



## 2007 Year in Review

The 2007 Legislative Session was busy and productive. Working with new leadership and a fresh outlook, the Senate maintained its focus on our state's most pressing needs through not only the regular session, but three special sessions that considered veto overrides, judicial appointments, and critical issues requiring immediate legislative action.



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culture and Hawaiian Affairs, providing him fresh opportunities to provide leadership on issues important to the Sixth District.

Senator English introduced or cosigned 160 bills and resolutions in the 2007 session. Seventeen of those bills passed into law, four of which Senator English introduced himself. “Of course, we always want to pass more,” says Senator English, “but this is a good result when you consider that close to two thousand bills and nearly four hundred resolutions were introduced in the Senate last session. And the bills that haven’t passed yet, 112 of them, are still alive for the upcoming session. I intend to keep working to pass those that mean the most to our district.”

With the 2007 session, Senator English formally assumed the chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, and obtained seats on the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, and the powerful Committee on Ways and Means. With Maui Senators Roz Baker and Shan Tsutsui also serving as Ways and Means Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, the Maui delegation maintained significant influence over the Senate’s financial committee, and helped direct the appropriation of funds to projects vital to our islands, and across the state.

For the upcoming 2008 session, Senator English has also been appointed Vice Chair of the newly-created Senate Committee on Agri-

- ▶ **Chair, Committee on Transportation and International Affairs**
- ▶ **Vice Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs**
- ▶ **Member, Committee on Ways and Means**
- ▶ **Member, Committee on Economic Development and Taxation**



## A Message From Kalani

In this final issue of the year we will review the significant events at the legislature for the year 2007, and look over the appropriations for the 6th senatorial district. In total, over \$80 million was allocated for important projects in Hana, East & Upcountry Maui, Moloka’i and Lana’i. These projects are detailed in our budget chart in this newsletter.

Finally, I share with you a photo journey through 2007. It has been my pleasure to visit with you during my rounds in the district and beyond. My role as Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs has also given me the opportunity to meet with many heads of state and governments and other important international leaders. I share these images with you too.

The next legislature convenes on 16 January 2008, and I am even now preparing bills and resolutions to better the quality of our lives in this very special district. Please be kind to each other and honor our diversity. This is our strength.

Blessings to you in 2008.

Aloha,



Kilohana Elementary School Teacher Vanessa Ka'awa and Cynthia Luafalemana after meeting with Sen. J. Kalani English, East Molokai, 11 January 2007



Hawaii State Teacher's Association (HSTA) members visit Sen. English at his office.



Maui ILWU Retirees support Sen. J. Kalani English, Opening Day of the Legislature, Honolulu, 17 January 2007



Moroccan Ambassador Aziz MEKOUAR accepts a proclamation from Sen. J. Kalani English on the Senate Floor, 9 March 2007

Among Senator English's bills that passed into law was **SB1853 (Act 212)**, which established the 'aha kirole advisory committee. The committee will explore, examine and derive best practice models for the creation of an 'aha moku council system that will serve in an advisory capacity on matters related to our state's natural resources. The council will incorporate and represent all thirty-seven moku statewide, and enable the development of a comprehensive set of best practices for natural resources management, to reflect and sustain traditional Native Hawaiian practices.

New laws that grew out of bills that Senator English helped introduce include **SB1917 (Act 222)**, which provides funding for additional homeless facilities, emergency shelters and transitional shelters. The law also supports agencies that offer outreach and support services to the homeless, and provides a funding mechanism for more affordable housing. **SB1916 (Act 204)** gives additional support to family and friends who act as caregivers to the elderly and disabled; it also appropriates funds to expand the kupuna care services programs. **SB1066 (Act 9)** will help reduce our state's exposure to invasive species. And **SB1174 (Act 250)** will make support programs available to the keiki of incarcerated parents, including programs that help develop more positive parent/child interactions.

During the first Special Session, Senator English joined with the Senate majority to override eleven of the governor's vetos. Included in that group was a **SB1191 (Act 10, SP1)**, which provides funding to improve pedestrian safety statewide.

As in previous sessions, Capital Improvement Projects for our district remained one of the Senator's top priorities. In all, he helped shepherd over \$83 million to projects in Hana, Upcountry, Kula, and Pukalani, as well as on Moloka'i and Lana'i. Those projects will help improve transportation, healthcare, and education.

Statewide projects with an impact on the Sixth District account for an additional \$50 million, for expenditures such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, coqui frog control and eradication, highway improvements, and emergency medical services.



Kamaui Aiona of Hana shadows Sen. J. Kalani English for a day at the Capitol, Honolulu, 21 March 2007

With the 2008 session scheduled to begin shortly, Senator English is prepared to continue his efforts on behalf of the district. "Working with my Senate colleagues and getting things done for our district and our state is really a collaborative effort. By the same token, I also see it as a collaboration with the people in our district. I need to keep hearing from them to understand their priorities and meeting their needs, and I intend to keep listening as long as they have anything to say. As much as the 2007 session was a success, I think we will do even better this year. That will be a tribute to everyone who took a little time to get involved."



Sen. J. Kalani English walks with Kupuna Lei Kanipae after the blessing of OHA's new office on Lanai, 29 June 2007



Annie Heid & Sen. English at a Community Christmas Party on Lana'i, 20 Dec 2007



Federated States of Micronesia President Manny Mori with Hawaii State Senator J. Kalani English at the Inaugural Ball, Kolonia, Pohnpei 15 July 2007



Agnes Groff with Sen. J. Kalani English on Opening Day of the Legislature, Honolulu, 17 January 2007



Maori King Te Ariki Nui Tuheitia Paki with Sen. J. Kalani English at the Presidency, Papeete, Tahiti 15 Sept. 2007



Republic of the Marshall Islands President Kessai Note meets with Senator J. Kalani English in his office, Majuro, 23 July 2007



Sen. J. Kalani English honours Irene Cockett Perry on her 90th Birthday, Lanai City, Lanai, 14 April 2007



Tumu Te Heuheu, Ngati Tuwharetoa Paramount Chief and Head of UNESCO with Sen. J. Kalani English, The Presidency, Papeete, Tahiti, 15 Sept. 2007



Republic of the Marshall Islands Nitiijela (Parliament) Speaker Litokwa Tomeing meets with Hawaii Senator J. Kalani English at the Capitol, Majuro 23 July 2007



Gov. Robert Weilbacher of Kosrae & Sen. English, APIL Reception, 26 Nov 2007



His Highness Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi, Head of State of Samoa with Sen. English

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# 2007-2009 SIXTH DISTRICT BIENNIUM BUDGET

## MAUI

<u>Hana Airport</u> (Operating expense)	\$1,663,863	<u>King Kekaulike High</u> (New auditorium)	\$410,000	
<u>Hana Community Health Center</u> (Operating expense)	\$700,000	<u>Pa'ia Elementary</u> (New cafeteria)	\$5,000,000	
<u>Education</u> – funds in addition to student formula funding: ( <u>Ha'iku, Kula, Makawao Elem.</u> ) ( <u>Pa'ia &amp; Pukalani Elem.</u> ) ( <u>Hana High &amp; Elem.</u> ) ( <u>Samuel Enoka Kalama Inter.</u> ) ( <u>King Kekaulike High</u> )	\$379,800	<u>Hana Highway, Huelo</u> (Rockfall Mitigation & Improvements)	\$675,000	
	\$253,200		<u>Kula Hospital</u> (Flooring & plumbing upgrade replace sewer & grease trap)	\$2,431,000
	\$295,360	<u>Pukalani Elementary</u> (Improvements & upgrades)		\$909,000
	\$168,700			<u>Haleakala Highway</u> (Widening at milepost 8)
	\$253,160	<u>Ohana Makamae, Inc.</u> (Clean & sober living home)	\$83,315	

**MAUI BUDGET TOTAL:**

**\$20,766,398**

## MOLOKA'I

<u>Moloka'i Airport</u> (Operating expense) (Special repair & maintenance) (Rescue-Fire Station Improvements)	\$5,529,753	<u>Moloka'i Highways</u> (Operating expense) (Investment Capital) (Special repair & maintenance)	\$7,132,047
	\$1,360,000		\$5,700,000
	\$6,910,000		\$5,135,000
<u>Kamehameha V Highway</u> Kawela Stream (Bridge Replacement)	\$3,500,000	<u>Maunaloa Highway</u> (Stabilization)	\$1,750,000
<u>Kamehameha V Highway</u> (Drainage)	\$450,000	<u>Kaunakakai Harbor</u> (Operating)	\$972,838
<u>Moloka'i Veterans Caring for Veterans</u> (Facilities)	\$250,000	<u>Moloka'i General Hospital</u> (Expansion & upgrade)	\$1,700,000
<u>Moloka'i High School</u> (2 new science classrooms)	\$1,545,000	<u>Moloka'i General Hospital</u> (Upgrade)	\$500,000
<u>Kalaupapa, Nursing Facility</u> (Improvements)	\$510,000	<u>Kalaupapa Airport</u> (Operating expense)	\$1,887,295
<u>Education</u> - funds in addition to student formula funding: ( <u>Kaunakakai &amp; Kilohana Elem.</u> ) ( <u>Maunaloa Elem.</u> ) ( <u>Moloka'i Middle</u> ) ( <u>Moloka'i High</u> )	\$253,200 \$126,600 \$168,700 \$253,160	<u>Kalaupapa Harbor</u> (Improvements)	\$1,000,000
		<u>Kalaupapa Residents</u> (Annual Pension Adjustments)	\$6,951

**MOLOKAI BUDGET TOTAL:**

**\$46,640,544**

**LANA'I**

<u>Lana'i Airport</u> (Operating expense) (Special repair & maintenance) (Apron improvements)	\$4,380,743 \$485,000 \$3,530,000	<u>Lana'i Community Hospital</u> (Renovation, equipment replacement, building upgrade)	\$1,200,000
<u>Lana'i Highways</u> (Operating expense)	\$1,685,130	<u>Education-</u> Funds in addition to student formula funding: ( <u>Lana'i High &amp; Elem</u> )	\$295,360
<u>Kaumalapau Harbor</u> (Operating expense)	\$476,000		
<u>Lana'i Women's Center</u> (New Health Center for low income and underserved residents)	\$500,000	<u>Women Helping Women</u> (Support for women victims of domestic violence)	\$50,000
<b>LANAI BUDGET TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$12,602,233</b>

**6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT TOTAL: \$80,009,175**

**STATEWIDE OR ISLANDWIDE**

<u>6<sup>th</sup> District State Highways</u> (Guardrail & shoulder improvements) (Traffic operational improvements at existing intersections & facilities)	\$1,250,000	<u>Aeromedical EMS (Maui)</u> (Replacement helicopter)	\$1,324,800
	\$1,100,000	<u>State Irrigation system reservoirs</u> (Statewide) (Improvements)	\$10,250,000
<u>Small Boat Ferry System Statewide</u> (Includes improvements at Manele & Kaunakakai Harbors)	\$30,020,000	<u>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Maui)</u> (Home ownership education)	\$125,000
<u>Safehouse on Maui</u> (Residence for youth offenders Re-entering society.	\$1,650,000	<u>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Moloka'i)</u> (Income tax assistance)	\$185,000
<u>Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.</u> (Operational costs for transportation of renal disease clients)	\$364,000	<u>Eradication and Control of the Coqui Frog</u> (Maui)	\$100,000
<u>Acute Care Hospital Emergency Rooms</u> (Includes Maui) (Funds for physicians on-call)	\$3,000,000	<u>Lifeguard compensation, fringe benefits, &amp; training</u> (Includes Maui)	\$812,938
<b>STATEWIDE OR ISLANDWIDE TOTAL THAT IMPACTS THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT:</b>			<b>\$50,181,738</b>



*Hana Health Center's 10 year celebration*



*The Staff of Kula Hospital and Sen. J. Kalani English prepare to march in the Makawao Parade, 7 July 2007*



Leona Nomura and Sen. J. Kalani English work the gates at the Makawao Rodeo, 7 July 2007

Hawaii Sen. J. Kalani English (right), MK Issac (Buz'i) Herzog, Minister of Welfare of Israel, (middle, blue shirt), Ehud Barak, Former Prime Minister & Chairman of the Labor party & the Minister of Defense (right) and members of the American Council of Young Political Leaders meet with Israeli leaders, Tel Aviv, Israel 17 May 2007



Maui School Students visit with Sen. J. Kalani English in his office at the Capitol, Honolulu 27 April 2007



Palestine Authority President Mahmoud Ridah Abbas "Abu Mazen" receives Hawaii Senator J. Kalani English at the Al Moquta, Ramallah, Palestine 14 May 2007



Nalani Ka'auamo hugs Sen. J. Kalani English at the East Maui Kamehameha Schools Alumni Gathering, Hana, 28 July 2007



American Council of Young Political Leaders delegation to Palestine & Israel outside the Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem 15 May 2007



Frank Crozier and Sen. J. Kalani English share a meal at the Makawao Rodeo, 2007

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Sen. J. Kalani English, Jan Elliott & Hatota Tehiva at 10th Anniversary Celebrations of Hana Health Center, Hana 3 July 2007



Jojo Ho'opai with Sen. J. Kalani English at the 10 Anniversary of Hana Health Center, Hana 3 July 2007



Pearl Ah Ho and Jackie Woosley talk with Sen. J. Kalani English at the blessing of the OHA Lanai Island office, 29 June 2007



Sen. J. Kalani English celebrates his 41st birthday in Hana, 7 August 2007



Keli'i Brown presents the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association, Maui Chapter's Hui Pu Award.



Admiral Bill French, Sen. J. Kalani English & Guam Lt. Gov. Michael W. Cruz, M.D. discuss regional issues



Aunty Ku'ulei Bell from Kalaupapa with Sen. J. Kalani English, 24 August 2007



Sen. J. Kalani English, Alton S. Arakaki, Sen. Jill Tokuda & Adolph Helm at Molokai Native Hawaiian Taro Collection, 13 Dec 2007



Maohi Festival Honors the Keohokalole Family 2007



President Oscar Temaru of Polynesia takes Sen. English to the island of Maupiti to visit his son, Jean-Paul Mohi 23 Dec 2007



Thanksgiving in Kipahulu, Maui



Patsy Kaina, Sen. J. Kalani English, Brenda Pua and granddaughter, Hana, 4 August 2007



Talking With You



Designer Sue Wong & Sen. English, Kipahulu Thanksgiving, 22 Nov 2007



ILWU Retirees with Sens. Tsutsui & English, 14 Dec. 2007

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