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Hawaii Senate District 7: Hana, East & Upcountry Maui,
Moloka'i, Lana'i, Kaho'olawe and Molokini

Aloha Senate District 7 'Ohana!

I hope you are well and that you and your 'ohana are staying healthy and safe.

In this issue, in response to inquiries about missing persons in the district that I received, you will find the procedures and protocols of search and rescue operations in Maui County. Please review these protocols and important contact phone numbers on pg. 2.

As my staff and I prepare for next session, please help us by taking the time to fill out the "District 7 Constituent Survey" on pg. 3 of this newsletter.

Looking forward to the 2022 session, my goal is to continue to work towards getting the much needed resources for the communities in our district. So, please continue to email and call our office if we can be of service to all of you.

Mahalo nui loa,

Sen. Lynn DeCoite - District 7



Sen. DeCoite at the Homestead Association Meeting on Moloka'i in which U.S. Rep. Kai Kahele attended and spoke about his federal legislation to lower blood quantum to 1/32nd to inherit Homestead land. The federal legislation follows DeCoite's bill [HB 451](#) from 2017 that Gov. Ige signed on Moloka'i on July 5, 2017 as Act 80.

RAISED CROSSWALKS

After receiving complaints about speeding in the area near Haiku Community Center/Haiku School. Sen. DeCoite obtained State funding for flashing beacon signs that were installed at two crosswalks. When that did not prevent speeding on the roads, raised crosswalks were installed by HDOT at the two locations near the center/school crossings to address the community concerns raised by Senator DeCoite.

(Right Above) Piliuloa Street

(Right) Puu Koa Place in Haiku.



HANA HIGHWAY BRIDGE

IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

Work on one of the bridges along the highway is estimated to begin in 2023 according to the Hawaii Department of Transportation. The project is in the environmental review and design process. By late 2022, the designs should be done. For more information go to:

<https://www.hanabridgeimprovements.com>



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) FUNDS RELEASED	Amount Released	Date
Kalama Intermediate School, Fire Alarm Upgrade	\$ 55,000.00	Oct-4
Wai'anapanapa State Park, Improvements	\$ 4,000,000.00	Oct-4
Hana Highway, Rockfall Mitigation	\$12,400,000.00	Sept-1
Nā'iwa Subdivision Development, Moloka'i	\$950,000.00	Sept-1
Moloka'i Airport, Repaving	\$6,481,890.00	Sept-1

PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS OF A SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND VOLUNTEERS IN MAUI COUNTY

MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD)

After a call comes into the 911 dispatcher the following actions are taken:

Preliminary information is gathered:

- Missing person's age, height, weight, hair and eye color, marital status
- Last known clothing worn
- Medical conditions (physical or mental) requiring immediate attention
- Scars/marks/tattoos or other characteristics which may aid in locating and/or identifying the person
- Last known contact/location seen, etc.
- Areas known to frequent
- Recent photograph(s) of person
- If person is in possession of any vehicle

Checks will be made to ascertain if missing person is incarcerated or confined in a medical facility.

* MPD ACTION

- An All-Points Bulletin (APB) will be issued.
- Press Release will be issued (to media outlets and on [MPD's Facebook page](#)) *For rescues that are assigned to other agencies (MFD, Coast Guard, etc.) they will issue the press release.
- MPD will conduct a search of area the victim was last seen.
- MFD's helicopter will be utilized to assist in the search (Coast Guard and MFD usually conduct a search for 3 days)
- MPD's canine tracking dog(s) will be utilized.
- If weather conditions permit, MPD's Drone Team will be deployed.

Maui Search and Rescue is contacted to assist with the search efforts.

MAUI SEARCH and RESCUE (MSR)

Is a volunteer organization that provides free expert search and rescue assistance and community outreach.

They respond to call-outs from government agencies and in situations where government agencies have not or cannot be immediately activated.

MAUI COUNTY FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY (MFD)

The Department of Fire and Public Safety provides emergency and non-emergency services for the islands of Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaho'olawe and surrounding waters.

Fire and Rescue Operations is responsible for emergency response. Their technical rescues are ones in the Ocean, Mountain, Confined Space and Body Recovery.

Fire and Public Safety responds to 911 calls from the Police dispatcher (called HUB) or may respond to a solid lead if it's not an immediate 911 call.

After receiving the call from the dispatcher, based upon the scenario they will send out the appropriate team: land-Fire Dept, ocean-Lifeguard-Fire Dept., boats-Fire Dept. and/or Coast Guard or a combination of departments and determines how many to send out and the type of equipment.

US COAST GUARD

The Coast Guard is responsible for maritime search and rescue operations, this includes the domestic and international waters surrounding Hawaii.

A search may be initiated by a distress call or a call from a County Police or Fire Department or voluntary search party.

The Coast Guard is equipped for both marine and air searches.

MISSING PERSON—SEARCH & RESCUE

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Emergency: 911

Maui Police Dept—(808) 244-6400

Moloka'i Police Dept—(808) 553-5355

Lāna'i Police Dept—(808) 565-6428

Maui Search and Rescue—(808) 769-6785

US Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination

Center (JRCC) Honolulu 24 hour number:

(808) 535-3333

<https://www.pacificarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-14/D14-Staff/JRCC/>

SENATE DISTRICT 7 CONSTITUENT SURVEY

Survey for District 7 Constituents to Help Senator DeCoite Plan for the 2022 Legislative Session
& Constituent Resource Information

What is your zip code? _____

COVID 19—STAYING INFORMED

What type of information would be most helpful to you regarding COVID-19?

Please number the subjects below from 1 (most) to 10 (least)

_____ Statistics	_____ Travel	_____ Prevention	_____ None—I'm
_____ Vaccinations	_____ Restrictions	_____ Coping	done hearing
_____ Testing	_____ Symptoms	_____ Treatment	about COVID

RELATING TO LEGISLATION & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

What topics are most important to you?

Please rank from 1 (most) to 9 (least)

_____ Agriculture	_____ Technology
_____ Environmental	_____ Labor
_____ Housing	_____ Education
_____ Transportation	_____ Other (<i>fill below</i>)
_____ Capital Improvements Projects	_____
_____	_____

What type of legislative information do you find helpful? Please rank from 1 (most) to 5 (least)

_____ Legislative deadlines, directories, calendars
_____ Status of Bills and Resolutions
_____ Access to Legislators and Capitol Building
_____ Upcoming events/hearings/meetings
_____ Information/Trainings from the Public Access
Room (PAR)

Do you support raising the minimum wage?	Yes _____ No _____
Does tourism contribute directly to your quality of life?	Yes _____ No _____
Does tourism directly affect your job/business/income?	Yes _____ No _____
Do you take care of a child attending a HIDOE public school?	Yes _____ No _____
Are you satisfied with the school	Yes _____ No _____
Do you live near a State Highway?	Yes _____ No _____
Are you satisfied with its upkeep/maintenance?	Yes _____ No _____

4 Easy Ways to Submit Your District 7 Constituent Survey

****Please take a minute to complete this survey and submit responses by November 30, 2021****

1. Mail:

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2. Fax: (808) 587-7230

3. Email: sendecoite@capitol.hawaii.gov

4. Online: Fill out survey...

<https://forms.office.com/r/BH0fw0Uvqp>

If you need any assistance with the survey
or would like the survey emailed directly to you
please call the office at (808) 587-7225.



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Senator DeCoite worked with the National Kidney Foundation, FEMA, DOH and HIDEOE to bring free COVID-19 testing to local pharmacies and participating schools in the 7th District.

(Above) Sen. DeCoite at Moloka'i High School greeting participants.

(Right) Sen. DeCoite welcoming members of the community for COVID testing at Rainbow Pharmacy on Lāna'i.



COVID-19 TESTING AT DISTRICT 7 SCHOOLS

In partnership with the National Kidney Foundation and HIDEOE **FREE** 7th District. testing sites were set up as of Oct. 1, 2021 at the following schools:

- LĀNA'I – Lānai High & Elementary;
- MAUI - Hā'iku Elem. and Hāna High and Elementary
- MOLOKA'I – Kaunakakai Elementary
- Kilohana Elementary;
- Maunaloa Elementary;
- Moloka'i High;
- Moloka'i Middle; and
- Kualapu'u Elementary

For information and to register visit: <https://alohaclear.com>

Please contact your school for testing details and/or to see if your school will be offering testing

Sign Up for District 7 Email Updates!

Are you on the District 7 Email Update list? As many of you are aware, my office sends out e-mail updates to the District 7 community about legislation, government news/ announcements, programs/resources and community events.

If you would like to be added to the list, please call my office: (808)587-7225

or send your email to sendecoite@capitol.hawaii.gov

For the latest and most current information you can check Senator DeCoite's [Facebook Page](#) and/or [Instagram](#).