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## Legislative Newsletter May 2023

Aloha District 7 Ohana,

I hope you all are doing well! It's hard to believe another session has already gone by. Mahalo to so many of you for taking the time to contact my office with your positions and concerns about the bills this session. Hearing directly from all of you helps guide my votes and decisions on bills and policies. Please continue to send me your thoughts and concerns, it's never too early to prepare for next session.

This year, I served as the Assistant Majority Floor leader for the Senate, as well as the Chair for the Committee on Energy, Economics, and Tourism. These roles allowed me to learn more about the legislature, as well as how to better assist with any and all of your potential issues.

I'm also glad the Capitol has fully transitioned back to in-person operations, as it has allowed me to connect with many familiar faces, as well as new ones! Please don't forget that all Senate and House hearings and floor sessions are livestreamed on their respective YouTube Channels.

I've been honored to represent our community and it continues to be a privilege to serve as your State Senator. I look forward to seeing you and your ohana when I'm out in the district at one of the many upcoming (in person) events. And please remember that my staff and I are just a phone call or email away if you have any questions or concerns on State related matters.

Mahalo nui loa,

Senator Lynn DeCoite, District 7

***This session, we've secured over \$100,000,000 for District 7 in capital improvement projects (CIP's) and grant in aid appropriations (GIA's)***



The Senate says farewell to Jacob Aki, Director of Communications & former District 7 Office Manager



Students from Kula Kaiapuni o Hāna: Papa 5 & 6 meet with Senator DeCoite and take a tour of the capitol

# END OF SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

## Senator DeCoite's Bills & Resolutions Passed through Legislature and Moving onto Governor

### SB739 HD1 RELATING TO DESECRATION

Expanding the requisite state of mind for the criminal offense of desecration to include "knowingly". Simplifies the definition of "desecrate".

### SB799 SD1 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO TIME SHARING PLANS

For time share plans that use title holding trusts, requires the developer to submit a title report evidencing that the title is vested in the trustee. For time share plans that use a notice of time share plan, requires the recordation of the notice and its submission. For time share plans that use alternative arrangements, requires the recordation of any alternative arrangement documents.

### SCR81 SD1 / SR73 SD1

Supporting the Hawaii State Energy Office in the establishment of an integrated Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub.

### SB798 SD1 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO TIME SHARING

Requires a developer's application for registration or annexation to include a list of projects containing out-of-state time share units and a statement that the developer has verified that those units are in compliance or not prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction where the units are located. Clarifying that a developer is not required to submit any other evidence of such compliance to register in Hawaii.

### SCR170 / SR128

Urging the Department of Transportation to establish a working group to evaluate options that provide additional air service to remote and underserved communities across the state.

## Women's Legislative Caucus Bills & Resolutions Passed Through Legislature and Moving onto Governor

### HB579

RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### HB580

RELATING TO VICTIM-COUNSELOR PRIVILEGE

### HB581

RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY

### SB239

RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING ACQUISITION

### HCR7

PROVIDES LACTATION CONSULTANT SERVICES



Members of the Senate presenting awards to local small business owners



Senator DeCoite shares her thoughts on the 2023 legislative session with Hawaii News Now

# District 7 Funds

Over \$100,000,000 brought to the district

## Budget Highlights

Axis Deer Mitigation Statewide **\$6,165,000** for FY 24 and FY 25 (allocated to Department of Land and Natural Resources)

EMS Molokai Ambulance and personnel **\$1,600,000** for FY 24 and FY 25 (allocated to Department of Health)

Bovine TB Mitigation efforts on Molokai. 2 Positions and funding of \$255,792 (FY 24) and \$228,004 (FY25) = **\$483,796**

Food Innovation Centers – Statewide **\$10,000,000** (Allocated to Agribusiness Development Corporation)

- Moloka'i = \$500,000 for community engagement + \$1,000,000 for plans and design

- Maui = \$500,000 for community engagement + \$1,000,000 for plans and design

## Grants in Aid

Aloha House, Inc **\$250,000**

Arc of Maui County **\$345,000**

Hana Health **\$500,000**

J. Walter Cameron Center **\$700,000**

Kimokeo Foundation **\$50,000**

Lana'i Community Health Center **\$400,000**

Boys and Girls Club of Maui **\$300,000**

Hale Makua Health Services **\$140,000**

Hailemaille Pineapple Company, Ltd **\$90,000**

Lana'i Academy of Performing Arts, Inc **\$20,000**

Maui Economic Development Board, Inc **\$400,000**

Maui Family Young Men's Christian Association **\$200,000**

Maui Humane Society **\$150,000**

Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association **\$500,000**

TOTAL **\$4,045,000**

## Capital Improvement Projects

### HEALTH, NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTIONS, AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Maui Health Systems – plans, design, construction and equipment for improvements, repairs, renovations, expansion, modernization and upgrades to Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital **\$39,700,000** combined for FY 24 and FY 25 General Fund and GO Bonds

Kona Storm Kula Forest Trail Repair – construction for washouts at gulch crossings **\$400,000** (FY 24)

UpCountry Maui Agricultural Park – construction for Kula Agricultural Park Expansion **\$20,000,000** (FY 24)

Kahului Airport – construction for improvements to terminals, systems, and facilities at the airport. **\$37,771,000** (FY 24)

Kahului Airport Soil remediation – construction for soil remediation; ground and site improvements. **\$2,501,000** (FY 24)

Molokai Irrigation System Improvements **\$2,000,000** (FY 24)

Ho'olehua Veteran's Cemetery – upgrades and site improvements **\$650,000** (FY 24 and FY25 combined)

Kalaupapa Settlement, remediation of Hazardous Materials **\$540,000** (FY 24 and FY25 combined)

TOTAL = **\$103,562,000**

### SCHOOLS

Hana High & Elementary School – Plans, design, and construction for a multipurpose athletic field; equipment and appurtenances **\$1,300,000**

Kula Elementary School – Design for a multipurpose building with kitchen and infrastructure improvements at Keokea, ground and site improvements. **\$7,000,000**

Lana'i High and Elementary School- construction for repairs to roofing of various building and gymnasium floors (**\$2,500,000** FY 24) AND designed construction and equipment for upgrades and improvements including but not limited to; gym and floor, roof repairs, teacher housing, basketball and tennis courts and playfields, exterior painting, building compressor, ground and site improvements and other related upgrades and improvements (**\$5,000,000** FY 25 )

Moloka'i Complex Area Schools – design and improvements and maintenance projects at Kaunakakai Elementary School, Kilohana Elementary School, Kualapu'u Elementary Public Conversion Charter School, Maunaloa School, Moloka'i High School and Moloka'i Middle School (**\$6,510,000** FY 24 and FY 25 combined)

Moloka'i Middle School – plans and design for athletics and physical education facilities (**\$2,000,000** FY 24)

TOTAL = **\$17,800,000**



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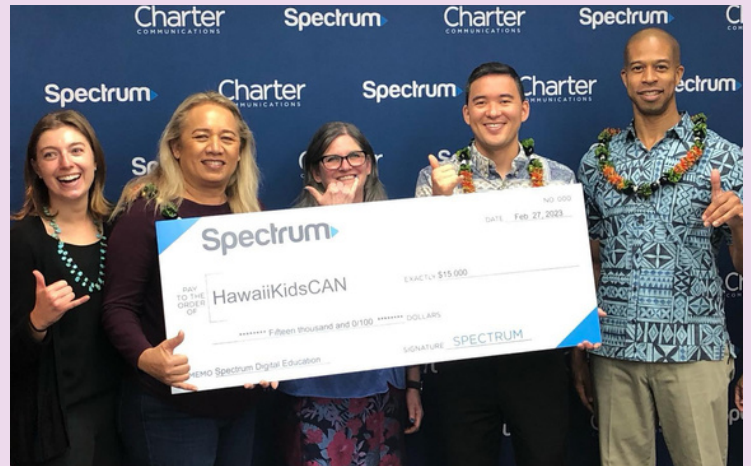
Senator DeCoite and DLNR Director Dawn Chang meet with the Molokai DOFAW team



Senator DeCoite and Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke attend the 2nd annual Molokai Community Resource Fair with Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen



Mele, Kahaku, Kailana and Kristell from Maui & Molokai chat with Senator DeCoite on "Take Down Tobacco" day at the Capitol



Senator DeCoite presents the check for HawaiiKidsCan for the Spectrum Digital Education Grant for their WiFi on Wheels Program, greatly benefitting Lanai High and Elementary Schools