Legislative Newsletter ~<u>Mid-Session Update</u>-April 2016



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

Aloha Mai Ka Kou!

The 2016 Legislative Session is moving quickly- only 1 more month left.

As we get closer to Sine Die (the last day of session) on May 5, 2016, I wanted to provide a quick update on the legislation I've introduced on behalf of District 13 and some key dates and deadlines coming up in the Legislature.

I want to thank everyone who has called and e-mailed my office about your thoughts and concerns on the House and Senate Bills you support and oppose. Hearing directly from you helps me advocate for the needs and wants of District 13.

Please continue to send your concerns and ideas. My staff and I are hear to listen and the office door is always open.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lynn DeCoite



(Rep. DeCoite at the Alzheimer's Association Advocacy day)



The Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows (from Maui County) with members of the Maui Legislative Delegation and Lt. Gov Shan Tsutsui

Rep. DeCoite's Bills that have been passed by the House and are now in the Senate

HB1932 HD2 SD1

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Administrative and Operating Expenses; Appropriation

Appropriates general funds for **reimbursement** of administration and operating expenses of the department of Hawaiian home lands for fiscal year 2016. (SD1)

HB2582 HD1 RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY.

<u>Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program; FDA Food Safety</u> <u>Modernization Act; Appropriation</u> (\$)

Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement an **Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program** that concurrently complies with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act as it applies to farmers and ranchers. Authorizes and appropriates funds for program staff. (HD1)

HB2657 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

<u>Food Safety Loans; Maui County Revolving Loan Program</u> (\$) Amends the Molokai diversified agricultural revolving loan program established by Act 387, SLH 1988, to **provide cost reimbursements** to Molokai farmers and ranchers to **reimburse costs of mandated food safety compliance audits** and other related costs. Appropriates funds to the Maui Office of Economic Development to review and approve applications for the loan program. (SD1)

Timeline to the end of the 2016 Legislative Session

<u>April</u>

- * 7th First Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- * 8th Second Decking (Bills): Last day to file bills for Third Reading in non-originating chamber
- * 14th Second Crossover (Bills) & Last day to disagree
- * 22nd Constitutional Amendments: Deadline for final form
- * 25th Second Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- * **28th** Last day to file Non-Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading
- * **29th** Last day to file Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading

<u>May</u>

* **5th** Adjournment sine die (Session pau!)

Governor's Deadlines

- The Governor has 45 days from Sine Die to sign bills into law .
- *the 45 days excludes Saturdays, Sundays and holidays

June

- * 27th Notice of intent to veto deadline
- (35th day after adjournment sine die) July
- * 12th Veto deadline
- (45th day after adjournment sine die)



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District 13— Constituents at the Capitol & Upcoming Community Events

Loretta Labrador from Kualapu'u Elementary, Rep. DeCoite and Sharon Look from Pa'ia Elementary in the Public Access Room at the State Capitol. Loretta and Sharon are part of the Hope Street Fellows and shadowed Rep. DeCoite for the Day.



Shaka's on the House Floor for Kick Butt's day!
Students from across the state came to the Capitol to advocate for <u>SB2083 SD1 HD1</u> Prohibits smoking in a motor vehicle in which a minor is present.
Rep. DeCoite got to take the Students from District 13 on a tour of the State Capitol. #BreathAloha

Are you on the "District 13 E-mail Update" List? We send out weekly updates highlighting public events, legislative hearings, news and opportunities that directly affect District 13. To sign up please call the office or send your email to <u>decoite2@capitol.hawaii.gov</u> Hana 24th Annual East Maui Taro Festival Saturday, April 30, 2016 9:00am – 5:00pm Hana Ball Park http://www.tarofestival.org/

Haiku Ha`iku Ho'olaule'a & Flower Festival Saturday, April 23, 2016 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Haiku Elementary School http://haikuhoolaulea.org/

<u>Lana'i</u>

5th Friday Lāna'i Friday, April 29, 2016 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. In the heart of Lāna'i City around Dole Park http://www.fifthfridaylanai.com/

<u>Moloka'i</u>

The Molokai Earth Day Celebration Friday, April 22, 2016 5:00pm -9:000pm Mitchell Pauole Center in Kaunakakai

Ho'omau Concert Benefiting Punana Leo O Molokai Saturday, April 23, 2016 9:00am-5:00pm Lanikeha Center in Ho'olehua

http://visitmolokai.com/wp/events-molokai-events-calendar/

** All events listed are FREE and Open to the Public **