End of Session Legislative Newsletter-May 2017



# 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 2017 Legislative Session has come and gone and there is a lot to report back to our communities.

With the approval of the State Budget by the House and Senate, District 13 is set to receive \$61,616,000 in CIP Funds and \$1,425,000 in GIA Awards. (See next page for full list)

As you all know, District 13 is the only true canoe district in the State, with three separate islands and rural communities, these funds are essential. I appreciate all the work the Finance, CIP and GIA chairs did to allocate these funds and am thankful for the time they took to discuss our community's needs with me. The money coming to our district includes funding to repair our schools, protect our natural resources on Kaho'olawe, Airport improvements, and much needed roadway upkeep and rock fall mitigation along Hana Highway.

I am also thankful for the \$1.4 million that was awarded to our community non-profits. These funds go directly to the organizations that serve as the backbone of our communities. The services these organizations provide across our district give back ten times what they receive.

Also in the budget are some funding items that greatly help our district.

### **Budget Highlights for District 13:**

### • Dept. of Education

Add 100,000 in general funds in FY18 for <u>athletic travel to and from Molokai and Hana</u> (EDN400/YA).

### • Hawaii Health Systems

Add 33,420,000 in general funds in FY18 for operations subsidy for <u>Maui Health System</u> (HTH214/LS).

Add \$30,637,298 in general funds in FY18 for employee separation benefits related to the transfer of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation <u>Maui Region</u>.

#### • Department of Health:

Add \$500,000 in general funds in each FY for **Rat Lung-worm Disease** (HTH610).

### • Department of Land and Natural Resources:

Add (15) temporary positions and \$1,065,147 in FY18 and \$1,097,047 in FY19 in general funds for personnel and operating funds for management and restoration of Kahoolawe Island Reserve (LNR906/AA).

As this session concludes, it is time for us to prepare for 2018. I am planning Talk Story sessions across the district in the coming months so I can hear directly from all of you. I am interested to hear any legislative ideas you may have and also want to know what your top priorities are. As soon as these date are set I will send out notifications. I hope to work with everyone to ensure all of your voices are heard.

Mahalo nui loa,





Brian McCafferty (Haiku), Rep. Lynn DeCoite and Abezon Acosta on the House Floor after a presentation honoring Brian for his service and dedication to the people of Maui County and the State of Hawaii.



Rep. DeCoite Honors Teresa Shook (Hana) -Founder of the Women's March - on behalf of Hawaii State Legislature at the Haiku Ho'olaule'a & Flower Festival.



Rep. DeCoite and Moloka'i High School Students at the AB Sports Spotlight Awards Event

## Two of Rep. DeCoite's Bills Head to the Governor!

### HB451 HD1 SD2 CD1

## RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.

Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second. (HB451 CD1)

## **HB453 HD1 SD1 CD1**RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Requires the Department of Agriculture to provide grants to farmers to assist them in paying for the costs of compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, FDA regulations, and state food safety laws. Appropriates funds. (HB453 CD1)

### **District 13 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Funds:**

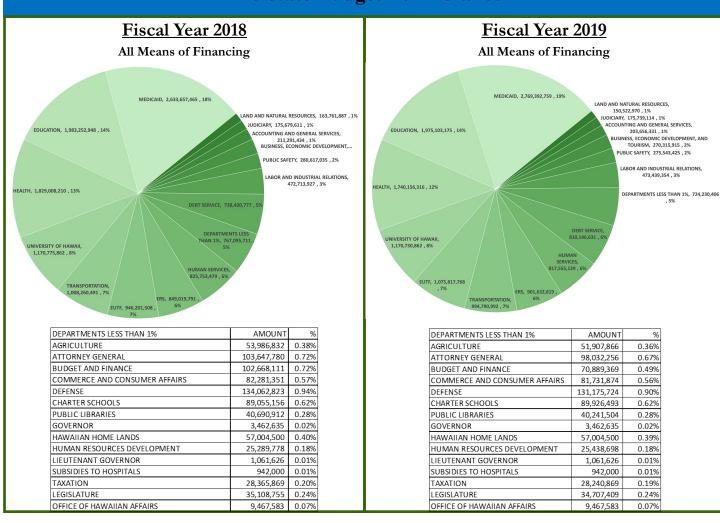
Title	Description	Amount
Haiku Elementary School	Plans, design and construction to replace roof; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances (C funds)	\$ 500,000
Kualapuu Elementary School	Plans, design and construction to replace roof; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances (C funds)	\$ 230,000
Lanai High and Elementary School	Plans, design and construction for building renovations; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances (C funds)	\$ 1,434,000
Hawaiian Home Lands Lot Development, Molokai	Design and construction for the development of scattered lots side improvements, Hoolehua, Molokai (C funds)	\$ 3,000,000
Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Native Dryland Forest Planting	Plans, Design, constriction and equipment for Kahoolawe island Reserve Commission to support for native dryland forest restoration, management and maintenance. (C funds)	\$ 3,000,000
Hana Airport, Base yard renova- tion	Design and construction for renovations to the base yard building and other related improvements (E Funds)	\$ 2,000,000
Molokai Airport, Terminal and Utility Improvements	Design and construction for terminal improvements. Improvements include electrical and sewer replacement or upgrades, installation of new restrooms and other related improvements. (E Funds)	\$ 7,250,000
Kalaupapa Airport, Airport Improvements	Construction for the installation of a new aircraft rescue and fire fighting (arff) garage, renovation of the terminal, replacement of airfields lighting and other related improvements (E funds)	\$ 4,500,000
Lanai Airport, Base yard renovation	Design and construction for renovations to the base yard building and other related improvements (E Funds)	\$ 2,000,000
Lanai Airport, restroom facilities	Construction for new restrooms near the gates and other related improvements. (E Funds)	\$ 1,000,000
Remove Hana Pier Superstructure, Hana Harbor	Design and construction of improvements to remove the Hana Pier superstructure. \$ 2,000 (B Funds) & \$3,700,000 (E Funds)	\$ 3,702,000
Hana Highway Bridge Preserva- tion Plan	Land acquisition and design for developing a bridge preservation plan for Hana Highway in the vicinity of the Hana Preservation District. *This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement. \$2,600,000 (N Funds) & \$650,000 (E Funds)	\$ 3,250,000
Hana Highway Improvements, Huelo to Hana	Construction for improving, upgrading and/or repairing roadways, bridges, walls, drainage structures, guardrails, and other facilities on route 360 Hana Highway. (E Funds)	\$ 4,000,000
Hana Highway Mitigation	Plans, design and construction to mitigates rock falls, vegetation and potential landslide areas along the slopes of Hana highway route 360 at various locations (E Funds)	\$ 20,000,000
Hana Highway Rock fall Mitigation, Huelo to Hana	Construction to mitigate rock falls and potential landslide areas along the slopes of route 360 Hana Highway at various locations. (E Funds)	\$ 2,000,000
Paia Bypass	Design for alternative traffic improvements in the vicinity of Paia town. *This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement. \$3,000,000(N Funds) & \$750,000 (E Funds)	\$ 3,750,000
71	Total	\$ 61,616,000



### **District 13 Grant In Aid (GIA) Funds:**

Organization	Description	Award	(MOF)
Hui No'eau	Handicap accessible and safety improvements for Hui No'eau facility in Paia.	\$ 95,000	С
La'a Kea Foundation	Expanding the 12-acre La'a Kea Community in Paia, Maui with desperately needed affordable housing for low-income and intellectually/developmentally disabled adults.	\$ 300,000	С
Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc. *	For construction of a new facility to continue to provide much needed substance abuse treatment services, homeless youth services Behavioral health And other support services for Maui's underserved Youth, families and adults	\$ 400,000	С
Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Inc.	Great Futures Hawai'i Program: Improving the outcomes for Hawaii's Youth	\$ 150,000	A
Hale Mahaolu *	Funding for the Adult Personal Care Program.	\$ 200,000	А
Hana Health	Health Center operating funds	\$ 200,000	А
Lana'i Culture and Heritage Center	Lanai Curatorial & Cultural Literacy Initiative	\$ 55,000	A
Tri - Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council,		<b>\$ 2</b> 5,000	
Inc.* *Provides Services	Grants Management Capacity-Building and Operating Costs	\$ 25,000	А
County/ District wide.	Total	\$ 1,425,000	

## The State Budget At-A-Glance



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Rep. DeCoite with Helen Neilsen and Janet Lee at the Kaupo Association Booth at the 2017 Hana Taro Festival. They passed out over 600 Rat Traps and Coloring books about Rat Lungworm Disease.

Rep. DeCoite with Hana Students (top) and Lana'i students (bottom) and their families at the AB Sports Spotlight Event honoring the athletes academic and athletic achievements.



## Rat Lungworm Disease

### Maui County Resources for Rat Lungworm Information:

- Maui Ready website <a href="https://mauiready.org/ratlungworm/">https://mauiready.org/ratlungworm/</a>
- \*This website has information compiled from Dept. of Health (Maui Office), MISC, CTAHR
- Rat Lungworm Maui Dept. of Health Official Informational Group

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