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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

I am fortunate to travel the district, meet with residents at community gatherings and to share with them the progress we have made over the years. I am inspired by these meetings to continue working hard to create good policy for Hawai'i and to appropriate funds for the projects in our district. I want to help create happiness and wellbeing for everyone, and am humbled by the people of Hāna, East & Up-country Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i and the Island of Kaho'olawe.

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HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

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



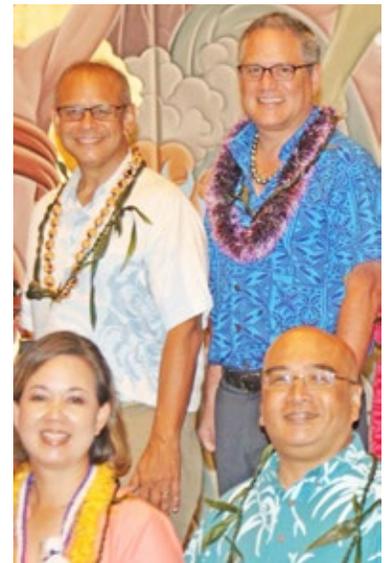
SENATOR ENGLISH ATTENDS 46TH ANNUAL KŪPUNA ALOHA LUNCHEON

Sen. English and other legislators and community members attended the 46th Annual Kūpuna Aloha Luncheon, hosted by the Maui Economic Opportunity Inc., on July 28 at the Grand Wailea. This annual event honors and thanks kūpuna for their contributions to our community. This year, Sen. Roz Baker and attorney Larry Ing were recognized as the 2018 Kūpuna Advocates of the year.

"Having been raised by my grandparents, I understand deeply the important role that kūpuna play in the lives of our keiki and those in our community," said Sen. English. "They are invaluable resources and caring for their health and well-being is of the utmost importance. I commend Sen. Baker and Larry Ing for their work as strong advocates for our kūpuna."



Sen. English with Kahilihiwa Kipapa at the MEO Kūpuna Luncheon. Wailea, Maui. July 28, 2018.



Mike Molina, Sen. English, Sen. Tokuda and Sen. Keith-Agaran at the MEO Kūpuna Luncheon. Wailea, Maui. July 28, 2018.

## SENATOR ENGLISH WELCOMES DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Director General Martin Chungong of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and Former New Zealand Ambassador Amanda Ellis visited Sen. English on July 18 to discuss sustainability initiatives in Hawai'i and around the Pacific Region.

As part of this four-day tour in Hawai'i, Director General Chungong also met with local sustainability leaders and faculty from the East-West Center.

"Director General Chungong was very impressed with Hawai'i's leadership in creating policy, such as the State's adoption of the Paris Climate Accord and the Senate's commitment to the **17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**, to address sustainability

and climate change," said Ambassador Ellis.

"Our efforts here in Hawai'i are being noticed globally and we need to continue this momentum of creating a green Hawai'i for future generations," said Sen. English.

The **Inter-Parliamentary Union** (IPU) is a global inter-parliamentary institution established in 1889 by Frédéric Passy (France) and William Randal Cremer (United Kingdom). It was the first permanent forum for political multilateral negotiations. The national parliaments of 178 countries are members of the IPU, and 12 regional parliamentary assemblies are associate members. The IPU has permanent observer status at the United Nations General Assembly.



Sen. English welcomes Martin Chungong and Amanda Ellis, as well as Marshallese Peter Anjain and Augusty Kess. July 19, 2018.



(L to R) Director General Martin Chungong, Amanda Ellis, Sen. English and Senate President Kouchi. Honolulu. July 18, 2018.

## SENATE WELCOMES STAFFERS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

As part of the continued partnership with the **United Nations Development Programme** (UNDP), the Senate hosted two staffers from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Nitijela from July 16-20: Peter Anjain, a communications specialist and Augusty Kess, an official Marshallese translator.

Over the course of their training, they met with various individuals from the legislative and judicial branches of government. Melody Kubo, from the Hawai'i State Judiciary, invited them to observe a Marshallese translator in several court proceedings. They also had the chance to sit down with Kaliko Martin, a Hawaiian language translator to discuss matters relating to translation services.

Michi Moore, Deputy Director of Senate Communications, spent time with the two to share communication strategies and help them set up social media accounts to better integrate media into their communication outreach.

"The growing relationship between the Senate, UNDP and other Pacific Island governments, including the RMI, is important because trainings such as these provides an opportunity to exchange best practices among legislative bodies in the region," said Sen. English. "More importantly, it gives our staff in the Senate an opportunity to learn about how other governments in the Pacific operate and to create networks with other public servants around the world."



Sen. English and Senate Clerk Carol Taniguchi welcome Marshallese staffers Peter Anjain and Augusty Kess. Honolulu. July 19, 2018.



Peter Anjain and Augusty Kess debrief with Sen. English on their week-long experience at the Hawai'i State Capitol. Honolulu. July 19, 2018.

## MOLOKA'I LIBRARY'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

The Moloka'i Library marked its 80th Anniversary this year. It has been serving the community since May 21, 1937 and has been a center of community activity ever since. In the 1930s, the library's was often used as a gathering place by the public. In the 1980s, the library was almost destroyed by fire.

Moloka'i is the only island to have just one public library, although there are 50 libraries across the State. Among the many things that the library currently offers the community are: a bookmobile service that services three preschools, a monthly Read To Me program to encourage early literacy, a summer reading program, the University of Hawai'i Manoa Statewide Cultural Extension Program, Japanese Theatre, and Portuguese Music.

For 31 years, Sri TenCate has been the Branch Manager of the Moloka'i Public Library. She recognizes that the library services would not be possible without the help from other people, including the Friends of the Library across the State and on Moloka'i, University of Hawai'i Community Services Division, donors, the library staff, and the volunteers who help out.

Besides providing books and resources to the community, the library holds lectures, art exhibits and musical events as well as provides new technology, which many community members use.

"The legislature appropriated funds in the 2016 biennium budget for plans, design and construction to expand the library," said Sen. English. "I'm pleased to see that the funds will go to such a worthy project that has enhanced the lives of so many generations of Moloka'i families."

## MAUI LEGISLATORS PROVIDE UPDATE AT MPO POLICY MEETING

Sen. English joined other Maui legislators at the **Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** on July 26 to provide a legislative update during their monthly policy board meeting.

They provided the board with an overview and background on the flow of federal highway funding to the State and County and an update on various bills that MPO tracked during the 2018 legislative session.

"MPO's policy board meeting is a great forum for collaboration among community members, local organizations and government officials on matters that intimately affect our County," said Sen. English. "As legislators, we serve as resources for the board in their discussions on various policy matters and I always look forward to these collaborations."



Maui Senators English, Baker, Keith-Agaran and Representatives Yamashita and DeCoite. Maui County Bldg. July 27, 2018.

## WIFI HOTSPOTS ON MAUI AND MOLOKA'I NOW AVAILABLE

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) through its Cable Television Division (CATV) recently announced that the first wave of free public WiFi hotspots offering one hour of free service per device, per day are now active or underway at various locations across the State.

Under Decision and Order No. 366, which approved the transfer of Oceanic Time Warner Cable (OTWC) to Charter Communications, DCCA required Spectrum/OTWC (Spectrum) to provide at least one thousand new public WiFi access points (or hotspots) in its cable franchise areas throughout the State, within four years of the close of the transaction, which occurred in May 2016. With respect to these hotspots, Spectrum is required to deploy one hundred in public parks, civic and other community centers, and other public open areas and gathering places as directed by DCCA, in consultation with Spectrum.

To date forty-four of the one hundred DCCA hotspots have been designated, with other locations identified and forthcoming. The currently designated locations in the district include: business and community gathering places in Hāna and Wailuku; and hard-to-serve public areas in Kalaupapa (active) and Kaunakakai (by fall 2018).

"With an increasing dependence on the internet, many residents in rural districts have little or no access to these services due to their location and/or affordability," said Sen. English. "I am pleased that we are making great strides to expand connectivity across the State and into these rural and underserved communities. Initiatives like this can have a huge impact on the quality of life for our people, especially in this new age of technology."

Spectrum to date has installed approximately 1,400 new hotspots in compliance

with the State's requirements. DCCA is diligently working to identify additional public access locations to designate the remaining allocated hotspots. Addresses and exact mapped locations of the State designated and active hotspots can be viewed on the CATV Broadband web page at: <http://cca.hawaii.gov/broadband/dcca-designated-wifi-hotspots/>



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# LANIKEHA COMMUNITY CENTER GRAND OPENING



photo by Catherine Cluett Pactol

Sen. English is joined by Rep. Decoite, Gov. Ige, Councilmember Crivello and Jobi Masagatani, Chair, Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands; at the grand opening of the Lanikeha Community Center. Moloka'i. July 21, 2018.

community events," said Sen English. "The center will also have the ability to support community efforts aimed at improving the economic development and building community-based agriculture initiatives for Ho'olehua."

Sen. English attended the grand opening of the Lanikeha Community Center on July 21. The center was originally constructed as a replacement facility for the Moloka'i Recreation Center. After many years of use, the facility was in dire need of repairs and upgrades.

The Moloka'i Homestead Farmers Association applied for State grant-in-aid to help fund the needed renovations. In 2014 and 2016, they received funds for the project; a total of \$3,450,000.

"After undergoing much needed renovations, I am glad that the community members now have a facility that can be used as a gathering place for meetings and other



Above - The Moloka'i Farmers Market, Kaunakakai, Moloka'i. July 21, 2018

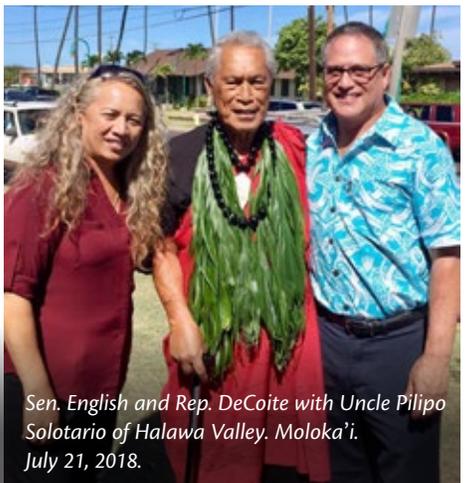
Right - Sen. English and Rep. DeCoite with Hāna resident Darwin Tolentino and his 'ohana at the Ho'olehua Airport. Moloka'i. July 21, 2018.



Sen. English, Rep. DeCoite and the Governor with members of the Moloka'i Fire Department. Moloka'i. July 21, 2018.



(L to R) Sonny Chow, Sen. English, Kili Mawae and Rep. DeCoite at the Moloka'i Farmers Market. Moloka'i. July 21, 2018.



Sen. English and Rep. DeCoite with Uncle Pilipo Solotario of Halawa Valley. Moloka'i. July 21, 2018.