



Representative Lynn DeCoite

Hawaii House District 13: East Maui (Paia, Haiku, Keanae, Nahiku, Hana, Kipahulu, Kaupo), Moloka'i, Lana'i, Kaho'olawe and Molokini

Aloha,

As the 2015 legislative session came to a close and our interim work began, it really gave me a chance to explore our district and all of the issues and concerns from our community.

Being able to reach out to all of the communities in District 13, gave me an idea of how diverse our issues are. When dealing with three different islands we all need something a little different. We need better infrastructure plans, we definitely want to preserve our resources and protect our coastlines, and we want to have access to affordable stable energy as well as food that is safe to eat and affordable.

Since I am a member of the House Committee on Finance, I also had the opportunity to travel across the state and see and hear the needs of communities across Hawaii. I got to see firsthand projects we (the State Legislature) funded, programs that are underway and hear the needs of communities that are awaiting both, project and program funding.

I've been told that interim, is not a break, but the time when you learn, plan and discover what is needed for the next session. I can say that without a doubt that I'm heading into 2016 with a better view of what needs to be done. I still have a lot to learn, but know that my eyes and ears are open and ready to work for the needs of our district and our state.

As always, please feel free to contact my office with any questions, concerns or legislative ideas you may have.

Mahalo,



Rep. DeCoite and Mayor Arakawa at Paia Elementary School for the dedication of their photovoltaic panels (August 2015)



Rep. DeCoite with Molokai Veterans on Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 at the new Molokai Veterans Center.

Community Meetings Across District 13



Rep. DeCoite meeting with members of Lanai Changes to discuss issues facing the Lanai community.

(Nov 2015)

Rep DeCoite joined with DLNR Chairperson Suzanne Case and Deputy Director Kekoa Kaluhiwa met with the Molokai community to discuss rules and regulations for Hunting, Fishing, Aha Kiole Community-Based Subsistence Fishing (CBSF), and Other DLNR concerns. (Nov 2015)



Rep. DeCoite meeting with members of the Haiku community to discuss the Hamakualoa Coast and other issues the Haiku community is facing. (Oct. 2015)



Lawmakers Listen:



Lawmakers Listen panel: (L to R) Reps. Scott Saiki, Angus McKelvey, Kyle Yamashita, Lynn DeCoite, Joseph Souki, Cindy Evans, Kaniela Ing, Justin Woodson, Sylvia Luke and John Mizuno.

Rep. DeCoite and leaders from the Hawaii State House of Representatives held a Lawmakers Listen session at the Haiku Community Center on October 13, 2015 where they heard a wide range of concerns from residents in the area.

Members of the community were invited to share their questions and concerns directly with Rep. DeCoite, Speaker of the House Joseph M. Souki, legislative leaders and Maui Representatives Yamashita, McKelvey, Ing and Woodson.

'Lawmakers Listen' is an ongoing series of community town halls across the state with district Representatives, members of the House Leadership, and Committee Chairpersons. The purpose of the meetings is for legislators to listen to the concerns of area residents and to discuss solutions.



Finance Committee Site Visits

Members of the House Finance Committee, chaired by Representative Sylvia Luke, toured various sites around the State of Hawai'i to view first hand several projects and programs supported by the Legislature. The site visits provided committee members first hand

insight into the status of ongoing projects and on other specific needs of districts that they visit.



FIN Committee members at the Hana Health Center (Sept. 2015)



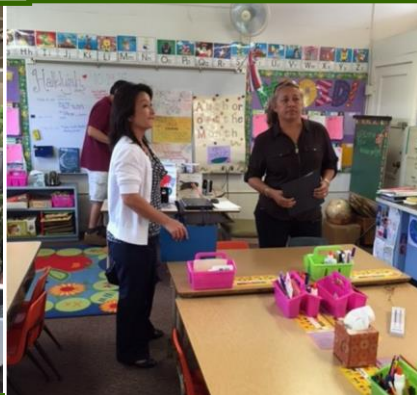
FIN Committee touring Hana High School (Sept 2015)



FIN toured the island of Kauai. Learned a lot especially about invasive species, and ended our day with Kauai Mayor Carvalho. (Oct 2015)



On Molokai the FIN committee visiting the Kawela Mangrove. (Oct 2015)



Rep. DeCoite and FIN Chair Sylvia Luke at Kaunakakai Elementary. (Oct 2015)



Touring the Big Island Beef Facility on Hawaii Island. (Oct 2015)

****Lana'i Site visits happening in Dec 2015.****

District 13 Survey

With so many topics and issues coming up at the State Legislature, identifying the topics that are of the most concern to our district will help me serve you. In my April 2015 Newsletter I asked everyone to take a moment to fill out a short survey and return it to my office so I can better understand the needs and concerns that need to be addressed in our communities.

If you haven't gotten a chance to fill out the survey there is still time to send it in. If you need a copy of the survey please visit my website (<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/memberpage.aspx?member=decoite&year=2015>)

and see **April 2015 Newsletter**— the survey is on page 3,

OR feel free to call my office and request to have one emailed/mailed to you.

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I am pleased to share with all of you our “District 13 E-mail Updates.” My office will provide you with email updates highlighting public events in District 13 (East Maui, Moloka’i and Lana’i), news and opportunities that may be of interest to you, along with notices of public hearings that are taking place at the State Capitol that directly affect District 13.

It is my hope that by providing you with these updates, you will be able to participate in the legislative process and share information and updates on District 13 with your community members. We have continued these updates during the interim so you can stay involved and be ready for the 2016 Legislative Session.

If you would like to be added to the “District 13 E-mail Update” list please call the office at (808) 586-6790 or send your email to decoite2@capitol.hawaii.gov with “District 13 E-mail List” in the subject line.

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