

### End of Session- Legislative Newsletter-May 2016

# **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,

The 2016 Session went by in a flash, I feel like it was just Opening Day. We have heard, studied, debated bills and now we have come to Sine Die (last day of session). This was a very productive session and I have a lot to report to all of you;

• <u>Agriculture</u>— this session we focused on Food Safety, Food Security, Supporting Local Ag and Sustainability. Plus two of my agriculture bills HB2582 and HB2657 are on their way to the Governor.

• <u>Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)</u> - For years DHHL has been dramatically underfunded. I introduced HB1932 which would have required the legislature to reimburse DHHL for past due administration and operating costs. While HB1932 did not move in the Senate committees, the funding was added as a line item in the State Budget HB1700— in total an unprecedented <u>\$23,925,340.00</u> was allocated to DHHL so they can work on filling open positions and work on getting beneficiaries off of the waitlist and get them onto the homesteads.

• <u>WATER in East Maui</u>—raised many issues this session. HB2501 (Relating To Water Rights) became a major focal point. Even though I voted "no" on this bill- it did pass the legislature. It also educated my colleagues and the public on what the residents of East Maui have been fighting for the past 100 years. While this bill focused on East Maui, water rights affect us all.

I was also able to work with my colleagues to bring in **\$88,959,550.00** in CIP and GIA funds to the district. Combined with funding from the 2015 session—District 13 received **<u>\$147,710,550.00</u>** in funds to improve infrastructure across the district, aid the non-profits that provide services to our communities and fund construction needed by our schools, health centers and veteran facilities.

Mahalo to all of you who have contacted my office to let me know what bills and issues are important to you and your families. Please continue to let me know about your concerns. My door is always open and my office is here to serve you!

Mahalo nui loa,

- Rep. DeCoite's Committee Assignments
- Committee on Finance (FIN)
- Agriculture (AGR)
- Economic Development & Business (EDB)
- Tourism (TOU)
- Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts (VMI).



Rep. DeCoite speaking on the House Floor in session on Sine Die.

Sine Die in the State House of Representatives!

It is tradition after session adjourns on the last day of session that all of the Representatives join hands and sing "Hawaii Aloha".



## 2 of Rep. DeCoite's bills head to the Governor!

#### HB2582 HD1 SD1 CD1 RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY.

Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program; FDA Food Safety Modernization Act; Appropriation (\$) 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. (HB2582 CD1) **House Committee Referral: AGR, CPC, FIN Senate Committee Referral: WLA/CPH, WAM** 

#### Status:

(H) <u>5/5/2016</u> - Transmitted to Governor.

#### HB2657 HD2 SD2 CD1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Food Safety Loans; Maui County Revolving Loan Program (\$)

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. (HB2657 CD1) **House Committee Referral: AGR/EDB, FIN** 

Senate Committee Referral: WLA, WAM

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## Breaking Down the State Budget







### Happenings at the Capitol



"Kūpuna Power" is a platform that seeks to educate and empower Hawai'i's elderly.

In the last hour of

Talk about organized chaos!

# 2016 CIP & GIA Funds for District 13

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Title	Description	Final \$ (MOF)	GIA/ CIP	Island			
	Plans, Design Construction for irrigation and water delivery						
	systems for agricultural enterprises and/or agricultural purpos-						
	es in East Maui. FY17= 1,500,000 (DOA) & Plans, design and						
East Maui Water	construction for water systems in East Maui. FY17 = \$3,000,000						
Systems		FY 17 = \$4,500,000 (C)	CIP	Maui			
Haiku Crosswalk- Hana							
Highway, Pilialoha	Plans, design and construction of crosswalk. (Hana Hwy & the						
Street, Maui		FY17 = \$250,000 ( E)	CIP	Maui			
	Design and construction for a senior affordable rental housing						
	campus at the Kulamalu Town Center= \$1,500,000 (CIP GIA) &						
	Operating funds for Adult Care Program = \$250,000 (operating						
	funds)* Hale Mahaolu offers quality housing and support ser-		C1A	Mari			
Hale Mahaolu		\$1,750,000 ( C )	GIA	Maui			
		FY16 = \$21,079,000					
Hono Airmont		FY17 = \$12,313,000	CID	Maul			
Hana Airport	tion and improvements)	(N & E)	CIP	Maui			
Hana Health	Plans and construction of new health facilities.	FY 16 = \$500,000 (C )	CIP	Maui			
Hana Highway	Construction for improving, upgrading and/or repairing road-						
Improvements, Huelo		FY16= \$2,000,000 (E)					
to Hana		FY17 = \$4,500,000 (E)	CIP	Maui			
Hana Highway	Land acquisition, design and construction for roadway widen-						
Improvements,	ing and/or realignment and other improvements along Hana						
vicinity of Milepost		FY16= \$195,000 (E)					
28.1	Marketplace)	FY17 = \$700,000 (E)	CIP	Maui			
Hana Highway Rock-							
fall Mitigation, Huelo	· · ·	FY16 = \$4,400,000 (E)					
to Hana	landslide areas along the slope of Route 360 Hana Highway	FY17 = \$1,800,000 (E)	CIP	Maui			
Hui Malama Learning		4					
Center		\$300,000 (A)	GIA	Maui			
	Construction for facility repairs, renovations and other related						
J.Walter Cameron	improvements (CIP GIA) * Cameron Center offers services						
Center, Inc.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$600,000 ( C )	GIA	Maui			
Kaho'olawe Island	Plans and Design for an education Center, Exhibit Area/visitor			Maui/			
Reserve Commission		FY16= \$500,000 (C )	CIP	Kahoolawe			
	Plans, Design anf construction for redevelopment of the Kio-						
Kalamaula Home-	wea Park facilities. FY16 = \$500,000 (CIP) C funds & Construc-		CIP &				
steaders Association		\$1,800,000 (C & N)	GIA	Molokai			
	Plans, Design and Construction to close landfills and assess						
	other environmental issues. FY17 = \$405,000 & Design and						
	construction to re-roof buildings and other related improve-		CID				
& Improvements		FY17 = \$656,000 ( C)	CIP	Molokai			
Kaupo Community	Design and construction for the restoration of old Kaupo						
Association, Inc.	School for community center. (CIP GIA)	\$975,000 ( C )	GIA	Maui			
Lanai Airport, Airport							
Road and Parking Lot	Construction for Airport road and parking lot improvements		CID	lons:			
improvements	and other related improvements	FY 17 = \$1,275,000 (E)	CIP	Lanai			
Lanai Airport, Runway	Construction for an extension of runway 3-21 and other related	FY17 = \$4,495,000					
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Maui Youth and Family				~ ~	
Services, Inc.	Construction for new administration facility		FY16 \$525,000 (C )	GIA	Maui
Molokai Airport,	Design and construction for airfield improvements including pave-				
Runway 17-35	ment reconstruction, drainage, striping, lighting, signage and oth- er related improvements.			CID	Malakai
mprovements	· ·	/ omorgonau shaltar	(B, N & E)	CIP	Molokai
Molokai High School	Plans, design and construction of the gym/ emergency shelter, and equipment.		FY16= \$3,500,000 (C )	CIP	Molokai
Molokai Homestead	Design Construction and equipment for improvements and reno-				
Farmers Alliance	vations of the Lanikeha Center and comm	ercial kitchen. (CIP GIA)	\$ 1,700,000 (N)	GIA	Molokai
Molokai Irrigation Sys- tem Improvements	Design and Construction for improvements to the Molokai Irriga- tion System		FY 16 = \$1,200,000 (C) FY17 = \$3,500,000 ( C)	CIP	Molokai
Molokai Public Library	Plans, design and construction to expand the existing library facili- ty.		FY17= \$4,700,000 (C )	CIP	Molokai
Molokai Veterans Center	Plans, design and construction of a parking lot and installation of septic tank.		FY 17 = \$4,000,000 (C )	CIP	Molokai
	Plans for alternative traffic improvements	-			
	Town. *this project is deemed necessary t	FY16 = \$ 300,000	CID		
Paia Bypass	financing and/or reimbursement.		(N & E)	CIP	Maui
Paia Elementary School	Plans and design for a classroom building.		FY17= \$1,400,000 (C )	CIP	Maui
	I ana'i Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter				
Women Helping Women	Lana'i Domestic Violence Emergency Shelt	er	\$246,550 (A)	GIA	Lanai
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### **Around District 13!**





Rep. DeCoite with Uncle Moke Kahiamoe and Robin Newhouse at the 2016 Ha`iku Ho'olaule'a & Flower Festival at Haiku Elementary School.

Rep. DeCoite at the "Flip the Switch" Ceremony to turn on the new AIR CONDITONING system at Kaunakakai Elementary School.



Rep. DeCoite reading "Grace for President" to students at Kulalapu'u School.

Rep. DeCoite and Aunty Tweetie Lind of Kipahulu at the 24th Annual East Maui Taro Festival in Hana.

