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#### **STATEMENT OF SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH ON SIGNING OF IGNITION INTERLOCK LEGISLATION**

HONOLULU – State Senator J. Kalani English (District 6 - Hana, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe) today issued the following statement on the signing of Senate Bill 2897, which implements the recommendations of the Ignition Interlock Task Force and establishes a procedure to require the installation of ignition interlock systems for drivers convicted of driving under the influence:

“While it may be appealing to say that we should impose zero tolerance and simply take away the licenses of those convicted of DUI, the reality is that people whose licenses have been revoked still need to get to work, to transport their families, and to fulfill other obligations, and there is still no efficient alternative to driving. We needed another tool to address it, and this ignition interlock legislation provides just such a tool.”

Senator English serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs, which reviewed and recommended passage of SB2897 during the 2010 legislative session.

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