



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 'Ohana!

With the new year came a new Legislative Session, and we are already off to full speed. There is so much that goes on each day here at the Capitol, I wanted to make sure you all are informed as to what I am doing as your State Representative and to share information that I feel will be helpful to you and your 'Ohana.

In this newsletter you'll find the list of my 2020 Legislation, information on what "carry over bills" are, information on the upcoming 2020 Census—and census jobs available, and information about how you can look up Unclaimed Property.

As many of you are aware, my office sends out e-mail updates to the District 13 community about legislation, government news/announcements and community events. If you would like to be added to the list, please call my office (808)586-6790 or send your email to decoite2@capitol.hawaii.gov.

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

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District 13



This year's staff: Intern **Hi'ilei**, Office Manager **Rebecca**, Legislative Aid **Richard**, and Committee Clerk **Aurielle**



Youth from Olelo Student Media in Nanakuli interviewing Rep. on Opening Day at the Capitol

Advocates from the State Council on
Developmental Disabilities



Dr. Randall Kam and Dr. Joseph Humphry
from Lanai Community Health Center

Representative Lynn DeCoite's 2020 Legislation

[HB1921](#)

DLNR; Hunting; Wildlife; Private Lands

RELATING TO HUNTING.

Requires any hunting guide or hunter to obtain and submit to the Department of Land and Natural Resources written permission from any private landowner upon which the hunting guide or hunter is engaged in guide or hunting activities. Requires the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create and make available to the public a written permission form to be completed and filed by any hunting guide or hunter engaged in guide activities or hunting on private lands.

House Committee Referrals: WLH, JUD // **Senate Companion:** [SB2373](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** WTL, JDC

[HB1922](#)

DNLR; Invasive Species; County of Maui; Appropriation

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for efforts to substantially reduce and eradicate certain invasive species in the county of Maui.

House Committee Referrals: AGR, FIN // **Senate Companion:** [SB2371](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** AEN/WTL, WAM

[HB1923](#)

Food Labeling; Non-Genetically-Modified-Organisms; Organic; Gluten-Free

RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS.

Prohibits certain food labeling practices with regard to foods with non-genetically-modified-organisms, organic foods, and gluten-free foods.

House Committee Referrals: AGR, CPC, FIN // **Senate Companion:** [SB2374](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** AEN/CPH, JDC

[HB1924](#)

Hiking Trails; Search and Rescue; Closed to the Public; Trespassing; Penalty; Department of Land and Natural Resources

RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE.

Requires government entities to seek reimbursement for search and rescue expenses for persons who require rescue after leaving a hiking trail to enter a prohibited area or hiking on a trail closed to the public.

House Committee Referrals: WLH, JUD, FIN // **Senate Companion:** [SB2376](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** PSM/GVO, JDC

[HB1925](#)

DHHL; Auditor; Financial and Performance Audit

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

Requires the Auditor to conduct a financial and performance audit of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

House Committee Referrals: LMG/WLH, FIN // **Senate Companion:** [SB2372](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** GVO/HWN, WAM

[HB1926](#)

State Agencies; Submission of Information; Forms Required; Plain Language

RELATING TO STATE FORMS.

Requires any state agency that requires a person to submit information, data, or other materials to create a form, including instructions, that is written in plain language, to facilitate the collection of that information, data, or material.

House Committee Referrals: LAB, JUD, FIN // **Senate Companion:** [SB2375](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** GVO, JDC

[HB2475](#)

DOT; Harbor Special Fund; Cargo Carriers; Subsidies; Appropriations

RELATING TO CARGO CARRIERS.

Authorizes the Department of Transportation to expend funds from the harbor special fund to provide subsidies to cargo carriers to offset costs incurred by the cargo carriers as a result of providing cargo carrier services to ports serving counties within the State having a population of less than 500,000 and comprising three or more populated islands. Appropriates moneys.

House Committee Referrals: TRN, FIN // **Senate Companion:** [SB2800](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** TRS, WAM

[HB2565](#)

HDOA; Department of Health; Pesticides; Restricted Use Pesticide Disposal Amnesty Program; Restricted Use Pesticide Disposal Amnesty Program Steering Committee; Appropriation

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

Establishes the Restricted Use Pesticide Disposal Amnesty Program within the Department of Agriculture to provide a one-time, affordable, and environmentally accessible means for the disposal of restricted use pesticides from a bona fide agricultural entity. Convenes a Restricted Use Pesticide Disposal Amnesty Program Steering Committee to guide and monitor the program. Appropriates funds.

House Committee Referrals: AGR/HLT, JUD, FIN // **Senate Companion:** [SB3098](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** AEN/CPH, WAM

[HB2566](#)

Hana Highway; Traffic; Road Safety

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

Requires the driver of a lead vehicle on the Hana highway between mile markers 00 and 43 to use turnouts and allow vehicles to pass under certain circumstances.

House Committee Referrals: TRN, JUD, FIN // **Senate Companion:** [SB2679](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** TRS, JDC

[HB2634](#)

Police Officers; Spouses; Retirement; Medical Coverage; Minimum Age Requirement; Employees' Retirement System

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Allows retired police officers to include their spouses in their medical coverage plans. Eliminates the minimum retirement age requirement of fifty-five years for police officers who became members after June 30, 2012.

House Committee Referrals: LAB, FIN // **Senate Companion:** [SB3146](#), **Senate Committee Referrals:** LCA, WAM

Do You Know What A Carryover Bills Is?

In Hawaii, we have two-year legislative sessions that always begin in odd-numbered years and end in even-numbered years. Since this is the second year of the biennium, any bills pending before the Legislature at the end of last year's session carry over to this year's session and are back in play. Carryover bills start this session with the same bill number and simply pick up where they left off; they do not have to begin the process all over again.

Free Educational Workshops!

For more information on carryover bills, contact or visit the **Public Access Room (PAR)**! If you are the capitol, stop by their office to attend workshops that help you learn more about the legislative process. **If you're from another island or if you have a group that would like to get involved, please contact the PAR office at (808) 587-0478 or email par@capitol.hawaii.gov so they can put together on-island or remote workshops.**

Tuesdays at 12-1 PM

Thursday at 5-6 PM

Now through the end of February

PAR Office - Room 401

Join the 2020 Census Team

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count.

Why Apply?

- Competitive Wages: Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly
- Support Your Community: Census results are used to determine your representation in Congress. Help ensure that everyone in our community is counted in the 2020 Census.
- Fit Your Schedule: Temporary positions feature flexible hours—a great fit if you are looking to earn extra money
- Be a Part of History: Every 10 years since 1970, the United States has undertaken the momentous task of counting its population. This is your chance to play a role!

Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs for more information and applications.

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Do You Have Unclaimed Property?

Did you know the State of Hawaii holds unclaimed property as a custodian for the rightful owner? **Have you checked to see if you have Unclaimed Property? Many of us do and don't even realize it!** The State of Hawaii Unclaimed Property Law requires "holders" such as corporations, financial institutions, and business associations to annually report and deliver abandoned property to the Unclaimed Property Program. It is very easy to check and you can do it yourself from home.

Examples of unclaimed property are:

- Contents of safe deposit boxes
- Deposits held by utility companies
- Insurance and medical refunds
- Dormant savings and checking accounts
- Shares of stock

Unclaimed Property Program Contact Information

Phone: (808) 586-1589

Web: <https://budget.hawaii.gov/finance/unclaimedproperty/>

**** The listings get updated annually, so if you checked a few years ago, now is a good time to check again!****



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District 13 at the Capitol



(Above) One of my favorite days at the Capitol is Ag Day! It's great for my colleagues to see first-hand what is grown here in Hawai'i and meet directly with the producers. The Wahine2Wahine (Women in Ag) Group stopped by for a meeting about women in agriculture and feeding fresh, local, and healthy food to families across the state.

(Below) Congratulations to Joyce Haase, teacher from Molokai, on earning her National Board of Professional Teaching Standards Certification! All of your hard work and dedication is appreciated by our entire community.



(Above) Meeting with Mrs. Lynn Waihee (Former First Lady) and Kara from Read To Me International about all of the programs they offer across the state We all agree that reading to our keiki is one of the best things to help them be active learners!

