



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

**Senator J. Kalani English  
Statement  
Hana Boat Ramp Improvement Project  
Groundbreaking Ceremony  
23 December 2010**

In our Hawaiian culture, there is an undeniable link between land and sea. We are drawn to the ocean for strength and sustenance, and it is a vital part of living a life that calls equally upon the mountains above and the waters that surround our islands.

This project represents a reconnection of those ties. Where some see a recreational facility, I see the means to once again give our Hana community access to all the ocean has to offer. For some in our community, it provides a means to feed their families.

I am pleased that we are offering the people of Hana long-needed infrastructure that so many across our state take for granted. I want to thank the DLNR for moving this project forward, and I look forward to its speedy completion.

Looking at the project more broadly, I also want to acknowledge how important capital improvement projects like this mean to supporting and advancing our state's economy. Our continued attention to infrastructure not only ensures the safety of the community, but provides jobs that help our ongoing economic recovery. So today we're celebrating a double benefit, and one that will continue to support Hana and our community for years to come.

Again, I want to thank William Aila and the DLNR for keeping their focus on what means most to our state and our community. I look forward to working with them more in the future, and celebrating many more days like today.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Kalani English". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

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