



Representative Lynn DeCoite

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

Aloha District 13,

The 2018 Legislative Session has begun and I am dedicated to working with and for you all in an effort to better our communities.

There are many great changes and challenges I am determined to undertake this year. One exciting change that has already occurred is my assignment to Vice Chair of the Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs (OMH) Committee. I also still remain Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture (AGR). Both the OMH and AGR committees address many issues that directly affect District 13 and I am honored to have this opportunity. Times are tough for most people in Hawaii, job and food security will help to grow our local economy, while we also look to protect our natural resources, and I am ready for the challenge!

My staff and I work hard to make sure you are all informed of what is going on here at the Capitol. We post updates to social media (Facebook and Twitter) and also send out Email Updates highlighting public events in the district, 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. 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.

Remember, my door is always open and I am here to serve you!

Mahalo,

2018 District 13 Staff



Representative DeCoite's Committee Assignments

- Vice Chair — Agriculture (AGR)
- Vice Chair — Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs (OMH)
- Finance (FIN)
- Public Safety (PBS)

Left photo: Moloka'i Girl - Acey Reyes, who now lives on Oahu and attends St. Andrew's Priory has just started as our office intern. Acey saw Rep. DeCoite at the Women's Caucus Legislative Breakfast and then reached out to our office for an internship. Acey is excited that this internship will keep her connected to Moloka'i and giving her a chance to help her home community and all of District 13.

Right photo: Rebecca Crall (with baby bump) – Office Manager; Richard Oshiro – Legislative Aide; and Amanda Ehe – Committee Clerk.

Representative DeCoite's 2018 Legislation

HB2258 Tort Liability; Immunity; County Lifeguards; Beaches; Ocean

RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY.

Provides limited liability protection for county lifeguards and counties providing lifeguard services on beaches or in the ocean.

Committee Referral: JUD, FIN**Senate Companion:** [SB 2679](#)

HB2259 DLNR; Ocean Safety; Marine Events; Permits; Event Spectators; Rules

RELATING TO MARINE EVENTS.

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to allow applications for marine event permits up to one year in advance and to adopt rules to mitigate hazards posed by vessels, thrill craft, drones, and other means used by spectators to observe or record marine events. Requires a report to the 2019 Legislature.

Committee Referral: OMH, WAL, FIN

HB2260 Weighted Student Formula; Impact on Small and Remote Schools; LRB Study

RELATING TO EDUCATION FUNDING.

Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the impact of the weighted student formula on small and remote schools to determine whether the formula fulfills its statutory purpose of equalizing operational funding among the State's public schools.

Committee Referral: EDN, FIN**Senate Companion:** [SB 2680](#)

HB2261 Environment; Health; Coral Reefs; Raw Sewage; Appropriation

RELATING TO SEWAGE SPILLS.

Requires the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology at the University of Hawaii to conduct ongoing studies of the impacts of sewage spills on human health and affected coral reefs. Requires the Institute of Marine Biology to submit an annual report to the Legislature prior to the convening of each regular session. Appropriates funds.

Committee Referral: EEP/OMH, HHS, FIN**Senate Companion:** [SB 2565](#)

HB2262 Jason Flatt Act; Suicide Prevention Training; School Personnel

RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING.

Requires two hours of annual in-service training in suicide prevention for all teachers, principals, and school counselors.

Committee Referral: EDN/HHS, FIN**Senate Companion:** [SB 2986](#)

HB2462 General Excise Tax; Exemption; Agriculture; Farm Equipment and Machinery

RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTION.

Exempts sales of farm equipment and machinery to certain producers of agricultural products from the general excise tax. Takes effect on 7/1/2019.

Committee Referral: AGR, FIN

HB2463 Sunscreen; Personal Care Products; Oxybenzone; Octinoxate; Coral Reefs

RELATING TO PRESERVING CORAL REEFS.

Prohibits the sale of sunscreen or personal care products that contain oxybenzone or octinoxate in Hawaii, beginning 1/1/2023.

Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN**Senate Companion:** [SB 2985](#)

HB2464 DHHL; Lessees; Waitlists

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.

Excludes from any waiting list maintained by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands any lessee or successor who sells or transfers their lease on a tract of Hawaiian home lands.

Committee Referral: OMH, JUD, FIN**Senate Companion:** [SB 2984](#)

HB2670 Department of Agriculture; SNAP; Farmers Markets; Matching Incentive Plan; Appropriation

RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Requires the Department of Agriculture to create a farmers' market dollar-for-dollar matching program for beneficiaries of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Committee Referral: HHS, FIN**Senate Companion:** [SB 2398](#)

HB2671 Displaced Workers; Island of Molokai; Governor; DLIR; DBEDT; DHRD; DOA; Appropriation

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

Appropriates funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human Resources Development; and the Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

Committee Referral: LAB, EDB, FIN

HB2132 Address Confidentiality Program; Domestic Abuse; Sexual Offense; Stalking; Appropriation

RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY.

Establishes the address confidentiality program to help survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and stalking to relocate and keep their addresses confidential. Appropriates funds. (Women's Caucus Bill)

Committee Referral: JUD, FIN**Senate Companion:** [SB 2346](#)

Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP)

Since it is the second year of the biennium, House members do not normally introduce CIP bills due to the limited number of bills that can be introduced. However, there will still be CIP requests that are considered including those listed in Rep. DeCoite's CIP Bill from last year HB1451 along with additional District 13 projects. As we move through session we will keep you updated on CIP's that affect District 13.

2018 SESSION CALENDAR: A GUIDE TO THE DEADLINES

- JAN 24 LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE BILLS** – A bill is “introduced” when it has been filed with the House or Senate Clerk, who gives it a number (with an HB or SB prefix) and then puts it on the calendar for First Reading by the chamber. After First Reading, it is given its committee referrals which specify which committees must hear and pass the measure for it to succeed. Only legislators may introduce bills.
- FEB 8 TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING (BILLS)** – All bills referred to three or more committees must be filed so that they can be in their second-to-last committee by the following day. (Note: A referral to a joint committee counts as one committee referral.) This deadline allows ample time for successful bills to make their way to the last committee in their originating chamber by the First Lateral deadline.
- FEB 16 FIRST LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills referred to more than one committee (i.e., those with multiple referrals) must move to their final committee in the originating chamber by this day.
- MAR 2 FIRST DECKING (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to emerge from all their committees (with committee reports filed) and be submitted to the clerk of the originating chamber. This “decking” ensures a mandatory 48 hour opportunity for final review by the chamber’s members before they are asked to vote on the third reading. Note: A bill must pass three readings (votes) in each chamber before being enrolled to the governor.
- MAR 8 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 12 BUDGET DECKING** – Deadline for submitting the budget bill for third reading.
- MAR 14 BUDGET CROSSOVER** – Last day for third reading of the budget bill in order to move to the other chamber.
- MAR 15 TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING (BILLS)** – All bills referred to three or more committees must be filed so that they can be in their second-to-last committee in the non-originating chamber the following day. (Note: A referral to a joint committee counts as one committee referral.) This deadline allows ample time for successful bills to make their way to their last committee by the Second Lateral deadline.
- MAR 23 SECOND LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills with multiple referrals must move to their final referral committee in the non-originating chamber by this date.
- APR 6 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.
- APR 12 SECOND CROSSOVER (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber in order to “cross back” to the originating chamber.
- APR 12 LAST DAY FOR THE ORIGINATING BODY TO DISAGREE WITH BILL AMENDMENTS** – The deadline for the originating chamber to disagree with changes made to its bills by the other chamber. When the Senate and House disagree on a bill, members from each chamber can meet in a “conference” committee to reconcile their differences.
- APR 20 DEADLINE FOR FINAL FORM OF BILLS PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** – A proposed amendment’s final form must be provided by written notice to the Governor at least 10 days prior to passing final reading by a 2/3 vote in each chamber. Once adopted by the Legislature, the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters, in the form of a ‘yes or no’ question on the ballot, for ultimate decision.
- APR 26 FINAL DECKING OF NON-FISCAL BILLS** – Deadline for submitting non-fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers.
- APR 27 FINAL DECKING OF FISCAL BILLS** – Deadline for submitting fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers. Fiscal bills include appropriation or spending bills, tax credits, etc., or any bill with a House Finance or Senate Ways and Means referral.
- MAY 3 ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE** – In Latin, “*sine die*” means “without a day specified for future meeting.” Adjournment *sine die* occurs on the 60th legislative 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.

Boards and Commissions

Did you know the Governor appoints and nominates Hawaii residents to more than 170 boards and commissions? Boards and commissions provide an opportunity for citizens to have a voice in their government and provide a means of influencing decisions that shape the quality of life for the residents of Hawaii. The Office of the Governor is looking for individuals who are dedicated to continuing the State of Hawaii’s momentum toward a strong and sustainable future, and are committed to investing in the people of Hawaii and our statewide community. Here is list of vacancies that need to be filled for District 13 areas:

- Community Council on purchase of Health and Human Services (Maui)
- Board of Health - member from Kalawao County (Kalawao County)
- Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Sub Area, Provider (Maui County)
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, Service Area Provider (Maui County)
- Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai, Representative for the Geographic Region of West Molokai (West Molokai)
- Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai, Landowner/ development (Molokai)

For more information please visit the Boards and Commissions Website: <http://boards.hawaii.gov/>

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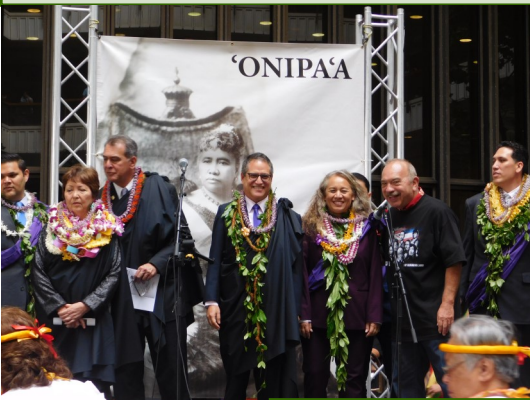
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Opening Day – January 17, 2018



Rep. DeCoite being interviewed by students in the Olelo Student media program. The entire production is done by students, interviews, filming and directing.

Deaf advocates with to Rep. DeCoite- Patrick from Moloka'i and Darleen from Honolulu.



(Top) Rep. DeCoite and her fellow native Hawaiian Legislators participated in the ceremony to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Overthrow.

Pictured: Senator English, Rep. DeCoite and former Governor Waihee.

(Middle) Rep. DeCoite visiting with Kamehameha School students as they pound poi in the Capitol Rotunda.

(Bottom) The crowd in the Capitol Rotunda.



Gerald Kosaki Big Island Battalion Chief, Rep. DeCoite and Emergency Services Department Director Jim Howe. They visited about the importance of ocean safety .



The ILWU Ohana from Maui. They come every Opening Day to bring their Aloha to all of the legislators.