](#)**  
**[101](#)** SUPPORTING THE CO-NAMING OF A SECTION OF 33RD STREET IN NEW YORK CITY TO FATHER DAMIEN WAY IN HONOR OF SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER.

**[SCR 166/](#)**  
**[SR102](#)** REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A STRUCTURAL LICENSING BOARD.

## FEDERAL AND LOCAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATIONS MEET WITH HAWAII SENATORS

The status of Hawai'i's rural airports was one of the main topics discussed when the nation's top aviation officials visited the State Capitol last week. Sen. English, along with several other neighbor island Senators, were at the table during the high-level meeting with members of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) who were in Hawai'i for transportation talks at the request of state officials.

In the islands for three days of meetings was Eduardo Angeles, FAA Associate Administrator for Airports; Mark McClardy and Glen Martin, FAA West Region Airports Administrators; Ron Simpson, Airports District Office director, Honolulu and Gordon Wong, Assistant Airports District Office director, Honolulu. This was the first time top FAA officials from Washington, D.C., the West Region and local office were assembled in one meeting in Hawai'i.

"This unprecedented gathering was incredibly productive on both a financial and policy level," said Sen. English. "Hopefully, this will not be the last time we're able to convene meetings with our aviation officials to tackle critical issues that affect our main mode of transportation between the islands and the world."

During the meetings, State officials were able to secure federal funding for the \$210 million rehabilitation project at Kahului Airport. FAA officials also conducted a site visit to Kaua'i where State transportation officials were able to acquire financial support for a federally mandated runway safety project.



*Senators English and Kouchi meet with the FAA Western-Pacific region governing body on aviation issues for the neighbor islands. left to right: Ron Simpson, Mark McClardy, Gordon Wong, Sen. English, Glen Martin, Eduardo Angeles and Sen. Kouchi. March 23, 2015.*

## 2015 GRANT-IN-AID (GIA) APPLICANTS

Grants are awards of State funds by the legislature to an organization or person meeting the requirements of Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The standards for applicants, in part consists of: (1) Are licensed to conduct the activities in the request; (2) Comply with applicable federal and State laws prohibiting discrimination; (3) Not use funds for entertainment or lobbying; and (4) Allow full access to records, reports, and related documents. A grant may be awarded to a nonprofit organization only if it has been designated as such by the IRS or to an organization that is incorporated under the laws of the State of Hawai'i. The following is a list of GIA applicants with programs in or impacting the 7th District:

**Alaka'ina Foundation** – is a non-profit dedicated to the mission of building and promoting leadership and education initiatives for the youth of Hawai'i. The Foundation's flagship program, the Digital Bus was established in 2005 as a mobile laboratory equipped with the latest technology designed to stimulate interest in science and technology. Projects range from watershed investigation and restoration to math instruction to ocean and stream monitoring.

The Foundation is requesting funds to purchase two fully equipped digital buses to provide hands-on stem programs that directly benefit students and teachers from public, charter and private schools on Maui and Moloka'i.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, Inc. (BGCM)** operates clubhouses in Makawao and Ha'ikū and are seeking funds to continue much needed after and "during non-school" services. BGCM has been in the forefront working with youth from disadvantaged economic, social and family circumstances. BGCM is decated to ensuring that youngsters have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures. The clubs are safe places for youth who may be left alone after school or on the streets with no guidance. The staff are positive role models who serve as mentors to youth Club members.

BGCM offers youth five education-based activities that positively affect their ability to succeed in school. These include: Power Hour, which consists of homework assistance and tutoring; Project Learn involves learning through various educational games; Techonology/NetSmartz develops technology skills necessary to succeed in school and the job market; A's Pays, a grade incentive program; and College Bound, a mentor and scholarship program that guides students in college preparation.

**Hale Mahaolu** has served Maui's community since 1967 by providing affordable, safe, sanitary, independent rental units to seniors, disabled/chronically ill adults and low income families. To compliment these services, they also provide social service programs that include a personal care program, congregate housing services program and a meals program.

The funds they are requesting will be allocated to the adult personal care program that provides services for disabled/chronically ill adults 18 years and older, and frail elderly living in Maui County. Personal care services includes bathing, grooming, hygiene, toileting and feeding to help them maintain a safe independent life style in their residence and prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization.

**Hāna Health** is the only health care provider in the Hāna district, serving the primary health care and emergent medical needs of residents and

visitors alike. Hāna has been designated by the federal government as a medically under-served population, a primary care health professional shortage area, a dental health professional shortage area and a mental health professional shortage area.

The health center currently provides primary medical care, dental health services and behavioral health care. Unlike most primary care clinics in the State, Hāna Health coordinates activities with American Medical Response and Maui Memorial Medical Center in the provision of urgent/emergency medical services. Hāna Health provides assistance in stabilizing patients with life threatening illness or traumatic injury prior to transport to the hospital in Wailuku. In addition, the Center operates the Hāna Fresh Farm, nutrition center and farm stand, the cornerstone of a healthy lifestyle and disease prevention programs.

Hāna Health's requested funds will be used to plan, design and construct facilities that are modern, safe, green and designed to meet current and projected health care, ancillary and support service needs.

**Heritage Hall, Inc.** is a partnership between the Maui Puerto Rican Assoc. and the Portuguese Assoc. of Maui and was created to develop and operate two side-by-side cultural resource centers. Both have cultural preservation as their mission and award scholarships for college studies.

Funds are being requested from the Legislature to complete construction of Heritage Hall's facilities. The design calls for two separate buildings, one for the cultural resource centers and the other to serve as a multi-purpose hall. The cultural center will allow people to learn about the histories of both cultures in Hawai'i. Center activities will include: demonstrations, assistance with genealogical research, language classes and other opportunities to learn about Portuguese and Puerto Rican cultures.

**J. Walter Cameron Center** provides 16 social and human service agencies with affordable below market office and program space. The services from the resident agencies located at the Center reach out to the entire County of Maui.

The Center is requesting funds to complete the final phase of a five-year program that addresses serious health and safety issues due to the 40-year age of the Center's building and the critical need to incorporate technological improvements in energy efficiency and building cooling and ventilation. Upon completion of the project, the center will be able to provide below market space cost, office support, and hundreds of Maui community groups with affordable and handicap accessible space.

**Kalamaula Homesteaders Association** was founded in 1961 as a nonprofit entity to 1) challenge and inspire the youth who live on homestead land to achieve their full potential by providing support and opportunities for educational and career advancement; 2) promote better health for the Kalamaula community and homesteaders outside of Kalamaula through education; and to preserve and protect the natural environment through stewardship consistent with Hawaiian culture, values and traditional methods of resource management. Kalamaula was the first Hawaiian homestead community developed in 1921 as a model community after the establishment of the Hawaiian Homes Act.

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## 2015 GRANT-IN-AID (GIA) APPLICANTS CONTINUED

The requested funds will be used for improvements that include finishing the building and pavilion, establish a certified kitchen, improve restrooms, pave parking lots, install renewable energy resources and install a new septic system. The project supports sustainability and responsible stewardship of the ahupua'a as such serves the benefit of the Hawaiian community.

**Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO)** is a community action agency founded in 1965 as part of Pres. Johnson's "War on Poverty." MEO provides programming in workforce development, youth services, small business development, prisoner re-entry, Head Start, and a variety of other social services that help the communities on Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i prosper and grow. MEO delivers services and operations in the belief that instead of giving people fish, it is better to teach them how to catch fish for themselves.

Transportation services by MEO began in 1969 as a small start-up operation with a single used station wagon, MEO's fleet has grown to 106 vehicles providing a wide range of services to the residents of Maui County. MEO provides County-subsidized on demand transportation services to the elderly, low-income individuals, persons with disabilities, and medically needy residents as well as to preschool children and disadvantaged youth.

GIA funds will be used for a vehicle maintenance building at the MEO Transportation Center site which will consolidate bus storage, dispatch, maintenance and administration.

**Maui Youth and Family Services (MYFS)** is a non-profit organization that began as the Maunaolu Youth Residential Shelter in 1978 to address the community's need for emergency shelter for abused and neglected adolescents,

runaways and abandoned youth. MYFS provides comprehensive substance abuse, prevention and foster programs to a wide range of at-risk youth throughout Maui including Hāna, Moloka'i and Lāna'i.

MYFS requests funds to construct a new administrative building. The current building is 80 years old and is in an extremely poor state of repair. Experts have determined that renovation would not be cost effective and would not resolve the structural integrity of the building. Construction of a new building would eliminate extensive repair expenses, reduce long-term maintenance costs and provide an efficient facility that will safeguard the continuation of vital services.

**Moloka'i Homestead Farmers Association** consists of a group of homestead farmers advocating for the protection of their water rights, evolving to all farmers in commercial operations and subsistence farming. Since 2005, they have provided education to their farmers and community by updating them on laws pertaining to food and safety, water issues, certifications, agricultural laws, trainings and innovative technology tools for farmers to expand their produce and product.

The GIA funds will be used for the Lanikeha Center, which is the only large facility in Ho'olehua, Moloka'i for farmers to process their products and the community at large to conduct events.

Currently, the Center requires much needed improvements, renovation, and overhaul of antiquated equipment. The project will include installation of renewable energy resources to offset the high cost of electricity, a new roof, upgraded kitchen and replace or repair windows and paint throughout the Center.

## SENATE CONFIRMATIONS

Senate members confirmed Luis Salaveria as the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) and also confirmed, Mary Alice Evans as the Deputy Director.

Salaveria has more than 20 years of public and private sector experience and most recently served as the deputy director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

Evans has four decades of public service, starting as a student intern in the office of the Governor.

She has been serving as deputy director of DBEDT since 2011.

The Senate also confirmed Dr. Rachael Wong as Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) on March 20.

Wong has extensive experience and demonstrated leadership abilities. She most recently was the vice president and chief operating officer of the Healthcare Association of Hawai'i. She also previously served as executive director of Kokua Mau and the Hawai'i Consortium for Integrative Healthcare.