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**MESSAGE FROM KALANI**

With the conclusion of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Conference, members of the legislature again focus on State issues in preparation for the upcoming 2012 legislative session. One issue garnering much attention is the possible wind-farms and undersea cables linking Moloka'i and Lana'i to O'ahu. In response to this, I traveled to both islands with the members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment and House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection to hear firsthand the concerns of these communities.

In this issue, we take a look at some of the events I attended during APEC, the listening tours conducted on Moloka'i and Lana'i, the significance of Makahiki and honor an award winning educator whose name now adorns a new public school library.

Please be safe during this holiday season and I hope everyone enjoyed a great Thanksgiving. We truly have so much to be thankful for.

*J. Kalani English*

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**WORLD LEADERS IN HAWAII FOR APEC**



*Pacific Island Leaders talk shop at APEC: Gerard Finin, Co-Director, Pacific Island Development Program, East-West Center; Sen. English; Peter O'Neill Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea; Lord Tu'iavakano, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga. Nov. 10, 2011.*

*(L to R, front row) Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufofo, Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa; Lynda May Babao, spouse of the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea; Henry Puna, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands.*

*(L to R, back row) Sitiveni Halapua, Member of Parliament, Kingdom of Tonga; Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea; Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor of Kaua'i; Sen. English; Billy Kinoi, Mayor of Hawaii'i Island; Collin Beck, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the Solomon Islands to the UN; Edwin Pittman, CEO to the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands.*



*Sen. English, Darren T. Kimura, President and CEO of Sopygy Solar and Sen. Kahele at APEC in Honolulu. Nov. 7, 2011.*



*Sen. English visits officials of Maui County Economic Development Office booth at APEC in Honolulu. Nov. 7, 2011.*

## SENATOR ENGLISH VISITS MOLOKA'I AND LANAI



*Senator English thanks the Hawaiian Community on Lana'i for sharing their concerns about "Big Wind" on their island and the impact it would have on their cultural practices. November 3, 2011.*



*Listening visit with Lanaians for Sensible Growth at Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center. November 3, 2011.*



*Listening visit with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and carpenters union at the Lana'i theater. November 3, 2011.*

Early in November, Senator English visited the islands of Moloka'i and Lana'i. Concerns have been raised regarding the proposed 200-megawatt wind-farms on these islands and the undersea cable linking them to O'ahu. In response to this, Senator English and the members of the Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Energy and Environment as well as members of the State House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection set up numerous listening sessions with the communities on both islands.



*Senator English with members of the Senate and House Energy committees meet with the community to listen to their perspectives and concerns on the proposed wind farms in Maunaloa. Moloka'i, November 2, 2011.*



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*Listening visit at Lana'i High & Elementary School with Kupa'a no Lana'i. November 3, 2011.*



*Sophie Cokes, Honolulu Civil Beat Reporter; Doug McClaffin, Alternative Energy Director for Castle & Cook; Rep. Carroll, Sen. English, Rep Coffman, Rep. Thielen and Sen. Gabbard visiting Lana'i Harbor. November 3, 2011.*



*Maunaloa town meeting with the Senate and House Energy Committees on Moloka'i. November 2, 2011.*



*Moloka'i community representatives show Senate and House Energy Committee members proposed site for windmills in Westend Moloka'i. November 2, 2011.*

## MAKAHIKI COMMEMORATION DAY

Makahiki was a significant time throughout Polynesia. The rising of the Makali'i, Pleiades, marks the beginning of the Makahiki season that covers four consecutive months. Conflict and war were set aside and unity and peace prevailed as the people paid tribute to the god Lono.

To perpetuate the ancient wisdom of land conservation, abundance, unity, and peace during the four months of Makahiki, Polynesian regional governments celebrate the Makahiki season and have designated November 20th as the start of the Makahiki observance. Groups from Hawai'i, Samoa, Tonga,

New Zealand or Aotearoa, Easter Island or Rapa Nui, Wallis and Futuna, and the Marquesas Islands all gather in Tahiti to celebrate Matahiti Tau Auhune, a time of harvest.

Senate Bill 1035 introduced by Senator English, designates November 20th of each year as Makahiki Commemoration Day. This measure was signed into law as Act 068 following the 2008 Legislative session.

To read the history of this Bill visit: [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Archives/measure\\_indiv\\_Archives.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=1035&year=2008](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Archives/measure_indiv_Archives.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=1035&year=2008)

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**BALDWIN HIGH LIBRARY DEDICATION**

Senator English was happy to attend the unveiling of the new Baldwin High School library which was recently dedicated to former Baldwin principal and award winning educator, Wallace H. Fujii. Wally was actually Senator English's principal during his elementary years at Hana High & Elementary. "This was a great opportunity to honor one of Maui's great educators," said Senator English, "He is truly deserving of this recognition in his dedication to our schools over so many years."

The new \$8 million Wallace H. Fujii library is an L-shaped, 14,250-square-foot building that consists of the main library and a media wing. The main library space contains the library collection, tables for group and individual work, a computer area, archive,



*Sen. English congratulates Wallace H. Fujii at the dedication of the new library at Baldwin High School. Oct. 31, 2011.*

librarian offices, teachers' workroom and conference room. The media wing contains a computer lab and a video production room.



*Sen. English visits Auntie Jan Pele at her free store, "Auntie Jan's House of Blessings" in Maunaloa, Moloka'i. Nov. 2, 2011.*



*Sen. English welcomes Brian McKnight to Maui for his concert at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center. Nov. 4, 2011.*



*Fawn Helekahi and Sen. English support the 3rd Annual Limu Festival in Hana, Maui. Nov. 5, 2011.*



*A family explores Limu at the 3rd Annual Limu Festival at Hana Bay, Nov. 5, 2011.*