

Office of Senator Lynn DeCoite

SENATE DISTRICT 7: HANA, EAST & UPCOUNTRY MAUI, MOLOKA'I, KAHO'OLAWA AND MOLOKINI



Opening Day of the 2024 Legislative Session



Aloha,
I hope you are all doing great as we open and continue through this 2024 legislative session!

Members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (IWLU) from Maui

The Hawaii State Capitol is open to the public and accepting both in-person and online testimony. I encourage you all to voice your opinions on any matter, through whichever method you prefer. My staff and I work year-round to address all of your needs and concerns.



Members of MEO - Maui Economic Opportunity Inc

No matter what issues may come our way, I will continue to work hard for the people of District 7 to address the issues that are important to our communities.

Mahalo,

Lynn DeCoite

Senator Lynn DeCoite

Energy, Economic Development,
and Tourism Committee Chair
Assistant Majority Floor Leader
District 7 - Hana, East &
Upcountry Maui, Molokai, Lanai,
Kaho'olawe and Molokini

Malia, Lucie, and their teacher Brenda came all the way from Lanai High School to attend a conference at the Capitol on Feb 2, 2024. Mahalo for taking the time to visit!



Senator DeCoite Visiting Constituents and Office Meetings



Kamalo Coalition

Got the opportunity to listen to concerns about DLNR. Mahalo to Dawn Chang from DLNR for traveling to Molokai to listen to the community directly (April 2023)



Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Clinic

Had the chance to see the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame clinic at King Kekaulike HS. Mahalo to Coach Rich Miano Jr. and his team for giving our young athletes this opportunity (December 2023)



AES Kuihelani Solar Project

Got to spend time with PUC Commissioners Leo Asuncion and Naomi Kuwaye as well as the AES Team in Wailuku (November 2023)



Spectrum & Teens on Call

Honored to join Spectrum in Paia as they presented a check to Brian to assist in all of their community efforts. Mahalo to Brian and the Teens on Call for all you do for the greater Maui community (September 2023)



Lanai Community Talk Story

Incredibly thankful to spend time on Lana'i to hear community members thoughts and concerns (October 2023)



Alaska Air and Hawaiian Airlines

Spoke to Representatives about their upcoming acquisition. We also discussed the air service needs for our rural communities namely Hana, Molokai, and Lanai (December 2023)



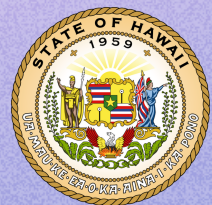
Meeting with Aloha Care Reps

Spent some time with Paula, Mike and Will discussing transportation challenges and solutions for Moloka'i and Lana'i residents (December 2023)



Molokai Listening Session

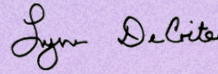
Had the opportunity to listen to the issues and concerns from the community regarding Mental Health issues on Moloka'i (December 2023)



District 7 Constituent Survey Results

Mahalo to everyone who took the time to fill out the Senate District 7 Constituent Survey and letting me know what your priorities are. My goal is to continue to work towards getting the much needed resources for the communities in our district. I'm excited to announce the results of the survey and looking forward to addressing these issues.

Mahalo nui loa,



Senator Lynn DeCoite, District 7

District 7 Top Priorities (319 Responses)

1. Housing

2. Agriculture

3. Education

4. Capital Improvement Projects (improvement for state facilities in the district, schools, roads, airports, etc)

5. Environment

Top Priorities for Molokai

Out of 76 responses, the top priority was Transportation

Top Priorities for Haiku & Paia

Out of 53 responses, the top priorities were Capital Improvement and Housing

Top Priorities for Kula, Makawao, Pukalani

Out of 150 responses, the top priorities were Housing and Environment

Top Priorities for Lanai

Out of 30 responses, the top priorities were Transportation and Housing

Top Priorities for Hana

Out of 8 responses, the top priorities were Housing and Environment

Bills Introduced by Senator DeCoite

SB2498-RELATING TO FINANCING (CESSPOOLS)

Establishes the Cesspool Conversion Revolving Loan Fund and directs green energy market securitization loan repayments and interest to be deposited into the Cesspool Conversion Revolving Loan Fund. Requires the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority to administer the Cesspool Conversion Revolving Loan Fund. Requires a report to the Legislature. Makes an appropriation.

SB2543-RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE

Requires government entities to seek reimbursement for search and rescue expenses from persons who require rescue after ignoring warning signs, leaving a hiking trail to enter a prohibited area, or hiking on a trail closed to the public

SB2539-RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to implement SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real-time by 1/1/2025. Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits in areas served by an investor-owned electric utility to adopt a self-certification process for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible.

SB2771-RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Requires the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, in collaboration with the county emergency management agencies, to conduct a study researching the effectiveness of using distinct sounds or tones emitted by outdoor warning sirens to warn the public of different types of emergencies and indicate whether evacuation is necessary. Requires a report to the Legislature before the 2025 Regular Session.

SB3265-RELATING TO FILM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Establishes the Hawai'i Film Advisory Council. Amends the motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit to increase the annual cap to \$60,000,000; extend the sunset date of the tax credit to January 1, 2039; clarify and amend the requirement for an independent third-party certification; and expand the definition of "qualified production" to include streaming platforms. Provides a tax exemption for certified development of film studio facilities. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) film industry development liaison within the Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.

For a list of all bills introduced by Senator DeCoite, scan the QR code:



Important Legislative Deadlines

Mar 7- FIRST CROSSOVER (BILLS)- Deadline for bills to pass third reading in order to move (or “crossover”) to the other chamber. If successful, House bills are sent to the Senate and Senate bills are sent to the House for further consideration

Mar 8-LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS - Concurrent resolutions (HCRs and SCRs) require adoption in each chamber and are used to state the official position of the Legislature on an issue, or to request action formally without having to mandate it by law. They require only one vote in each chamber for adoption, and do not enroll to the Governor

Apr 5- SECOND DECKING (BILLS)-Deadline for bills that have been amended by the non-originating chamber to emerge from all their committees (with committee reports filed) and be submitted to the clerk of that chamber. This “decking” ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for final review by the non-originating chamber’s members before third reading (Note: House Bills with only a single referral need to be filed by the committee by April 5)

APR 11 -SECOND CROSSOVER (BILLS)- Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber and to “cross back” to the originating chamber

APR 25-FINAL OF NON-FISCAL BILLS - Deadline for submitting non-fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers

APR 26 - FINAL DECKING OF FISCAL BILLS - Deadline for submitting fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers. Fiscal bills include appropriation of spending bills, tax credits, etc., or any bill with a House Finance (FIN) or Senate Ways and Means (WAM) referral.

MAY 3-ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE - The end of session is the deadline for Final Reading of bills and adoption of resolutions. Adjournment sine die occurs on the last day of a Regular Session and indicates a suspension of the business of the legislature indefinitely. Next, the Legislature will certify the bills whose form both chambers have agreed to and will transmit or “enroll” those bills to the Governor.

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