



# 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,

The 2019 Legislative Session has come to an end and there is a lot to report back to our communities. We started the session off with bills related to minimum wage and transitioned into concerns surrounding water issues and the ongoing fight for East Maui streams. This session also involved some major changes, dealing with a zero-based budget and new committee structures.

The 2019 session also involved working with many different personalities, and we often found ourselves struggling to find common ground. Yet, we still had a successful year for District 13, as seen through the approval of CIP and GIA funds for various community organizations. While we couldn't support all applicants and projects, we were able to address long-standing needs and issues related to health, safety, and much needed services.

During the interim is the time for us all to prepare for the 2020 Legislative Session (yes already!). I am interested to hear any legislative ideas you may have and also want to know what your top priorities are. Please also let me know about events happening in your community, send me an invite and I'll do my best to attend. I hope to work with all of you to ensure all of your voices and concerns are heard.

Mahalo nui loa,



Visiting the waterfalls along Hana Highway, Maui

## District 13 2019 Grant In Aid (GIA) Funds

Organization	Award (FY20)	MOF	CIP/OPP
Lana'i Kina'ole Inc.	75,000	A	OPP
Maui Economic Development Board, Inc.	200,000	A	OPP
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.	291,000	A	OPP
Ahupua'a O Moloka'i	100,000	C	CIP
Boys and Girls Club of Maui	850,000	C	CIP
Hale Mahaolu	750,000	C	CIP
Hana Health	250,000	C	CIP
Hui Noeau	200,000	C	CIP
Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc.	250,000	C	CIP
The Wisdom Center for Autism	100,000	C	CIP
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>2,716,000</b>		

## District 13 2019 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Funds

Title	Description	FY20	FY21	MOF
Molokai Irrigation System Improvements	Plans, designs, construction and equipment for improvements to the Molokai irrigation system		9,300,000	C
Haiku Elementary School, Maui	Plans, designs, construction and equipment for improvements for covered walkway and building E reroof; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.	700,000		C
Kaunakakai Elementary School, Molokai	Plans, design, construction, and equipment for roof placement and install bleachers	750,000		C
Kualapuu Elementary School, Molokai	Construction for ADA transition	300,000		C
Molokai High School, Molokai	Design and construction for baseball field		300,000	C
Paia Elementary School, Maui	Design and construction for a new classroom building; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances	17,000,000		C
Lump Sum Hawaiian Home Lands Lot Development-Statewide	Plans, designs, construction, and equipment for various improvements to existing infrastructure on Hawaiian Home Lands, statewide	20,000,000		C
Lump Sum Hawaiian Home Lands Existing Infrastructure-Statewide		5,000,000		C
Coqui Frog Eradication Containment Barrier, Maui	Plans, designs, and construction to eradicate coqui frogs on Maui	750,000	750,000	C
DOFAW Maui Baseyard Generator, Maui	Plans, design, and construction for installation of a standby generator to maintain baseyard emergency operations during power outages		55,000	C
DOFAW Maui Baseyard Restroom Renovation, Maui			55,000	C
Maui Community Correctional Center, Maui	Plans, designs, construction, and equipment for improvements, renovations, refurbishments, upgrades, infrastructure work, and new construction for the Maui Community Correctional Center; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances	8,000,000		C
Important Agricultural Land, Maui	Plans and designs for the mapping of important agricultural land in Maui county; project to include reports and related studies; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances; provided that partial matching funds be provided by the county of	125,000		S
Important Agricultural Land, Maui		125,000		C
Hana Airport, Facility Improvements, Maui	Design and construction for improvements to various facilities and other related improvements	400,000	2,000,000	C
Molokai Airport, Facility Improvements, Molokai	Design for improvements of various facilities and other related improvements	3,500,000		C
Lanai Airport, Facility Improvements, Lanai	Design and construction for improvements of various facilities and other related improvements	400,000	2,000,000	E
Hana Highway Bridge Preservation, Maui	Land acquisition and design for the implementation of the bridge preservation plan for Hana highway in the vicinity of the Hana preservation district, to include bridge rehabilitation and/or replacement. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal	3,400,000		N
Hana Highway Bridge Preservation, Maui		850,000		E

## CIP Funds Cont.

Title	Description	FY20	FY21	MOF
Hana Highway Improvements, Huelo to Hana, Maui	Construction for improving, upgrading, and/or repairing roadways, bridges, walls, drainage structures, guardrails, and other facilities on Route 360 Hana Highway	2,700,000		E
Paia Bypass, Maui	Plans, land acquisition, design, construction, and equipment to complete the Paia bypass; equipment and appurtenances; refurbishment, improvements, rehabilitation, new construction, renovation, and replacement; this project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement	110,000		E
<b>TOTAL =</b>		<b>64,110,000</b>	<b>14,460,000</b>	



**Rebecca, Office Manager; Richard, Legislative Aid; and Sara, Committee Clerk, in front of Hana Highway waterfall**

Method of Funding (MOF)	
<b>A</b> = General Fund	<b>P</b> = Federal Grants
<b>B</b> = Special Funds	<b>R</b> = Private Contribution
<b>C</b> = General Obligation Bond Fund	<b>S</b> = County Fund
<b>D</b> = General Obligation Bond Fund with Debt Service to be paid from Special Funds	<b>T</b> = Trust Fund
<b>E</b> = Revenue Bond Fund	<b>U</b> = Interdependent Transfer Fund
<b>J</b> = Federal Aid Interstate Fund	<b>W</b> = Revolving Fund
<b>K</b> = Federal Aid Primary Fund	<b>V</b> = Federal Stimulus
<b>M</b> = Federal Aid Urban Fund	<b>X</b> = Other Funds
<b>N</b> = Federal Funds	

### District 13 Legislative Internship

During this past legislative session we had the pleasure of hosting our intern Hi'ilei Casco, a current Graduate Student in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Below are some of her learnings and experiences working at the Legislature.

**Q: What were you expecting going into this internship? How was this internship different than your original expectations?**

Having little to no prior legislative experience, I honestly was not too sure what this opportunity would entail. I knew that there were certain protocols I had to follow (like what to wear and how to act), but I was a novice to any type of real legislative work. Looking back, this internship has transformed my naive perceptions of the Legislature into passions for policy and advocacy. My experiences have far surpassed my expectations by not only providing the depth of knowledge and skills I have now, but also life-long friends (Rep. DeCoite, Rebecca, Sara, and Richard) that have supported and cared for me during my time at the Capitol.



**Intern Hi'ilei (left) with Committee Clerk Sara**

**Q: What was the most enlightening part of your experience at the Legislature?**

The most enlightening part of my experience at the Legislature was attending House Agriculture (AGR) committee hearings. Being able to hear the dialogue between community members, department chairs, and committee members provided invaluable insights about the future of Hawai'i's agriculture that I would never be able to get in the classroom.

**Q: What was your favorite aspect of your job as a legislative intern?**

My favorite aspect of my job as an intern was being able to support the work of Representative DeCoite and her staff. There are so many demanding activities that her office must address in order to process testimony, facilitate hearings, engage with community members, and make informed decisions. Being able to use my personal skills and knowledge to contribute to this work allows me to fulfill my kuleana to my own Kaupo community (part of District 13) as well gain real-world work experience.

*"I want to thank Rep. DeCoite, Rebecca, Sara, and Richard for sharing their immense knowledge and skills with me during my internship at the Legislature. This team is amazing beyond words! After experiencing all the behind-the-scenes work that goes into legislative processes, I have so much more respect for their work. It feels good to know that my community is in good hands!" -Hi'ilei Casco*



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### A Beautiful Day on Lanai

In March, I had an amazing day on Lana'i with my staff visiting with the community. We attended the Troy Barboza Torch Run (we saw the end), The Special Olympics Swim-a-thon, and the Grand Opening of Lana'i Kina 'ole! We also visited the Cat Sanctuary, the Pier, and had a delicious lunch at Blue Ginger.



Special Olympics Swim-a-thon



Grand Opening of Lana'i Kina'ole

### East Maui Taro Festival in Hana, Maui

In April my staff and I traveled the Road to Hana to go to the 2019 East Maui Taro Fest! Going to the (Hana) East Maui Taro Fest gives us the opportunity to drive through the district in East Maui (Paia all the way around to Kaupo) and also visit with community members. It was a great day with friends!



East Maui Watershed Partnership



The Kipahulu Ohana

### D.A.R.E Rally on Molokai



Now in its 4th year, the Molokai Patrol District's D.A.R.E Rally included all 129 5th Grade Students from the 5 Moloka'i Elementary Schools: Maunaloa, Kualapu'u Charter (and Hawaiian Immersion), Aka'ula, Kaulakakai and Kilohana Elementary Schools.

### Molokai Earth Day Celebration



I was honored to be a part of the Molokai Earth Day celebration! Congratulations to Louella 'Ōpu'ulani Wallace Albino on receiving the Mālama Kuleana Honua Award! Mahalo for all you do for our community.