



SENATOR LYNN DeCOITE

Hawaii Senate District 7: Hana, East & Upcountry Maui,
Moloka'i, Lana'i, Kaho'olawe and Molokini

Aloha Senate District 7 'Ohana!

I hope all of you are well and getting to spend time with your 'Ohana as we quickly move through the summer.

It is my extreme honor and privilege to be serving as the new State Senator for District 7! Since my appointment on June 17th, I've been quickly acclimating to this new role. I am excited to meet with new constituents in Upcountry Maui and to hear your concerns along with the projects and issues that are important to you. For my East Maui, Molokai and Lanai constituents, I am happy to continue the work my office has been doing to ensure everyone receives the resources and services needed to carry out our daily lives.

My office at the State Capitol is all set up! I am happy to continue to have my office manager, Rebecca, come with me to the Senate. And I also get to welcome Sharon onto my staff. Sharon previously worked for Senator English and is well versed in legislation and SD 7 issues. The new office is in room 231 and we can be reached at (808) 587-7225.

I look forward to seeing you all when I am out and about in the district. Please don't hesitate to drop me a note or give the office a call if you have any questions or state related concerns.

My Aloha,

Sen. Lynn DeCoite
District 7

The Senate was officially called back and convened for Special Session at 11:30 am on July 6, 2021.

I was honored to have Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald administer my "Oath of Office for me."

While I have officially been a Senator since the Governor's appointment on June 17, 2021, now I can take official actions such as voting on bills or advise and consent nominees.

Mahalo to my Senate colleagues for their help and support as I get settled in!



The Maui Senate Delegation

Sen. Roz Baker, Sen. Lynn DeCoite and Sen. Gil Keith –Agaran

Senator DeCoite taking the "Oath of Office"
administered by Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald.

SENATE ADJOURNS SPECIAL SESSION

The Hawai'i State Senate veto override session began on July 6, 2021 and adjourned July 8, 2021.

During this Special Session, the Senate approved three floor amendments to meet the Governor's objections in his veto messages for [HB54](#), [HB1299](#) and [SB589](#). The chamber also moved to override the veto for 6 measures.

For the Special Session, The Hawai'i State Legislature (House and Senate) took the following actions:

6 Veto Overrides:

****These bills will now become law****

- [HB53: Relating To State Bonds](#)

Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds.

- [HB862: Relating To State Government](#)

Referred to as the "kitchen sink" bill, provided the revision that repeals the transient accommodation tax allocation to the counties. Authorizes the counties to establish a county transient accommodations tax at a rate not to exceed three per cent.

- [SB263: Relating To Economic Development](#)

Transfers oversight of the "Hawaii Made" program for manufactured products and the "Hawaii Made" trademark to the department of business, economic development, and tourism.

- [SB404: Relating To Electioneering Communications](#)

Lowers the monetary threshold that triggers disclosure electioneering communications. Repeals the requirement that disclosures of electioneering communications occur on the date of any subsequent expenditures. Classifies election advertisements sent by mail at any postal rate as electioneering communications. Exempts communications that are actual expenditures of an organization from being considered electioneering communications. Excludes candidate and candidate committees from the disclosure requirements. Applies beginning with the 2022 primary election

- [SB811: Relating To The Department of Education](#)

Requires the department of education to publish a weekly report on schools that have reported positive COVID-19 cases.

- [SB1387: Relating To Microchip Identification.](#)

Requires dog and cat owners to microchip their pets

3 Floor Amendments:

**** Governor agreed to these amendments and signed the bills into law****

- [HB54: Relating To The State Budget](#)

Effective 6/30/2021, appropriates moneys for deposit into the emergency and budget reserve fund and makes payments for other post-employment benefits. Appropriates moneys for debt service for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.

- [HB1299: Relating To Non-General Funds](#)

Repeals various non-general funds from various state departments. Implements recommendations of the auditor. Transfers most unencumbered balances to the credit of the general fund.

- [SB589: Relating To The University of Hawai'i.](#)

PART I - Establishes the University of Hawaii (UH) Cancer Research Center in statute as the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii. PART II - Requires UH to develop a plan for the School of Medicine and Cancer Research Center to achieve greater operational efficiencies. PART III - Extends the sunset of Act 38, SLH 2017, exempting UH's technology transfer activities from certain provisions of the state ethics code to 6/30/2024. Prohibits technology transfer activities in which UH employees have a conflict of interest. Requires Board of Regents to report employee conflicts to the Legislature. PART IV - Temporarily reenacts provisions of Act 39, SLH 2017, reestablishing UH's innovation and commercialization initiative program to 6/30/2024. PART V - Temporarily repeals changes made by Act 42, SLH 2018, allowing the UH president to act as UH's Chief Procurement Officer for procurement contracts under chapter 103D, HRS, until 6/30/2024.

Did you know the Public Access Room is here to answer all of your questions about the Legislative Process?

They also do community workshops to help you learn the process to advocate for your communities.

Visit their website <https://lrh.hawaii.gov/par/> or call (808)587-0478

Happenings in Senate District 7 and beyond...

Senator DeCoite participated in the **4th of July Makawao Stampede Rodeo** and presented the Kaonoulu Ranch with a Senate Proclamation commending them for perpetuating the Paniolo culture and tradition.



Lei draping commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act that was enacted on July 9, 1921 in Washington, D.C. Among the many lei was a kukui leaf lei made by Raquel Dudoit of Moloka'i.

HOKU'ULA BLESSING AND CEREMONY

I was honored to attend the Hoku'ula Maui Blessing & Groundbreaking Ceremony! This Affordable Housing Project in Hailimaile will include 98 workforce home and 98 market price homes.

196 total homes coming to Maui!

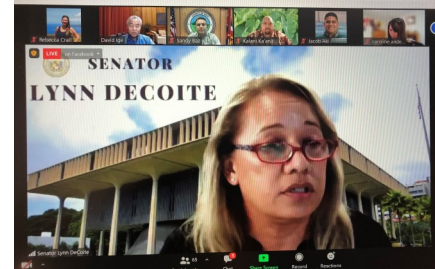
The homes are priced so that local families can own a home.



EAST MAUI, HANA HIGHWAY AND MITIGATING TOURISM

Since the recent return of tourism to Maui, there has been traffic congestion and illegal parking along Hana Highway that has disrupted the lives of residents in the Hana region.

The state has worked with the county to install signs along the highway to discourage illegal parking and traffic congestion.



Senator DeCoite, Governor David Ige and other leaders from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and various state and county officials discussed solutions to the traffic congestion in East Maui during a virtual town hall on July 15, 2021.

SENATOR DECOITE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS ALI'I AWARD

Mahalo to [Hawaii 4-H Youth Development](#) for honoring me with the prestigious Ali'i award as part of their 4-H 'Aha'ōlelo Convention. This award is given to honored guests chosen based on the 4-H program values of leadership and community service.

I'm honored to join the ranks of Governor Waihe'e, the late Senator Daniel Akaka, the late Patsy Mink and other distinguished honorees who are past recipients of this honor

4-H is one of the oldest and most effective programs of non-formal education in Hawai'i. In partnership with the [College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at UH-Manoa](#), this program provides students with real hands-on projects, demonstrations, leadership development and aims to promote responsible citizenship. Mahalo again for this honor!





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