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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



## HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO RECEIVE \$8 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND RUNWAY LIGHTING 'VAULT'

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that Honolulu International Airport has been awarded \$8 million in federal funds to acquire an emergency generator, and to upgrade its runway lighting by constructing “an electrical vault.”

Senator Inouye also announced that the Kalaeloa Airport on Oahu will receive \$602,595 to purchase a 1,500-gallon aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicle to replace its rescue-firefighting vehicle, which has outlived its service life.

Both grants were awarded by the Department of Transportation.

“Airport safety has always been one of my priority concerns, as well as the nation’s,” Senator Inouye said. “These grants will help to ensure the safety of passengers departing from and arriving at Honolulu International and Kalaeloa, as well as all who work at the airports.”

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## **INOUYE HAILS CONTRACT TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS TO KAUAI'S KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR**

**Thursday, September 6, 2007**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**WASHINGTON --- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye said today he is pleased that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a nearly \$19 million contract to a Kapolei firm, Kiewit Pacific Co., to complete improvements to Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor on Kauai. The total project cost could exceed \$22 million if contract options totaling more than \$3.7 million are exercised by the State of Hawaii for local project features. Senator Inouye was instrumental in securing \$15 million in March 2007 to cover the federal share of the Kikiaola Harbor project.**

**“The people of Kauai have waited a long time for the harbor improvements,” said Senator Inouye, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. “They were keenly aware that the improvements will strengthen harbor safety by eliminating dangerous conditions within the entrance channel, and will permit the safe passage of vessels entering the basin.**

**“It was extremely satisfying to work on this initiative, and to know that the completion of this project -- a priority for the people of Kauai -- will soon be in sight.”**

**Kikiaola Harbor is located on the southwest coast of Kauai, between the towns of Kekaha and Waimea. The harbor improvements will consist of dredging an entrance and access channels, and modifying existing breakwaters to ensure a higher level of navigational safety.**

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## **SENATE GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO \$583.6 MILLION FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN HAWAII, INOUYE ANNOUNCES**

*Inouye Amendment for Study of Veteran Health Care in Remote Areas also OK'd*

Thursday, September 6, 2007

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye today joined 91 of his colleagues in passing the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 that contains more than \$583.6 million for 12 military construction projects in Hawaii. Only one senator voted against the measure.**

**The funding bill also includes an amendment – offered by Senator Inouye and Senators Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski, both of Alaska – that requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study “on access to medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans who live in remote rural areas.”**

**Senator Inouye, a wounded combat veteran of World War II who was awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest honor for military valor, said: “Ensuring access to health care for our veterans – who have sacrificed much for our country – is very important. Veterans living in remote areas of Hawaii and Alaska can face more challenges in reaching VA facilities because of the noncontiguous nature of their state.”**

**Under the amendment, the study must examine the problems and costs faced by veterans in remote rural areas in obtaining VA medical services; the need to fund**

alternative sources of medical services, particularly in areas that require air transportation to reach a VA facility; and an assessment of the possibility of increasing local access through partnerships with other government and local health care providers.

The Hawaii-related military construction funding includes a total of nearly \$209 million for barracks and living quarters construction and improvements. Nearly \$100 million are appropriated to the Navy for the construction of a facility at Pearl Harbor that will make it difficult for U.S. submarines to be detected by enemy sensor systems. Additionally, \$30 million are for upgrading two dry docks at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard to ensure competitiveness.

“These military construction initiatives will strengthen our national defense and improve the quality of life for our men and women in uniform,” Senator Inouye said. “Furthermore, the funding for these projects underscores the fact that Hawaii’s strategic location is key to our readiness for answering the challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.”

The Senate appropriations measure now moves to a House-Senate conference committee to reconcile differences with the House version. Senator Inouye, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has been designated as one of the Senate’s conferees.

Separate legislation for defense-related projects in Hawaii is still under consideration by the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, which is chaired by Senator Inouye.

The following are the Hawaii initiatives in the military construction funding measure:

**ARMY**

***Fort Shafter***

Barracks Complex \$31,000,000

***Schofield Barracks***

Barracks Complex \$45,000,000

Barracks Complex \$43,000,000

***Wheeler Army Airfield***

Barracks Complex \$51,000,000

**NAVY**

***Kaneohe Bay***

**Bachelor Enlisted Quarters \$37,961,000**

***Pearl Harbor***

**Submarine Drive-In Magnetic Silencing Facility \$99,860,000**

***Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard***

**Drydock Ship Support Services \$30,200,000**

***Wahiawa***

**Communications Center \$65,410,000**

**AIR FORCE**

***Hickam Air Force Base***

**DCGS Intelligence Squadron OPS Facility \$16,500,000**

**C-17 Parking Ramp \$15,471,000**

**DEFENSE-WIDE**

***Hickam AFB***

**Replacement of Hydrant Fuels System \$11,900,000**

***Kunia***

**Regional Security Operation Center III \$136,318,000**

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## SENATE APPROVES \$20 MILLION FOR EAST-WEST CENTER IN FISCAL YEAR 2008, INOUYE ANNOUNCES

Friday, September 7, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the Senate has approved an appropriation of \$20 million for the East-West Center for Fiscal Year 2008.

The funding is part of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Act, which the Senate passed by a vote of 81 to 12 late last night [Thursday, September 6, 2007].

The bill now moves to a House-Senate conference committee to reconcile differences with the House version of the funding measure.

“For nearly 50 years, the Honolulu-based East-West Center has been one of the world’s premier education and research centers, and it has played a crucial role in strengthening relations and understanding in the Asia-Pacific region,” Senator Inouye said. “Its many programs bring together scholars, specialists, and journalists, and their research and dialogue help to promote understanding, peace, and prosperity in the Pacific Rim.”

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## **INOUYE AND AKAKA ANNOUNCE SENATE APPROVAL OF \$20 MILLION FOR HONOLULU HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT**

*Initiative Is Among 21 Hawaii-Related Transportation and Housing Projects Pegged to Receive Nearly \$83.7 Million in Fiscal Year 2008*

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka said today the Senate has approved \$20 million to fund the preliminary engineering phases of the facility and transit system design of the Honolulu-Kapolei transit project.**

**The initiative, also known as the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, is one of the top priorities of the Hawaii Congressional Delegation, and it was part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 that the Senate passed today by a vote of 88 to 7.**

**The Honolulu-Kapolei project is among the 21 transportation and housing initiatives for Hawaii that total nearly \$83.7 million in the Senate-approved appropriations measure.**

**Senator Inouye, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, noted that 60 percent of Oahu's population lives in the transit corridor – more than 546,000 people – and they say they want relief from heavy traffic congestion. “The transit corridor project offers a solution to the traffic woes between fast-growing Kapolei and densely populated Honolulu,” Senator Inouye said.**

**Senator Akaka added: “I am proud this bill includes substantial resources that will improve our transportation infrastructure, and also provide additional**



opportunities for affordable housing, and strengthening social service providers in Hawaii.”

Other Hawaii-related initiatives in the measure include a combined total of more than \$11.5 million for Native Hawaiian housing, loan guarantees, and community development; \$7.5 million for ferry infrastructure or vessels; \$1.6 million to prevent the introduction of alien species through aircraft that fly to Hawaii; and \$300,000 housing repair and renovation of Kunia Village.

“When Del Monte announced that it was ending local operations, it meant not only the loss of 500 jobs for working men and women; it also meant that Del Monte was leaving without repairing and renovating the nearly century-old homes in Kunia Village that housed its workers and their families,” Senator Inouye said.

The funding measure now moves to a House-Senate conference committee to resolve differences between and House and Senate versions of the bill. Senator Inouye will serve as one of the Senate’s conferees.

The following are the Hawaii-related initiatives in the Fiscal Year 2008 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act that the Senate passed today:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*Federal Transit Administration Formula Funds* *\$31,907,358*  
These funds are used to support and maintain the City and County of Honolulu’s bus system, including the purchase of replacement buses and Handi-vans, and the construction of transit centers.

*Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project* *\$20,000,000*  
The appropriation will fund the preliminary engineering phases of initial facility and transit system design, in addition to the refinement of capital cost estimates, as required by the Federal Transit Administration.

*Hawaii Ferry Funds* *\$7,500,000*  
This is Hawaii’s share of an allocation that is equally divided between Hawaii and Alaska for capital investments in ferry infrastructure or vessels, and will support Oahu’s renewed interest in a ferry system from West Oahu to Honolulu.

*H-1 Improvements Kinau and Lusitana On-Ramps* *\$5,000,000*  
These funds will be used to complete this project, which provides safe freeway access to and from downtown Honolulu.

***Rural Bus Program***

***\$2,000,000***

These funds will be used by Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai counties to purchase buses to expand routes and increase the frequency of service throughout the neighbor islands. The funds may also be used to provide bus shelters, transit benches, and upgrades to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

***Alien Species Action Plan***

***\$1,600,000***

This appropriation will be used to continue the implementation of the federal Alien Species Action Plan governing the State of Hawaii and air carriers serving Hawaii to prevent the introduction of alien species through aircraft that fly to Hawaii. Under this initiative, aircraft and cargo must be inspected and cleared of alien species upon arrival. Maui's Kahului Airport is the only airport in the nation subject to these rigorous inspection requirements.

***Federal Land Improvements \$1,500,000***

Federal property within Hawaii includes several extensive wildlife refuge and national parks located on four islands. These parks encompass rugged volcanic terrain, wetlands, tropical forests, coastline, and historical fishponds used in Native Hawaiian aquaculture. This appropriation will enable access to and within designated federal properties for proper park service maintenance and security.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

***Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants, Hawaii***

***\$9,000,000***

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is working to increase the affordable housing inventory on Hawaiian homelands to meet the demand for housing for low-income Native Hawaiian families. DHHL is seeking to enhance the supply of affordable housing units through the construction of infrastructure improvements, single-family, multi-family, rent-to-own, and rental housing.

***Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Program \$1,500,000***

This appropriation is half of the \$3 million provided through the HUD Community Development Fund to support both Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions in their efforts to address community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development, principally for persons of low or moderate income.

***Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund Program***

***\$1,044,000***

These funds in credit subsidy will support loan-guarantee authority of \$41,504,255. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) intends to utilize the loan program as an institutional borrower to construct houses for purchase by low-income borrowers by way of direct loans from DHHL.

*Arc of Hilo Client Support Services Facility* **\$400,000**  
This appropriation will be used to build a client support service facility in Hilo to expand services for disabled people, develop a community choir and music program, create a Special Olympics training program, provide a wheelchair-accessible swimming pool, develop low-income housing, and expand after-school youth services.

*Keehi Adult Supportive Services Center Project* **\$300,000**  
These funds will be used to complete construction of a center that will be used as a health center and daycare facility. The center will primarily be used to provide low- and moderate-income elderly men and women with instruction on computer use, aerobics, cooking, gardening, music, dance, nutrition, medication, personal hygiene, and health screening.

*Kunia Village Housing Repair and Renovation* **\$300,000**

*Catholic Charities Hawaii Social Service  
Community Center Renovation* **\$200,000**  
This appropriation will be used to renovate a Catholic Charities Hawaii social service community center.

*Easter Seals Hawaii Kapolei Service Center* **\$200,000**  
This appropriation will help complete the construction of a program service center in Kapolei. The center will have activity rooms, classrooms, and physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy rooms to serve 500 youths and adults with autism, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, and other disabilities.

*Goodwill Ohana Career and Learning Center, Kapolei* **\$200,000**  
Leeward Oahu has a large population of chronically underserved communities, including Native Hawaiians and non-native speakers. Leeward residents seeking job training currently must take a three-hour bus ride to access training programs in urban Honolulu. The center in Capel will assist 1,600 individuals in acquiring English language, resume-writing, and interview skills.

*Gregory House Programs* **\$200,000**  
The appropriation supports the work of Gregory House Programs, a Honolulu-based nonprofit agency, which provides temporary shelter and support services, including job training, for homeless people coping with AIDS/HIV.

*Hawaii Nature Center  
Makiki Valley Watershed Education Center* **\$200,000**  
This appropriation will be used to design, develop, and construct an interactive exhibit center that would create community awareness on preserving the watershed that feeds into the Ala War Canal.

***Kinabulu Kitchen Construction Project***

***\$200,000***

The remote Kinabulu area of east Maui is mainly inhabited by Native Hawaiian families that have lived in the area for generations. The community engages in small-scale organic agriculture, ranching, hunting, and fishing. However, the community is challenged by poverty and substance abuse. This project will permit the community to process products such as poi, sugar cane juice, bananas, and fish, and support job and income generation, and skill development.

***Mameloni Community Center Adult Day Health  
and Child Care Facility***

***\$200,000***

These funds will be used to construct an adult day health center in Pearl City that will provide social, cultural, educational, and recreational activities to help the elderly remain active and productive. Hawaii's aging population is expected to increase exponentially in the next decade.

***National Tropical Botanical Garden's  
Botanical Research Center \$200,000***

Funds will be used to construct a botanical research center, which will be used to assist economically disadvantaged families living on west Kauai by training both youths and adults in horticulture and natural resource management. Through skilled and gainful employment, the cycle of poverty will be broken.

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



## **BIG ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE MORE THAN \$443,000 TO COMBAT CRYSTAL METH, INOUE ANNOUNCES**

**Thursday, September 13, 2007**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the Hawaii County Police Department will receive a federal grant of more than \$443,000 to assist the County in its fight against the illicit drug crystal meth. Known on the streets as “ice,” crystal meth has ruined the lives of many in Hawaii.**

**The grant of \$443,405 is coming through the Justice Department’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services’ Methamphetamine Initiative. The funds will be used to deter the manufacture, use, and distribution of meth, and to work with other organizations to prevent and treat meth abuse.**

**“As I have done in recent years, I was on the Big Island last month to participate in the Crystal Meth Summit that brings together stakeholders committed to combating ice through enforcement, treatment, and prevention/education efforts,” Senator Inouye said. “Ice is a deadly, addictive drug that, frankly, is linked to violence and crime. It hurts not just users, but also their families.**

**“Nearly seven years ago, shortly after Harry Kim was elected Big Island Mayor, he and I met in his Hilo office to discuss the crystal meth epidemic on his island. We agreed to work together, and I promised to help him secure federal grants to fight ice.**

**“I am pleased that what began as one island’s effort has become a statewide initiative. Federal funds can make a difference. But grassroots efforts – communities coming together – can be equally effective, and I am pleased to see that happening.”**

**Since 2006, Senator Inouye has secured more than \$2.4 million in federal funds to fight ice throughout the State.**

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



## UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RECEIVES \$430,000 FOR NATIONAL PARLEY TO PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC COMPETITIVENESS

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the University of Hawaii has been awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant of nearly \$430,000 to host a major four-day national convention to promote scientific competitiveness in Hawaii, 26 other states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The 20th Annual NSF EPSCoR National Conference, which kicks off on November 5, 2007, in Waikola on the Big Island, will also be an opportunity to showcase the advances in scientific research that Hawaii has made. EPSCoR stands for Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

“Like many other smaller states and territories, Hawaii for many years was at a competitive disadvantage in its efforts to secure NSF grants.” Senator Inouye said. “But through the EPSCoR program, Hawaii has become competitive, particularly in the field of evolutionary ecology and genetics by focusing on the unique ecosystems that make Hawaii a natural laboratory.

“I am proud to support Hawaii’s EPSCoR team, which has received competitive NSF grants totaling \$18 million, and developed a wireless environmental monitoring system that is able to collect real-time data from the world’s most remote and rugged areas.”

# Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



## **\$850,000 FEDERAL GRANT GOES TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOR PACIFIC REGION HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE**

**Thursday, September 20, 2007**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the University of Hawaii at Manoa has been awarded a federal grant of \$850,000 to launch a healthcare initiative for citizens of the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands.**

**The program will aid the people of Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas Islands, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia in their homelands, and the more than 100,000 who have migrated to Hawaii and the continental United States. It will also have a special emphasis on breast and cervical cancer prevention.**

**The John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine and Community Health will use the grant to establish the Pacific Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities to carry out the initiative.**

**"The U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands suffer significant disparities in healthcare access and outcomes when compared to the United States," Senator Inouye said. "Cancer mortality, for example, is the second most common cause of death in nearly very USAPI jurisdiction. Cervical cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer mortality in the region, and both breast and cervical cancer are very prevalent.**

**"The Pacific Center can play a crucial role in ensuring that culturally acceptable cancer screening and preventive services can reach people in remote rural areas, as well as in urban centers."**

**The Pacific Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities, envisioned to be a national expert resource center for breast and cervical cancer, will provide the technical assistance for comprehensive, community-oriented healthcare strategies.**

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**September 21, 2007**

**To: S. Haley  
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**Sarah:**

**Here is Senator Inouye's statement on why he voted nay on the Cronyn amendment yesterday:**

**"As a combat veteran, I am well aware of the sacrifices that are made by the men and women who serve in the U.S. military. I respect General Petraeus and all of the brave men and women in uniform.**

**"I believe the MoveOn.org advertisement disparaging General Patreaus was misguided, just as much as I disagreed with the questionably named Swift Boat Veterans for Truth who attacked Senator John Kerry's service record.**

**"However, in both instances both groups had a right to say what they did – no matter how boneheaded.**

**"Freedom of speech is one of our nation's bedrock principles. What makes our nation unique and special is its strength to withstand and tolerate many contentious voices."**

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***For Immediate Release***

September 27, 2007

Contact: Jenilee Keefe / Commerce (202) 224-7824

## **Commerce Committee Approves Measure that Tempers Spread of Invasive Species**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee today approved S. 1578, *The Ballast Water Management Act of 2007*, as amended, which strengthens the existing national ballast water management program for aquatic nuisance species, including uniform, mandatory national standards for ballast water treatment.

**“This ballast water legislation strengthens existing federal authorities and enhances important environmental protections aimed at further stemming the tide of invasive species entering our waters from ships,”** said Commerce Committee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye. **“The Committee’s approach is a pragmatic, bipartisan approach that offers the opportunity for meaningful and effective environmental legislation to move through the Senate and ultimately reach the President’s desk.”**

Ballast water is the water ships generally carry for stability that is usually discharged as cargo is unloaded. It is a major source of invasive species in U.S. waterways that can cause both environmental and economic damage.

Specifically, the *Ballast Water Management Act of 2007*, introduced by Commerce Committee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Vice Chairman Ted Stevens (R-Alaska):

- Implements a recommendation by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy to adopt a national ballast water management program for aquatic nuisance species, including uniform, mandatory national standards for ballast water treatment. It also implements an international agreement, negotiated in the International Maritime Organization.
- Strengthens existing federal law by amending the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (NANPCA) to require mandatory ballast water treatment technology on all vessels that come to a U.S. port. The bill

sets performance standards 100 times stronger than the minimum international standards and includes provisions for strengthening these standards in the future, with a goal of zero discharge.

- Requires, until treatment is required, the exchange of ballast water with water in mid-ocean to reduce the number of aquatic nuisance species being transported.
- Provides states with the authority to develop programs to regulate invasive species from ships so long as the provisions do not conflict with the federal program. Such programs could include all of the provisions included in the federal program – treatment standards, other management practices, research and technology development, as well as other provisions such as the imposition of port fees.
- Allows states to establish no discharge zones in sensitive state waters, a mechanism for strengthening the performance standards in the future, and a right of action for states against the Coast Guard and EPA.
- Authorizes \$50 million for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 for the Coast Guard to implement the bill, of which up to a total of \$10 million could be provided to states that enter cooperative agreements with the Coast Guard.

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**Letter to the Editor  
Honolulu Advertiser  
Published Thursday, September 27, 2007**

**Please allow us to respond to the readers who recently expressed their opinions regarding our nay votes on the Cornyn amendment.**

**As veterans of World War II and as senators who serve on U.S. military-related committees, we are well aware of the sacrifices that are made by the men and women who serve in our armed forces. We respect Gen. David Petraeus and all the brave men and women in uniform.**

**We believe the MoveOn.org advertisement disparaging Gen. Petraeus was misguided, just as much as we disagreed with the advertisements by the questionably named Swift Boat Veterans for Truth who attacked Sen. John Kerry's service in Vietnam.**

**However, both groups had the right to say what they did, even though many Americans disagreed with their opinion.**

**Freedom of speech is one of our nation's bedrock principles. What makes our nation unique and special is its strength to withstand and tolerate many contentious voices.**

**Finally, if the Senate is to get into the business of criticizing attack ads, its position should be more expansive than the Cornyn amendment. It should state, as the Boxer amendment did, that all attacks by any person or organization on the honor, integrity and patriotism of any individual who is serving or has served honorably in the U.S. armed forces should be condemned.**

**U.S. Sens. Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka  
Washington, D.C.**

# Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



## **INOUYE APPLAUDS FEDERAL CONTRACT FOR MUNITIONS REMOVAL FROM MOLOKAI LANDFILL**

**Friday, September 28, 2007**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye said today he is pleased that a certified environmental restoration company has been awarded a federal contract to remove military munitions from the Molokai landfill.**

**“The contract reflects the commitment of the U.S. and Maui County governments to ensure that the Molokai landfill is safe and does not pose a threat to the community,” Senator Inouye said.**

**Maui Mayor Charmaine Tavares had asked that Senator Inouye provide federal assistance to help remove stray ordnance from Molokai’s west end.**

**The contract for the Molokai landfill cleanup was awarded to American Technologies Inc. (ATI), by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for nearly \$185,500. ATI is certified by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.**