



## Report #1

(week ending February 2, 2001)



### Senator J. Kalani English Senate District 5 Wailuku-Upcountry-Kahului

The 21<sup>st</sup> State Legislature convened January 17 and will continue for 60 working days through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first significant deadline occurred Friday, January 26, the cut-off date to introduce bills.

I have introduced 40 bills, ranging from a 1% reduction of the GE tax on food to 24-hour ambulance services for Kula and Kihei, expansion of the drug court's diversion program to rural areas of Maui County, and shielding counties from liability for injuries arising out of a hazardous recreational activity. A complete list of all bills I introduced and co-sponsored is attached to this report.

## TRANSPORTATION NEWS

The appointment of the new Director of the State Department of Transportation, Mr. Brian Minaai, has been confirmed. He is from Wailuku and has 13 years of private development experience. I met with him on January 12 to speak about the Haleakala Highway improvements, Dairy Road congestion, and Paia Bypass. He was very willing to examine various options to address transportation issues around the County.

## CATCH "MAYOR'S TALK STORY"

Mayor James "Kimo" Apana, Representative Kika Bukoski and I will go "Tuesday Night Live" on Akaku Channel 45. Join us as we discuss the key bills and issues of the 2001 session. The show airs from 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, February 6.

## CIP BILL SEEKS FUNDS

Each Senator may submit a single CIP (capital improvements project) bill for his district. In the bill I submitted for district 5, SB 1345, I sought funds as follows:

- \$1.2 million for Paia Bypass design work
- \$1 million to construct a wing at Hale Makua to address the critical shortage of long-term care beds in the County
- \$17.325 million for school improvements at King Kekaulike High School, Kalama Intermediate, Pukalani Elementary, Iao Intermediate, Paia Elementary, and Maui Waena Intermediate
- \$3.5 million for expansion of Makawao Public Library to better serve Pukalani, Haiku, Hailimaile, Kula and Paia.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, February 6  
"Mayor's Talk Story"  
7 to 8 p.m., on Akaku Channel 45

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## LEADERSHIP

Senate Majority Floor Leader

Committee Member on six of 12 committees:

- Ways & Means
- Health & Human Services
- Education
- Commerce, Consumer Protection & Housing
- Water, Land, Energy & Environment (Vice Chairman)
- Tourism & Intergovernmental Affairs



## STAFF SUPPORT

We are here to serve. Mele Carroll is chief of staff; she's from Paia, was my chief of staff at Maui County Council and handles my appointment schedule. Alan Ibrao is deputy chief of staff and keeps us organized. Three advisors, Julie Hugo, Ola Souza and Dave Kraul, cover the 12 committees and monitor the bills. If you need bill information, please give them a call.

Assisting the advisors are Oren Yakovee, a December, 2000 graduate from UH-Manoa with a Bachelor's in Speech, and interns Megan Lytle, a UH-Manoa senior majoring in political science, and Rebekah Hoyt, a criminal justice/psychology major at UH-West Oahu.