



# Representative Lynn DeCoite

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

## *A Message from Rep. Lynn DeCoite*

*Aloha,*

*I want to thank everyone for their well wishes and supportive messages as I get settled in my new position .*

*February 20, 2015— the day I was sworn in—was a bittersweet day for my family and I. Representative Mele Carroll was my friend, she was my family, and she was all of ours “Rep”. I am grateful for having the opportunity to get to know her and learn from her. I know I have some big shoes to fill. I will do my best to honor her as I serve all of you.*

*I look forward to meeting with community members and learning more about our unique “canoe district”. We have so many unique and beautiful communities that make up this district, and we also have similar needs and concerns that need to be addressed. I am committed to setting forth with an open mind and to do the best for District 13.*

*Lynn*



Rep. Lynn DeCoite taking the Oath of Office on February 20, 2015 in the Hawaii State House Chambers



Representative  
Lynn DeCoite



The DeCoite Family  
Russell Jr., Russell Sr., Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Carrie  
and Dillon

### 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).

## *Sign Up for District 13 E-mail Updates*

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.

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 our Communications Specialists, Rebecca Bernal, at [decoite2@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:decoite2@capitol.hawaii.gov) .

## Best Buddies Day at the Capitol



Friends and Advocates from Maui Best Buddies and Easter Seals.

March 12, 2015 was “Best Buddies” Day at the Capitol. Groups supporting individuals with Developmental Disabilities came to meet with all of the legislators and advocate for their needs. I was amazed by all of the advocates, many of whom have disabilities themselves, and the issues they wanted to discuss. The main issue was securing services to the disabled community. Most of the advocates expressed their desires to have jobs so they can help contribute to their families.

I was especially moved when one of our Maui Advocates read a letter to me about how she was bullied at school because of her disabilities. She is thankful that Best Buddies Maui helped her heal from the bullying and helped place her in a different school. It was amazing to see her smile as she talked about her new friends and all of the things she had planned for her future.

## Rep. DeCoite around District 13



Visiting the “Teens On Call” vocational training center in Paia.



Rep. DeCoite with Lana'i community members at the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center.



Rep. DeCoite presenting a certificate to Ahupua'a O Molokai President Ochie Bush in honor of their annual Kuhio Day celebration.



Lana'i HS students painted this mural with the help of the non-profit 808 Urban.

## District 13 At-the-Capitol



Annie and William Jacinto (Maui) came numerous times to advocate for their bill  
Re: latex. HB1238/SB911



Maui County students from the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii on “Kick Butts Day”.



Penny Martin (Molokai) honored on the House Floor with the original Hokulea Crew members from the 1976 voyage. Penny was the first female member of the crew.

## 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.

Please take a moment to fill out this 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.

**On a scale from 1 to 10 how important are these topics to you?**  
(1 = low importance, 10 = High Importance)

*Energy*            1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

*Agriculture*        1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

*Health*            1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10  
(Health Care/Services)

*Education*        1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

*Veterans' Affairs* 1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

*Other:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Submitting your Survey:

**Mail:** Detach Survey and mail to my office:  
**Office of Representative Lynn DeCoite**  
**Hawaii State Capitol**  
**415 South Beretania Street, Room 405**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

**Email:** Send your responses to [decoite2@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:decoite2@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
with "District 13 Survey" in the subject line.



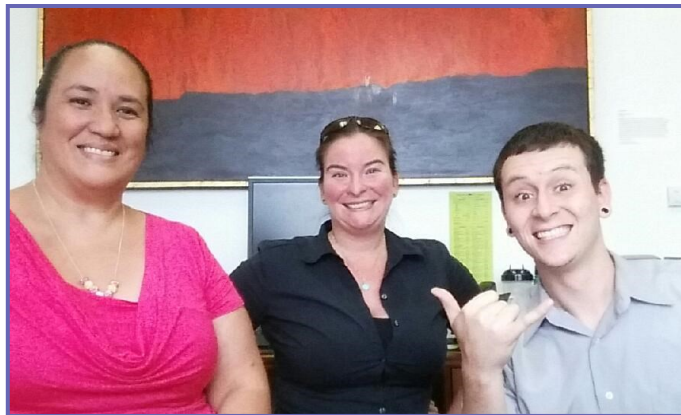


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**Timeline to the end of the 2015 Legislative Session**

**April**

- 3rd** Holiday: Good Friday
- 9th** First Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- 10th** Second Decking
- 16th** Second Crossover & Last day to disagree
- 20th** Second Lateral for Concurrent Resolutions (House)
- 24th** Constitutional Amendments: Deadline for final form
- 27th** Second Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- 30th** Last day to file Non-Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading

**May**

- 1st** Last day to file Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading
- 7th** Adjournment sine die (Session pau!)

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