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## MESSAGE FROM KALANI

I always enjoy the Makawao Parade and Rodeo in Upcountry Maui, and this years events were spectacular. Congratulations to the grand marshal, Frank Crozier, who made us all proud.

As of July 10, any measure that the governor did not veto or sign became law; a total of 220 bills were enacted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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



## SENATE SPECIAL SESSION CONFIRMS JUDICIAL NOMINEES

During the week of July 9, the Senate convened the First Special Session of 2018 to consider four judicial appointments for the District Family Court of the First Circuit, the District Court of the First Circuit and the District Family Court of the Third Circuit. Pursuant to Article VI, Sec. 3 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, the Senate has thirty days from the date of the appointment by the Chief Justice to advise and consent on judicial nominees.

On June 15, Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald appointed the following four judicial nominees from a list submitted to him by the Judicial Selection Commission: Kenneth J. Shimozono to the District Family Court of the First Circuit; Kristine Y. Yoo to the District Court of the First Circuit; Mahilani E.K. Hiatt and Wendy M. DeWeese to the District Family Court of the Third Circuit.

The Senate voted on July 10 to confirm all four nominees following the Senate Committee on Judiciary's recommendation the day before to advise and consent having conducted a full hearing on all four nominees for a six-year term.

Kenneth J. Shimozono has been practicing criminal defense law as a partner in the law firm of Takemoto & Shimozono, LLC. since 2005. He also currently serves as a per diem judge in the District Family Court of the First Circuit.

Kristine Y. Yoo is currently serving as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Honolulu, where she has 14 years of experience. Prior to that, she worked as an AmeriCorps attorney with Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, as well as with the litigation firm of Howie, Long & Smith in California.

Mahilani E.K. Hiatt is currently a partner at Hiatt & Hiatt, where she concentrates on commercial litigation and employment law. She also serves as a per diem judge in the District and District Family Courts of the Third Circuit.

Wendy M. DeWeese has been a Deputy Public Defender in Kealahou for the past 11 years. Prior to that, she served as a law clerk for Judge Ronald Ibarra (ret). Before moving to Hawai'i, DeWeese worked for 11 years in private practice in California handling personal injury, civil, and family law cases.

"With the confirmation of these well qualified nominees, the State bench is now comprised of nearly 40% women." said Sen. English. "Although this is a slight improvement from 15 years ago, more needs to be done to encourage female applicants to apply for these key judicial positions. Women constitute half of the adult population here in Hawai'i and the make up of the State bench should reflect that."



# MAUI LEGISLATORS LONG-TIME SUPPORT OF SUNSCREEN BAN NOW A REALITY

The Maui Senate Delegation comprised of Senators English, Baker and Keith-Agaran stood proud as the Governor signed SB2571 into law on July 3. The Bill bans the sale of products containing oxybenzone or octinoxate in order to preserve the marine ecosystem.

For several years, Sen. English and Rep. Lynn DeCoite, supported by other Maui County Legislators introduced measures limiting or banning the use of the chemicals in products like sunscreen.

The ban, which takes effect in 2021, prohibits the use of sunscreen containing oxybenzone and octinoxate; and will only be available to those with a prescription from a physician.

In recent studies, scientists have found that the two chemicals can be toxic to coral reefs, which are a vital part to our island ecosystem.

"Coral and coral beds are the bedrock of our islands, they hold cultural significance and in our district, the reef system and ocean continues to be a source of life and sustenance," said Sen. English. "I am happy that through our persistence and hard work the ban became law."



*Legislators including Sen. English, and Rep. DeCoite participate in the Bill Signing Ceremony for the sunscreen ban. Honolulu, July 3, 2018.*

## UPCOUNTRY MAUI CELEBRATES THE 53RD MAKAWAO RODEO PARADE

On July 7, Sen. English joined family, friends and hundreds of Maui residents as they participated in the 53rd Makawao Rodeo Parade in Upcountry Maui.

The parade, which began at Baldwin Avenue and proceeded through town and ended at the Eddie Tam Center, featured 64 parade units and parade walkers. The event also featured the rodeo court that included: Caysie Ann Medeiros, queen; C.J. Medeiros, queen's page; Anuhea Awai-Dixon, princess; Kaylia Ferguson, junior princess; Sarah-Rose Cluney, keiki princess; and Maddox Prones, keiki prince.

Parade units were judged in the following categories: Best Parade Horse, Best Mounted Rider, Best Mounted Pair, Best Mounted Group, Best Mounted Keiki, Best Costumed Rider, Most Unusual Entry, Best Musical Entry, Best Float Entry, Best Representation of Theme and Most Patriotic entry.

The grand marshal of the parade was Frank Crozier. Sam Viveiros, a longtime rodeo announcer, was selected as the Special Parade Honoree.

The Makawao 4th of July Rodeo was founded in 1956 by the Maui Roping Club, an organization founded in 1955 by Harold "Osokie" Rice, George Manoa, Sr., and other local cowboys. The club presented the first Makawao Rodeo in 1956, and since 1966 a Paniolo Parade in Makawao Town has welcomed spectators to the Makawao Rodeo

"I've been participating in the Makawao Rodeo Parade for over two decades and it is always one of my favorite annual events," said Sen. English. "This year's parade theme, "Paniolo Country", truly reflects the unique paniolo culture that Makawao and Upcountry Maui is known for and I enjoy celebrating it with our community each and every year."



*Left: Sen. English with members of the Nomura 'ohana at the Makawao Rodeo Parade. Makawao, July 7, 2018.*



*Below: Pa'u riders in the Makawao Rodeo Parade. Makawao, July 7, 2018.*

## GOVERNOR'S VETOES

The following are the list of bills that have been vetoed by the Governor:

**HB1621: Relating to Consumer Protection** - Prohibits a merchant from charging a purchaser any fee, including a processing fee or an administrative fee, to repair, replace, or refund damaged or defective goods. Requires high turnover restaurant franchisees to disclose their non-participation in national advertising campaigns of the franchise in which discounts or promotions are offered. Prohibits the high turnover restaurant franchisor from limiting or restricting the disclosure.

**SB48: Relating to Technology** - Merges the Hawai'i Strategic Development Corporation into the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation and renames the resulting entity as the Hawai'i Innovation, Technology, and Research Corporation. Appropriates funds.

**SB2407: Relating To Medical Cannabis** - Allows the use of medical cannabis to treat opioid use, substance use, and withdrawal symptoms resulting from the treatment of those conditions.

**SB2519: Relating to The Environment** - Authorizes the Agribusiness Development Corporation to enter into contracts with private businesses to remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors, including agriculture, construction, and energy production; provided the contracts benefit agricultural and agriculture-related projects.

**SB2524: Relating to County Land Use Requirements** - For purposes of a county with a population of 750,000 or more: for planned community associations, requires the owner of any parcel of land subdivided as a condominium property regime in agricultural or preservation lands to provide public notice of the sale no later than ninety days after the sale of the parcel; Prohibits residential use of sheds or other structures on agricultural lands unless permitted under county ordinances and rules.

**SB2699: Relating to The Transient Accommodations Tax** - Imposes the transient accommodations tax on additional resort fees that must be included in gross rental proceeds.

**SB2919: Relating to Public Libraries** - Establishes a pilot program to generate revenue through the lease of public library lands to meet the mission of the public libraries. Establishes the library facilities fund. Requires the state librarian and board of education to report to the legislature.

**SB2992: Relating to Campaign Finance** - Exempts signs and banners from certain election law disclaimer requirements relating to advertisements.

## NEW HELPLINE TO ASSIST PEOPLE FIND INSULIN AFFORDABILITY

Starting Aug. 1, a new helpline called the Lilly Diabetes Solution Center will assist people who need help paying for their insulin – such as those with lower incomes, the uninsured, and people in the deductible phase of their high-deductible insurance plans. Among the multiple solutions being made available through the helpline are short-term and long-term options for people with immediate needs for insulin and how people with lower incomes can access Lilly insulin through free clinics.

"I encourage anyone in our District who needs help paying for their diabetes treatment to call the Lilly solution center." said Sen. English. "Their solution center can help relieve the cost for many people and ensure they receive comprehensive treatment for diabetes by finding customized solutions."

Learn more at: [www.lilly.com/diabetessolutioncenter](http://www.lilly.com/diabetessolutioncenter)

## THREE BILLS BECOME LAW WITHOUT SIGNATURE

Three measures will become law without the Governor's signature. Those bills are:

**HB2589: Relating To Motorcycles** - Authorizes the Department of Transportation under certain conditions to designate shoulders upon which the Department may authorize the driving of motorcycles.

**HB2071: Relating To Law Enforcement** - Establishes a Law Enforcement Standards Board for the certification of county police officers, state public safety officers, and employees of the Departments of Transportation, Land and Natural Resources, Taxation, and Attorney General with police powers. Establishes the Law Enforcement Standards Board Special Fund. Appropriates funds.

**HB2507: Relating To Preschools** - Makes housekeeping amendments to remove preschools from the Superintendent's scope of authority and to clarify that the Executive Office on Early Learning Director may authorize preschool personnel access to a student's immunization registry information. Requires the Department of Education to administer special education and Title I funded programs at the prekindergarten level.

Go to the following for the current list of all 2018 Acts: <https://bit.ly/2LkauKu>

## FUNDS RELEASED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



*Keanae Road, East Maui. July 17, 2018.*

**\$2,000,000** was released to finance safety improvements to minimize rockfalls on Keanae Road, East Maui.

**\$600,000** for additional construction for the new office-storage facility at Kaunakakai Harbor, Moloka'i.

**\$95,000** for improvement construction at Hui Noeau Visual Arts Center, Makawao, Maui.



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**LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**



*Clockwise from top:*

*Legislators with "Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense" at the Bill Signing Ceremony for SB2046 (Act 157). Executive Chambers, Honolulu, July 9, 2018.*

*Sen. Tokuda, Sen. English and Sen. Baker at the Bill Signing Ceremony for SB1776: Relating To Workers Compensation Health Benefits. Executive Chambers, Honolulu, July 5, 2018.*

*Ucehl and Brent Naito visit with Sen. English to discuss future plans for a Palau Consulate in Hawai'i. Honolulu, July 3, 2018.*

*Rep. DeCoite, Rodney Kilborn, Sen. English and Sen. Kim at the Bill Signing for HB2559 Relating to Marine Events. Honolulu, July 9, 2018.*

*Students interns from the Kamehameha Schools and Arizona State University visit with Sen. English to discuss his work in the Senate and sustainability initiatives. Honolulu, July 9, 2018.*

