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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES NOMINEES TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

Monday, January 20, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today his nominations to the United States service academies. Nominees were selected on the basis of test scores, academic records, letters of recommendation, extra-curricular activities and personal interviews.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY PRINCIPAL NOMINEES:

- John Nakata of Punahou School, son of Harold and Ikuko Nakata.
- Jana K. Smith of Kamehameha Schools, daughter of Jacqueline Smith and George Smith.

First Alternate:

- Shanon Hopkins of Hilo High School, son of Kevin and Margarita Hopkins.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY PRINCIPAL NOMINEE:

- Joshua Ney of Kohala High School, son of Marshall and Suzanne Ney.

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First Alternate:

- Collin Korenek of Kohala High School, son of Joe Korenek and Carole Spearman.

Second Alternate:

- Ryan Isokane of Punahou School, son of Michael and Gwendolyn Isokane.

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY PRINCIPAL NOMINEES:

- Brett Fleming of Punahou School, son of Walter and Barbara Fleming.
- Geoffrey Lee of Baldwin High School, son of Steven and Diane Lee.
- Andrew Currivan of Damien High School, son of Paul and Linda Currivan.

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE INTRODUCES HAWAIIAN BILLS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today the introduction of two measures in the Senate to aid Native Hawaiians: the Native Hawaiian Housing Assistance Act of 1997 and amendments to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The Native Hawaiian Housing Assistance Act amends the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 by creating a separate title to establish a parallel housing program for Native Hawaiians residing on the Hawaiian home lands. The bill provides funding, in the form of a block grant, to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to carry out affordable housing activities, such as low-income rental assistance and self-help housing, and encourages DHHL to employ private nonprofit organizations experienced in the planning and development of such activities. The bill also creates a loan guarantee program similar to that which exists for American Indians.

Senator Inouye stated, "The foundation for the Native Hawaiian Housing Assistance Act is two-fold. First it is based on need -- statistics show that Native Hawaiians face the greatest housing needs in the nation. Among the Native Hawaiian population, those eligible to reside on the home lands are the most in need. And second, it is based on the special historical relationship between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people.

"While history has shown that the federal government has fallen far short of its commitment to provide sufficient funding for the administration of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, let history also reflect, that in this, the 105th Congress, we sought to finally balance the scales by creating housing opportunities for Native Hawaiians similar to those provided to other Native Americans."

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Senator Inouye also introduced a bill to amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to address concerns raised by Native Hawaiian organizations. The bill, which is similar to a bill which passed the Senate in the last session of the 104th Congress, would: (a) require written consent from lineal descendants where Native American remains are excavated or removed for purposes of study; (b) prevent additional study of Native American remains beyond that allowed under the Act; (c) require notification to Native Hawaiian organizations within three business days when inadvertent discoveries are made of Native American human remains on federal lands, and (d) mandate that, following an inadvertent discovery of Native American human remains, that removal of such remains would adhere to the same requirements as those for an intentional excavation. The bill also incorporates two technical changes proposed by the National Park Service.

Inouye stated, "These amendments will ensure better cooperation between Federal agencies, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations, in the implementation of NAGPRA, both in Hawaii and throughout the United States. The responsibility borne by those who choose, or who are called upon, to protect and care for the remains of their ancestors is a heavy one. Through passage of this measure, I hope that we can assist these individuals and organizations as they continue in their efforts to bring their ancestors home and provide them with proper treatment when they are disturbed from sacred burial sites."

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE SUPPORTS DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

Wednesday, January 22, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced his cosponsorship of the Democratic Leadership Initiatives, the Democrats' top priorities for the opening of the 105th Congress. These initiatives include: S. 11, the Congressional Election Campaign Spending Limit and Reform Act, S.12, the Education for the 21st Century Act, S. 13, the Children's Health Coverage Act, S. 14, the Retirement Security Act, and S. 15, the Youth Violence, Crime and Drug Abuse Control Act.

"As the 105th Congress begins its legislative agenda, I am proud to support the Democratic Leadership Initiatives. The people of America have spoken and these proposals represent our priorities for the early months of the Congress. I believe these initiatives are achievable, and will make a practical difference to improving the quality of life for the people of our nation," said Senator Inouye.

S. 11, the Congressional Election Campaign Spending Limit and Reform Act

-- Creates a system of voluntary spending limits based on state voting age population with incentives for compliance including discounted broadcasting and postal rates. Candidates must comply with the limits throughout the election cycle, including the primary and general elections. Noncompliant candidates would be subject to strict reporting requirements and complying candidates would be afforded extra benefits and higher limits if their opponents exceed the limits.

-- Attempts to level the playing field for all candidates by limiting personal spending to \$25,000. Under the current campaign financing system, candidates are faced with the prospect of raising hundreds of thousands of dollars month after month.

-- Eliminates PACs and restricts soft money contributions to national parties. State and local parties would be permitted to use soft money in non-presidential election years if the money

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is used only for state and local candidates or ballot measures, and state party committees would be allowed to maintain a separate fund for generic party and grassroots voter drives.

-- Restricts the abuse of independent expenditures made in coordination with a candidate or by an individual who has previously been associated with the candidate or the candidate's committee as an employee or consultant during the election cycle. Such expenditures will be treated as a contribution and not an independent expenditure. Also, the contribution limits to national political parties by individuals is lowered from \$20,000 to \$5,000.

-- Toughens restrictions on foreign contributions by dramatically increasing penalties for violations, and expanding the law banning fundraising by foreign nationals.

This comprehensive reform will reduce the overall amount of money in the political system while still respecting every citizen's right to participate.

S. 12, the Education for the 21st Century Act

-- Designed to expand educational opportunities for Americans and help ensure that our young people are prepared for the challenges of the next century, to improve elementary and secondary educational opportunities for the nation's children, and to make higher education more accessible and affordable for those who want to pursue education beyond high school.

-- Includes a provision under which the federal government will pay up to 50% of the interest cost on state and local bond issues used to finance school repair, renovation, modernization and construction projects. 20% of the funds would be administered by the Department of Education and competitively awarded to 100 school districts with the most problems and largest percentage of needy children.

-- Funds "Parents as First Teachers Challenge" grants to assist parents who want to help their children become successful readers. Funds America's Reading Corps, an effort to provide more than three million children in preschool through third grade with one-on-one tutoring and about 30,000 reading specialists. Provides \$2 billion in new funding for the Technology Fund, a federal program to catalyze and leverage state, local, and private efforts to increase technology literacy among the nation's school children.

-- Includes three provisions to make higher education more affordable and to decrease loan burdens after college. The first provision, the HOPE Scholarship, is a \$1,500 per year refundable tax credit for the first two years of post secondary education. Students must attend school full-time to receive the full \$1,500 and half-time students would receive \$750 a year. The second provision is a tax deduction of up to \$10,000 per year for qualified education expenses. The tax deduction is subject to the same income caps as the HOPE Scholarship. The third provision would restore the interest deduction for student loans.

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S. 13, the Children's Health Coverage Act

-- Provides tax credits to help working families purchase private health insurance coverage for their uninsured children. A refundable tax credit covering 90% of a private health insurance premium would be provided to low-income eligible families whose incomes are no more than 200% of the poverty level. The credit would be provided as soon as a family becomes eligible and insurance would be available for at least six months, even if the recipient's income should change.

-- Eligibility for credit. The credit is targeted to uninsured children under the age of 19 who are not eligible for Medicaid and do not have access to employer-sponsored plans, and the states would certify for eligibility. Requires insurers to do business with the government to develop children-only policies.

-- Families would be free to purchase the qualified children's health policy of their choice in the individual market, or to use the credit to purchase dependent coverage through their employer-based plan. Insurers would not be able to impose pre-existing condition limitations on subsidy-eligible children.

-- Prevents employer-sponsored insurance dropping. Non-discrimination language would be used to discourage employers from dropping dependent coverage.

-- Coverage for pregnant women and outreach programs. Grants would be provided to states for the development of programs to provide care to uninsured pregnant women who are ineligible for Medicaid pre- and postnatal care, and challenge grants would be provided to states to implement outreach services to children and pregnant women who may be eligible for assistance.

S. 14, the Retirement Security Act

-- Improves pension access and coverage. The bill's top priority is to bring retirement security to more Americans. It would expand pension coverage under existing plans to more workers, create new retirement savings options for millions of Americans, and encourage more businesses to establish plans and more employees to participate in them.

-- Strengthens pension security and enforcement of existing laws to ensure that workers receive the benefits they are working hard to earn and counting on to finance their retirement.

-- Promotes pension portability to foster opportunities for individuals to save for their own retirement and transfer assets into new pension plans. It would also allow more people to acquire retirement funds that are not linked to any one job.

-- Increasing equity for women. For a wide variety of reasons, fewer women than men are covered by private pension plans. Women are more likely to interrupt their careers to raise

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children, have shorter tenure in their jobs and work in sectors of the economy where pension coverage is less common. For the most part, pension coverage for women is best broadened through measures to improve overall pension access, coverage, and portability.

S. 15, the Youth Violence, Crime and Drug Abuse Control Act

-- Expands and enhances the 1994 Crime Act by extending the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Program for two years and putting 25,000 more police officers on the street, extending the Violence Against Women Act to provide shelter for 400,000 more battered women and their children, prosecute batterers, and continue the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and providing an additional \$5 billion from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund to build up to 80,000 more prison cells for violent criminals.

-- Reforms the juvenile justice system to crack down on violent youth by increasing federal penalties for juveniles, by raising the mandatory release age from 21 to 26, providing over \$1 billion for states to build secure facilities for violent young offenders, hiring additional state juvenile prosecutors, creating specialized juvenile "gun" courts where juveniles who commit crimes with guns are tried and sentenced on an expedited basis, and permitting those victimized by violent juvenile offenders the right to speak at sentencing.

-- Targets gang violence by increasing the criminal penalties for illegally using "gang paraphernalia" and participating in the "franchising" of gangs, and doubling the penalty for threatening or using physical violence against a witness, victim, or informant.

-- Prevents and treats youth drug addiction by reauthorizing the effective Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, creating after-school "safe havens" where children are provided afternoon supervision in protected settings, cracking down on the "club drug," ketamine, mandating a study to determine the effect that referenda legalizing drugs have on drug use among young people, forcing 500,000 adult and 50,000 juvenile drug offenders into drug testing and treatment through drug courts, and providing treatment for more than 200,000 drug addicted children.

Senator Inouye will work closely with his colleagues in the Senate toward the passage of these bills.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' ALASKA DIVISION TO BE TRANSFERRED TO HAWAII

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, January 23, 1996

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Secretary of the Army notified United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye that the Army Corps of Engineers' Alaska Division will be transferred from the North Pacific Division to the Pacific Ocean Division (POD). The POD headquarters will remain in Honolulu.

"I am extremely pleased with the decision of the Secretary of the Army and the Corps of Engineers. This decision gives appropriate recognition to the important mission of the POD, which is headquartered at Fort Shafter. This will mean additional work and responsibilities for the men and women of the POD. However, I am fully confident that they will, as always, carry out their duties in an exemplary manner," stated Senator Inouye.

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• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES \$18.1 MILLION CONTRACT FOR OPERATION OF JOB CORPS CENTER IN WAIMANALO

Friday, January 24, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Labor has awarded an \$18,141,218 contract to the Pacific Education Foundation, Inc. for the operation of the Job Corps Center in Waimanalo on the Island of Oahu. The subcontractor, Management and Training Corporation (MTC), based in Ogden, Utah, has extensive experience running Job Corps centers throughout the United States.

“As a part of President's Johnson's "War on Poverty," Job Corps centers have helped many young adults gain a sense of belonging and self-esteem, as well as the basic skills and training to join the work force as productive members of society for over 30 years. I commend the Hawaii Job Corps for its steadfast commitment to our island community. This contract award will ensure that the Job Corps Center in Waimanalo will continue to provide quality counseling, guidance, and support to Hawaii's underprivileged at-risk youth,” said Senator Inouye.

The Job Corps Center in Waimanalo is a co-ed, residential facility with an enrollment capacity of up to 652 residential and non-residential students annually. Its academic and vocational training, outreach, admission, placement and related support services will serve at-risk youth from Hawaii and the Marshall Islands.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



PAI OHANA ORDERED TO VACATE KALOKO HONOKOHAU NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye stated:

"Federal law enforcement officers served the Pai 'Ohana with notice of their intent to evict them from the Kaloko Honokohau National Historic Park today. After the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in February of 1996 that the Pai Ohana did not have title or the right to occupy the Kaloko Honokohau, I called upon U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to refrain from evicting the Pai Ohana and to allow for a peaceful relocation to adjacent state property.

"During the past year, I called upon Secretary Babbitt three times and each time asked him to forbear any eviction action. I convinced him that it was in the interest of the National Park Service, who must continue to carry out its mandate to establish the Kaloko Honokohau National Park and work as a member of the community in the years ahead, to refrain from fueling hostilities and to support local efforts to relocate the Pai Ohana. In light of the recent turn of events, I regret that I am unable, in good conscience, to call upon Secretary Babbitt again and ask for any further special consideration.

"I was extremely saddened to learn that the planned relocation in conjunction with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) fell apart. Many hours of time and hard work went into the resolution efforts. I am hopeful that the working relationship between the NPS, the DLNR, and OHA will continue, as will the development of the National Park and an OHA sponsored cultural center. While I am disappointed with the decision of the Pai Ohana, I wish Mahealani and his family Godspeed."

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Chronological History of Major Events

In February of 1994, the Pai Ohana filed a civil complaint against the National Park Service (NPS) in U.S. District Court. Judge Ezra granted the U.S. Department of Justice's Motion to Dismiss on the basis that NPS owned the land at Ai'opio. In early 1995, the Pai Ohana appealed to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. On February 5, 1996, the 9th Circuit rejected the Pai Ohana's appeal. The NPS issued eviction notices to the Pai Ohana, calling for the clearance of all premises by April 1, 1996.

On March 28, 1996, DLNR Chairman Mike Wilson met with the Pai Ohana and negotiated an agreement with the NPS extending the eviction date by two weeks to allow for continued negotiations with the Pai Ohana.

On April 5, 1996, Senator Inouye met with Mahealani Pai, OHA Trustee Frenchy DeSoto, Arnold Lum, Michael Wilson, and Hayden Aluli regarding the impending eviction of the Pai family. Following this meeting, Senator Inouye called upon Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to request that the eviction be postponed until negotiations between the NPS and the Pai Ohana occurred in mid-May. Secretary Babbitt agreed.

During the week of May 13th, Mahealani Pai and Trustee DeSoto met again with Senator Inouye to request an additional 4 - 6 months to negotiate an arrangement between the DLNR and OHA whereby the Pai family would relocate to State land adjacent to the federal park. Senator Inouye called Secretary Babbitt again and requested that the Park Service refrain from eviction action for another six months. Secretary Babbitt honored this request.

Nearing the November 19, 1996 deadline, Mahealani Pai and Trustee DeSoto called on Senator Inouye once again for additional time because negotiations between DLNR and OHA were moving slower than had been expected. Given the assurance that a special right-of-access permit would be issued to OHA within a matter of weeks, and that Mahealani Pai and his family would relocate upon said permit's issuance, Senator Inouye made one more call to Secretary Babbitt asking that the NPS refrain from eviction action until the end of the year. Secretary Babbitt agreed to this request, but indicated that the relocation must occur on or about December 31, 1996.

Most recently, Mahealani Pai sent a letter to President Bill Clinton dated January 14, 1997 reasserting the family's claim to the property at the Ai'opio fish trap, and declining to relocate to the state property. An eviction notice was given to Mahealani Pai and his family today to leave the federal park.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES DRUG ABUSE SERVICES GRANT FOR THE BIG ISLAND

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) has awarded Drug Addiction Service, Inc. a \$500,000 grant for its project Hui Ho'ola O Na Nahulu O Hawaii (Hui Ho'ola).

The grant is through CSAT's Rural, Remote and Culturally Distinct Populations Program and is to develop knowledge about the uses of traditional cultural practices on substance abuse treatment in Hawaii with an emphasis in the Puna District.

"This grant, in its second year, helps to develop and test culturally sensitive services for addressing drug addiction," said Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

The first year grant was used for planning purposes, involving a community Policy Steering Committee. The federal grant allowed for the opening of a substance abuse treatment center in Pahoehoe that focuses on the following six traditional healing interventions: la'au lapa'au, reiki, ho'oponopono, acupuncture, lomilomi and deep culture therapy. Senator Inouye would like to commend Policy Steering Committee members -- Papa Henry Auwae, Craig Barnes, Clifford Chang, Kahala and Mark

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Chang, Myra Kolani Chartrand, Lisa Cook, Jim Dananemiller, Diana Kahler, Gloria Egle-Oaks, Lavinia Goto, Cathie Hawkins, Bill Kikuchi, Jay Kimura, Sonny Kinney, June Kunitomo, Stephanaie Launiu, Abbie Napeahi, Jon Olson, Kaikilani Oyama, Josephine Leimamo Pa, Howard Pe'a, Mike Sayama, and Kathryn Smith Ripper -- for the time and energy they have devoted to reducing drug abuse on the Big Island and in particular, the Puna area.

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• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES \$15 MILLION FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION INCLUDED IN PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

Friday, February 7, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that President Clinton, in an unprecedented move, requested \$15 million for Native Hawaiian education in his budget for Fiscal Year 1998, the same level of funding that the Congress provided last year. This figure is more than double the President's previous budget request of \$6 million. All previous presidential budgets since the program's enactment in 1988 had contained zero funding.

"I am extremely pleased that President Clinton has recognized the merits of the Native Hawaiian education programs and has recommended \$15 million in funding, more than double what he requested last year. His support bears testament to the success of programs such as Pihana Na Mamo, Na Pua No'eau, the Kamehameha Schools Family-Based Education Centers, and Punana Leo. The teachers, administrators, counselors, parents and students of these programs should be proud of what they have been able to accomplish -- for that is truly what has been recognized by the President," stated Senator Inouye.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES \$2.1 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF CRIME

Wednesday, February 12, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a \$2,145,000 grant to assist victims of crime in Hawaii.

"At a time of state and federal cutbacks in social services, this is indeed welcome news. I am especially pleased that this grant will serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. It is a critical and needed measure to provide protection and quality services to those in need," stated Senator Inouye.

Administered by the State Department of the Attorney General, the grant will enable domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers and child abuse programs to provide emergency shelter, crisis intervention and counseling services. These funds will also assist survivors of victims of negligent homicide and homicides, as well as victim services in the prosecutor's offices, by providing court notification, case information and referral for services.

Enacted in 1984, the Victims of Crime Act established the Crime Victims Fund. This fund is supported by fines, penalty assessments and bond forfeitures from convicted federal criminals, and not by taxpayer dollars. The Office for Victims of Crime oversees the distribution of these funds.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES \$584,006 IN FEDERAL GRANTS TO ASSIST KOKUA KALIHI VALLEY

Monday, March 10, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service has awarded a total of \$584,006 in federal grants to Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV). The KKV Community Health Center will receive \$209,006 to continue its efforts to provide health care services to the Kalihi Valley community.

Under KKV's Public Housing Primary Care, the remaining \$375,000 will assist underserved residents of the two largest public housing projects, Kalihi Valley Homes, Kuhio and Park Terraces, as well as Hauiki Hale. 82% of the families living in Kuhio Park Terrace and Kalihi Valley Homes are below the federal poverty level, compared to 46% in the general Kalihi Valley Community. Hauiki Hale is a smaller housing project, and only recently became a focus of KKV.

"At a time of state and federal cutbacks in social services, this is indeed welcome news. I am especially pleased that continued federal funding has been awarded to Kokua Kalihi Valley. After 24 years of productive operation, this worthwhile and needed organization has continued to demonstrate its strong commitment to providing quality health care services to those in need," stated Senator Inouye.

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Formed in 1972 by area community leaders and health providers, KKV is a community organized and community non-profit corporation dedicated to healing and reconciliation in the Kalihi Valley. In 1989, KKV was designated as a federally qualified health center (FQHC) by Congressional action. Today, with a staff of 70, KKV offers a wide range of services including: dental; medical; perinatal; family planning; nutrition; immunization; STD/HIV testing and services; mental health education; social services; transportation; services in twelve languages; outreach programs; professional education; and community advocacy.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES NEW AMERICAN SAMOA INTERN

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce a new addition to his Senate staff. Ms. Imoasina Solomona is the fifteenth person chosen to participate in a unique American Samoa Internship Program initiated by Senator Inouye in 1981.

Ms. Solomona was selected by the American Samoa Legislature. The intent of the internship is to give Samoan students an opportunity to continue their education and return to American Samoa to serve in the public interest, using the knowledge they have gained from their congressional experience.

Ms. Solomona will work on issues of importance to American Samoa and the Pacific Islands.

Ms. Solomona attended the College of Notre Dame of Maryland where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 1982, and attended Western State University College of Law, located in San Diego, California in 1989. Raised in the village of Leone, American Samoa, Ms. Solomona is the daughter of the late Reverend Si'ulagi and Fuarosa Solomona.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



SENATOR INOUE TO JOIN SPECIAL SENATE DELEGATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TRIP

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Inouye will join Senator Ted Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations on an important Department of Defense trip to Russia, North Korea and South Korea. As the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Defense, Senator Inouye will participate in the following events:

Russia, March 23 - 26:

The special Senate Delegation will visit places in Russia that are rarely visited by U.S. officials. The Delegation will also have the opportunity to visit three major Russian military bases located in Khabarovsk, Sakhalin Island and Vladivostok.

Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, March 27:

The special Senate Delegation will spend the day meeting with South Korean officials and military commanders.

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Pyongyang, North Korea, Friday, March 28:

The special Senate Delegation will spend the day meeting with North Korean Senior Administrative officials.

The Delegation will then depart for Honolulu, Hawaii.

Honolulu, Hawaii, Saturday, March 29:

Admiral Prueher, the Commander in Chief, Pacific will brief the Special Senate Delegation on the U.S. Pacific Command's efforts to date.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE ANNOUNCES HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TO RECEIVE \$1,000,000 GRANT
TO IMPROVE EDUCATION IN HAWAII**

Friday, March 14, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Education Technology Literacy Challenge Fund awarded a \$1,000,000 grant to the State Department of Education for the implementation of statewide educational technology plans to stimulate state, local, and private sector investment in technology to improve Hawaii's education.

"This innovative technology plan will enhance Hawaii's education system by: providing teachers with appropriate training and support needed to teach students through computers; developing effective software and on-line learning resources as an integral part of the school curriculum; and providing access to computers linking teachers and students to the information superhighway," stated Senator Inouye.

The Hawaii Connection: An Educational Technology Plan is a comprehensive plan with a vision of how technology can be used to help teachers facilitate student achievement to high standards. Benefiting from a mature infrastructure with nearly every school connected to a Wide Area Network, Hawaii is now turning its attention to aligning the use of technology with other aspects of education.

Hawaii has already begun consolidating a variety of federal funds to support its technology plan and staff development. \$20,000 will be used for intensive teacher training which will cover topics ranging from network infrastructure to integrating technology into instruction. In conducting the teacher training "virtual classrooms" will be used. The creation of a database of best practices to highlight how technology can be used to support teaching and learning is also being considered.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY RULES ON
TRANSIT PASSENGERS -- LEGISLATION STILL REQUIRED**

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: JENNIFER GOTO SABAS (808) 541-2542

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) will issue revised procedures on the inspection of international transiting passengers in response to economic concerns raised by Hawaii and several other states.

Under the revised procedures, transit passenger inspection will be random, and will consist of a visual examination of the passengers' passports during the transfer process at the port-of-entry. It will be done in the in-transit lounge. The inspection of these passengers will take effect on April 1, 1997, and will remain in effect for an initial transition period. The INS will issue further instructions as procedures are developed.

Senator Inouye stated, "I am pleased that the INS has been responsive and has developed procedures for this immediate and transitional period. However, it is clear that corrective legislation will be required.

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The Hawaii Congressional delegation opposes any further inspection requirements, and will actively seek a legislative remedy to ensure that the Honolulu International Airport will suffer no adverse economic impact as a result of passengers transiting through Hawaii en route to international destinations. We are committed to do so at the earliest possible opportunity."

"I am hopeful that Air New Zealand, Canadian Air and Qantas, as well as the State of Hawaii, will find that these transitional requirements pose a minimal inconvenience, until the Congress can correct the situation. I have the INS' commitment to work expeditiously with us," Inouye added.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES DEFENSE HEARING ON SECURITY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that he will participate as the Ranking Democratic Member in a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense hearing, to be chaired by Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK), on Monday, March 31, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. The hearing will be held in the Aha Kanawai Courtroom, 4th floor of the U.S. Courthouse, which is part of the Prince Kuhio Federal Building complex, at 300 Ala Moana Boulevard.

The Subcommittee will receive testimony from Admiral Joseph Prueher, Commander-in-Chief Pacific, regarding the important theater security role U.S. forces play in the Asia-Pacific region. The Admiral will also present to the Subcommittee his assessment of the U.S. Pacific Command's area of responsibility, a status report of the Command's strategies, and a overview of essential resources and needed support for future operations to continue to minimize conflict, and maintain stability in the region.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE KEYNOTES GROUND BREAKING AT Kaneohe Marine Corps Base

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Honolulu, Hawaii -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye will be the keynote speaker at a Ground Breaking Ceremony to officially begin the preparations necessary for the relocation of the Aviations Units from NAS Barbers Point to the Marine Corps Base. The ceremony is scheduled for Monday, March 31st at 1:30 p.m. at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The Honorable John Dalton, Secretary of the Navy, will be an honored guest at the ceremony.

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• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE TO CONDUCT HEARING ON NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BILL

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today the convening of a hearing by the Senate Indian Affairs Committee on S.109, the Native Hawaiian Housing Assistance Act. The hearing will take place this Thursday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Aha Kanawai Courtroom, 4th floor of the U.S. Courthouse, which is part of the Prince Kuhio Federal Building Complex.

S.109, introduced by Senators Inouye and Akaka, amends the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 by creating a separate title to establish a parallel housing program for Native Hawaiians residing on the Hawaiian home lands. The bill provides funding, in the form of a block grant, to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to carry out affordable housing activities, such as low-income rental assistance and self-help housing, and encourages DHHL to employ private nonprofit organizations experienced in the planning and development of such activities. The bill also creates a loan guarantee program for Native Hawaiian families who would otherwise be eligible for a loan, but for the trust status of their home land award.

Says Senator Inouye: "The foundation for the Native Hawaiian Housing Assistant Act is a dual one. First, it is based on need. Statistics show that Native Hawaiians face the greatest housing needs in the nation, and that, among the Native Hawaiian population, those eligible to reside on the home lands are the most in need. This is because the federal government historically deemed the expenditure of federally-assisted housing monies on the home lands impermissible. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, this bill is grounded in the special historical relationship between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people."

"Recently, there have been concerns circulated in the Native Hawaiian community that this bill is detrimental to Native Hawaiian self-determination. These people apparently object to the bill's recognition that Congress has 'the authority to legislate and address matters affecting Native Hawaiians', that Native Hawaiians have a 'continuing right to local autonomy in traditional and cultural affairs' and that 'Native Hawaiian people have an ongoing right of self-determination and self-governance that has never been extinguished.' They would seemingly prefer that the sole justification for the bill be based on need."

"While I am mindful of these concerns, I feel compelled to point out that a bill which does not provide a proper historical and political foundation for the provision of assistance to Native Hawaiians would be subject to increased constitutional scrutiny. In order to overcome equal protection concerns, it is imperative that the case be made for the political status of Native Hawaiians -- one based on their unique history, as reflected in treaties, statutes, and case law."

"I look forward to Thursday's hearing, and to continuing to work with the Hawaiian community in the development and refinement of the Native Hawaiian Housing Assistance Act of 1997, and to build upon our previous efforts which began in 1993."

Reference in S. 109 to the authority of the Congress to legislate and address matters affecting the rights of the indigenous peoples of the United States. These concerns appear to be premised upon a misunderstanding of the reference to authority contained in the United States Constitution. Although our nation's constitution does vest the Congress with the authority to legislate for the benefit of Indian tribes, the Constitution also vests the Congress with the authority to enter into treaties with sovereign entities. It was under this authority that the United States entered into a treaty with the sovereign government which represented the people of Hawaii."

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE TO MEET WITH STUDENTS AT MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye will meet with students on Wednesday, April 2, 1997.

10:10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Senator Inouye will meet about 20 McKinley High School students to discuss the dangers of smoking and to hear their concerns about the easy access to cigarettes and targeted advertising aimed at teens near their school. The gathering will be held in Room AC4 (Mrs. Grace Yasunaga, teacher).

12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Senator Inouye will address about 150 University of Hawaii students in an Ethnic Studies "Japanese in Hawaii" class. Topics will include: World War II and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the rise of the Democratic Party, and what the future holds for the Japanese in Hawaii. The class will be held in the Architecture Building Auditorium, Room 205.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STUDY FINDS HAWAII SHIPPERS COMPETITIVE

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye applauds the results of the recently released report by the U.S. Department of Transportation entitled, Competition in the Noncontiguous Domestic Maritime Trades, which concluded that "although the domestic offshore trades are concentrated, competition has been dynamic, responding to market trends and shippers' needs." The Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995 required that the Department study the state of competition in the noncontiguous domestic maritime trades, which includes Hawaii.

With regard to the Hawaii trade, the study concluded:

Hawaii receives nearly 2½ times as much cargo from the U.S. mainland (primarily food, manufactured goods, and cars) than is transported back to the mainland. The State's economy expanded rapidly between 1985 - 1990 and waterborne traffic followed suit. However, with Hawaii's economic slowdown, there has been an 8% decline in waterborne traffic since 1991.

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As a result, the volume of traffic transported in the trade today is low, relative to the available capacity. And over time, excess capacity has placed downward pressure on the rates. This is reflected in Hawaii's stagnant shipping rates. After adjusting for inflation, shipping rates in 1995 were only about 70 percent of their 1985 level.

Senator Inouye stated, "The study set forth the realities of our American maritime industry. They are not gouging the people. In fact, when adjusted for inflation, the rates Hawaii shippers charge today are 30 percent less, as compared to 10 years ago. The study also recommended that the Congress reduce the zone of rate freedom that presently allows rate increases of 7.5%, down to between 3% - 4%. This was an important point for the Hawaii Department of Commerce. It is a recommendation I will support, and that all domestic carriers may not agree with.

"The Jones Act has served Hawaii well. We enjoy high quality, regularly scheduled service. I am convinced that foreign shipping interests would not be interested in providing dedicated service to Hawaii. They would be more interested in periodic stop-over service to satisfy high value customers. Dependent on air and ocean transportation, Hawaii cannot become reliant on foreign interests to supply our needs. A few pennies saved by a few industries in the short term will leave Hawaii literally stranded in the middle of the Pacific, in the long term. I cannot in good conscience stand idly by and let that happen."

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES OAHU TO RECEIVE \$1.5 MILLION IN EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS TO REPAIR FLOOD-DAMAGED ROADS

Thursday, April 10, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has provided the state with \$1.5 million in emergency relief funds to repair federal-aid roads and bridges on the Island of Oahu that were damaged by the heavy rains and flooding last November. This emergency relief funding comes from the DOT's Federal Highway Administration.

"This is indeed welcomed news. I am most pleased that federal aid has been authorized to supplement our state and local recovery efforts due to the prolonged and heavy rains, high surf, flooding, landslides, mudslides and severe storms last November. I pledge my continued support to ease the burden and hardship to those in need," said Senator Inouye.

Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief funds are awarded after a formal emergency proclamation has been issued. The state will ask for assistance and file a preliminary damage assessment for its highways and bridges on federal-aid routes. The money reimburses the state for emergency work already completed and provides funding for other necessary repairs. Eligible repair work includes reconstructing damaged bridges and pavement surfaces, establishing detours, removing slides and debris, and replacing signs, lighting and guardrails.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES AMENDED FINAL RULE ON FEE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST JAPANESE LINER CARRIERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Inouye announced that the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) amended the final rule imposing fines of \$100,000 per U.S. port call by Japanese liner carriers, effective April 14, 1997. As amended, fees shall not be assessed within the preceding seven days, or in the case of vessels calling at ports in Hawaii, within the preceding forty days.

The amendment would prevent Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK) from being subjected to two fee assessments for one set of West Coast port calls based on its unique service structure, heading off the possibility of an unintended impact on ports and shippers.

Inouye stated, "I am pleased that the FMC has taken into account Hawaii's unique geographic location and reliance on maritime commerce. However, I hope that the Governments of Japan and the United States can resolve the current disputes regarding port practices in Japan."

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE RESPONDS TO
DESECRATION AND VANDALISM AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL
CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC**

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye responded to the defacement and desecration of 22 walls in the five Columbarium Courts containing the remains of thousands of veterans and spouses between the closing of the cemetery on April 19th, and the early morning on April 20th. Profane, racist and irreverent words in red oil based spray paint were stenciled on and written in freehand on the marble/stone walls.

"I am deeply saddened and outraged that these troubled individuals would deface and dishonor the graves of our fallen heroes, and bring further pain and suffering to their loved ones. These brave and valiant soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice. I share the burden of the families' grief and pledge my support to them," stated Senator Inouye.

"There is no reason for such a demoralizing and unacceptable incident to occur. I am confident that the FBI, in cooperation with local authorities and other federal agencies, will bring the culprits to justice," continued Senator Inouye.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE SECURES \$200,000 FOR FLOOD CONTROL MITIGATION PROJECT FOR OAHU DUE TO SEVERE STORMS LAST NOVEMBER

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$200,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to undertake a reconnaissance study for a flood control mitigation project at Lualualei in response to the flooding that affected areas of Oahu last November.

The Committee also recommended that the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperate with the Corps to address flood mitigation requirements in Waianae.

"I am extremely pleased that the Committee appropriated the funding for this needed project to continue our collective efforts to research plans for future flood control on the Island of Oahu. I will continue to pledge my full support to secure federal resources to provide assistance to the greatest extent possible," stated Senator Inouye.

The President first signed a public health emergency declaration for the State of Hawaii, and at a later date, he declared a "major disaster" for the affected areas of Oahu. Emergency aid was authorized to supplement state and local recovery efforts, as well as hazard mitigation measures.

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These flood mitigation provisions are part of the Fiscal Year 1997 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act which includes additional funds for disaster relief through various federal programs for which the State of Hawaii can compete.

This measure will now go to the full Senate for consideration. It will then face a joint House-Senate Conference and final Senate vote before its transmittal to the White House.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE ANNOUNCES \$650,000 FROM
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO AID IN
CLEAN UP OF THE ALA WAI CANAL**

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will release \$650,000 in federal funding next week to assist a joint State of Hawaii, City & County of Honolulu, EPA and community effort to address pollution and sediment in the Ala Wai Canal. Over the last two years, Senator Inouye has secured \$650,000 within the EPA's budget to participate in the restoration and management of the Ala Wai Canal.

"This is a challenging initiative that will require the cooperation of many federal, state and city government entities, as well as private groups and individuals, and a long-term commitment of time and resources. The project will not only require cleaning up the canal itself, but also managing an entire watershed that begins at the summit of the Koolau mountain range and includes Papakolea, Makiki, Manoa, Palolo, Kaimuki, Moiliili, Pawaa, Kapahulu, and Waikiki," stated Senator Inouye.

The EPA is already working with the Hawaii Department of Health and the Ala Wai Steering Committee to develop a work plan for this project. "I am pleased that I have been able to assist with federal resources on this important project for the health and well-being of the people of Honolulu. The EPA has advised me that it is committed to community involvement in the restoration and ongoing monitoring of the watershed and the canal," continued Inouye.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER LAND ACQUISITION

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the U.S. Bureau of Prisons has paid \$9 million for the purchase of a 3.75 acre site of state property at the western perimeter of the Honolulu International Airport for the federal detention center.

"After many, many years of searching and negotiating, I am pleased that the U.S. Department of Justice has secured a parcel which will allow for the construction of a federal detention facility. I would like to commend Governor Cayetano for his commitment to aiding the federal agencies in the location of a site. We can now move forward to complete the design, and commence the construction of the facility -- providing approximately 670 beds, as well as reduce the need to transport pretrial detainees between Honolulu and the mainland," Senator Inouye stated.

"This land acquisition is an important step forward because a federal detention facility is sorely needed in Hawaii," said Governor Benjamin Cayetano. The State is pleased that they were able to work with the federal government to secure the Elliott Street site. The State will continue to work closely with Hawaii's Congressional delegation and officials of the U.S. Department of Justice towards making the facility a reality over the next three years.

To date, \$74.5 million has been appropriated for the federal detention facility for site selection, design and to begin construction. Senator Inouye recently met with U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to secure her support for the additional \$25 million needed to complete the facility.

"I am very optimistic that together with Attorney General Reno's support, Hawaii will receive the last construction increment of \$25 million this year. The design, construction, and operation of this desperately needed facility will create jobs, generate business, while providing needed bed space and detention," Inouye concluded.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES NEW HOME PAGE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Tuesday, May 13, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye unveiled his new World Wide Web home page with added features to facilitate access to federal resources and to his accomplishments. Visitors to Inouye's home page can now view a welcome message, contact him directly by electronic mail, search current legislation, and access updated Hawaii resources and his accomplishments, using search engines located on the site.

"The Internet is constantly evolving, and these new technologies can keep the people of Hawaii better informed about the federal government, the issues and their importance to our state. One of the most important responsibilities that I have to my constituents is staying in touch with them. I will continue my efforts to make my day-to-day work in the Senate more accessible," stated Senator Inouye.

"I want my constituents to know that I care about hearing from them. They should be able to have every possible means of contacting me," continued Senator Inouye.

Senator Inouye was the first member of the Hawaii Congressional Delegation to formally open his own World Wide Web Home Page on the Internet last May.

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Senator Inouye's e-mail address is:
senator@inouye.senate.gov

Senator Inouye's Homepage address is:
<http://www.senate.gov/~inouye>

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• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE ANNOUNCES HAWAII'S HEALTHY START PROGRAM
NAMED SEMIFINALIST FOR
1997 INNOVATIONS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AWARDS**

Wednesday, May 14, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the Hawaii Department of Health's Healthy Start Program has been selected as one of the 100 semifinalists in the Ford Foundation's 1997 Innovations in American Government Awards competition. Hawaii's Healthy Start is an innovative and much needed program that provides child abuse and neglect prevention, family stress reduction, improvement of family functioning and parenting, and enhancement of child health and development, and ensures that Hawaii's families have access to basic health care needs.

"I am most pleased to learn that Hawaii's Healthy Start Program has been selected as a semifinalist this year. Healthy Start has demonstrated that this dynamic and original program has successfully addressed the concerns affecting the health and well-being of our community and has made substantial progress towards finding answers to these problems, stated Senator Inouye.

"In addition, Hawaii's Healthy Start has demonstrated that the government is able to offer viable solutions to important public concerns," continued Senator Inouye.

Four criteria are used to evaluate each application: originality of the approach, effectiveness in addressing

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important problems, value of service to clients, and the potential for replication in other jurisdictions. More than 85% of the programs receiving grants have been replicated.

Considered to be among the nation's most prestigious public service prizes, the Innovations in American Government Awards Program recognizes governmental initiatives that provide creative solutions to pressing social and economic problems. Over the program's 10 year history, the Ford Foundation has awarded \$12 million to 180 governmental initiatives. The program annually awards 10 grants of \$100,000 and 15 additional grants of \$20,000 for a total of \$1.3 million.

In the summer, the field of 99 semifinalists will be narrowed to 25 finalists. The National Selection Committee on Innovations in American Government and U.S. World News & World Report will then select the winning programs. The winners will be announced in October.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES PEARL HARBOR AS HOME PORT FOR USS CHEYENNE

Wednesday, May 21, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the Department of the Navy has designated Pearl Harbor as the home port for the USS CHEYENNE (SNN 773). The USS CHEYENNE will operate as a unit of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"I am pleased by the Navy's decision to designate Pearl Harbor as the home port for the USS CHEYENNE. This will help revitalize our economy by providing employment, and by bringing new residents and business activity for our island community," stated Senator Inouye.

Named in honor of Wyoming's capitol city, the USS CHEYENNE is the last Los Angeles Class Attack submarine commissioned at Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia last September.

The USS CHEYENNE can perform any mission assigned to the submarine force, including anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, insertion of special forces, strike missions, mining, and search and rescue. Weaponry includes MK-48 advanced capability torpedoes, Harpoon and Tomahawk missiles, and submarine-launched mobile mines.

Following its certification, the USS CHEYENNE will be home ported at Pearl Harbor on February 1, 1998.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE AND AKAKA ANNOUNCE \$33,582,985 FOR SPARK M. MATSUNAGA MEDICAL CENTER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, May 23, 1997

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka are proud to announce that the Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded two contracts for the construction of an Ambulatory Care Clinic and outdoor recreation area, and the renovation of the E-Wing of the Spark M. Matsunaga Medical Center located at Tripler Army Medical Center.

"Senator Akaka and I are pleased that the Spark M. Matsunaga Medical Center will soon become a reality. This long awaited project will provide veterans with access to quality health care services. We look forward to seeing the completion of this most needed veterans health care facility," stated Senator Inouye.

A \$21,299,000 contract was awarded to S&M Sakamoto, Inc., Pearl City, Hawaii for the construction of the Ambulatory Care Clinic and outdoor recreation area. This Phase I project consists of a three-story steel frame building with a covered entry canopy, an outdoor recreation area, and related parking and infrastructure.

A \$12,283,985 contract was awarded to Bodell Construction Company, Salt Lake City, Utah for the renovation of the E-Wing. This Phase II project consists of interior renovation of the E-Wing's four-story concrete structure and basement. Upon completion, the VA Regional Office,

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administrative services, and the Pacific Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders and Medical Research will move into the E-Wing. The projected completion date for the E-Wing renovation is December 1998.

Many facets of the Spark M. Matsunaga Medical Center are underway. At present, the following components are in varying phases of design or construction:

- In Fiscal Year 1994, at Senator Inouye's request, \$16 million was appropriated for the design and construction of a 60-bed aging/long-term care facility, and for the demolition of existing Tripler structures on the parcel upon which the nursing home is being built.
- In Fiscal Year 1995, at Senator Inouye's request, \$33 million was appropriated for the Matsunaga Medical Center. Of this amount, \$14.9 million is for the design and construction of the Department of Defense-Veterans Administration joint use parking structure. This parking structure is a five level facility with 601 parking stalls. The project was recently completed.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE DELIVERS KEYNOTE REMARKS
AT SUSANNAH WESLEY CENTER DEDICATION**

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII-- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye arrives in Honolulu today, and will attend the dedication of the Susannah Wesley Community Center's new building at 5:30 p.m. at the Susannah Wesley Community Center, 1117 Kaili Street. As the Honorary Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign, Inouye will deliver the keynote remarks.

A new wing will be dedicated in memory of Senator Inouye's mother who arrived many, many years ago at the Susannah Wesley Home, an orphan child from the Island of Maui. Although her stay was brief, it was warm and loving, and it opened the door for a permanent home and secure journey into adulthood.

Senator Inouye stated, "Kame Imanaga Inouye was one of many for whom Susannah Wesley helped make life a bit easier, offering hope for a better tomorrow. Now it is time to give back, and help Susannah Wesley build for the future to continue its age old tradition of giving and caring."

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES \$999,000 IN FEDERAL GRANTS TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE NATIVE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Wednesday, May 28, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that Ke Kula Kaiapauni 'O Anuenue, Ka'ala Farms, Inc., and the University of Hawaii at Hilo have been selected to receive federal grants for two years by the U.S. Department of Education under the Native Hawaiian Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program to improve the quality of Native Hawaiian immersion education by developing an integrated curriculum in the areas of science and math, economic literacy, aquaculture and related fields, to expand and improve pre-teacher and in-service teacher training to ensure that student teachers within the state, particularly those who are employed in schools with a high concentration of Native Hawaiian students, are prepared to better address their needs within the scope of culture, language and traditions, and to develop and implement teacher recruitment programs.

"These outstanding programs will provide Native Hawaiian language immersion teachers with the proper pre-teacher and in-service training, and to incorporate and improve the curriculum to better address the needs of Native Hawaiian students. I believe this is imperative to the personal and cultural survival of the Native Hawaiian community," stated Senator Inouye.

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Ke Kula Kaiapauni 'O Anuenue is the flagship K-12 Hawaiian language immersion school in Palolo Valley located on the Island of Oahu. It has the largest staff with an enrollment of 215 students. Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'O Anuenue will receive a total of \$191,290 for the next two years.

Ka'ala Farms, Inc. has developed and implemented many successful Native Hawaiian educational programs for over 20 years. This community-based organization will receive a total of \$500,00 for the next two years.

In addition, a total of \$307,810 will be awarded to the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children, Na Pua No'eau for the next two years.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE TO SPEAK AT THE
41ST ANNUAL FEDERAL WEEK
AWARDS LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Honolulu, Hawaii -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye will be the keynote speaker at the 41st Annual Federal Week Awards Luncheon at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel's Hawaii Ballroom today.

This is the premier event for Hawaii's federal agencies as the top achievers of each organization are recognized. The formal program begins at 12:30 p.m.

Senator Inouye states, "Hawaii is extremely fortunate to have in its midst a most productive, cooperative, and friendly federal family. All too often, when we speak about the importance of the federal segment of our society, we speak in terms of the economy. ... But, there are other statistics, other facts that tell a far greater story."

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S
DECISION TO STAND BY ITS SELECTION OF
PEARL HARBOR AS HOME PORT FOR USS MISSOURI

Tuesday, June 10, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- "I am pleased to report that Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton has informed me that he has sent a letter to Representative Norm Dicks of Washington, setting forth his decision to stand by the Navy's selection of Pearl Harbor as the appropriate final berthing place of the historic battleship, USS MISSOURI."

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• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES TELEMEDICINE LINK TO HILO

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development Hawaii State Office in Hilo has approved both direct and guaranteed loans totaling \$10.75 million for a telemedicine, medical residency training, and cancer treatment center for the Hilo Residency Training Program.

In implementing the Clinton-Gore Administration's commitment to rural communities, USDA's Rural Development administers a number of programs designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. USDA's Community Facilities program helps rural communities keep pace with rapidly expanding technology and the surging population growth.

Senator Inouye stated, "These direct and guaranteed loans will go a long way to improve the quality of life for residents of the Big Island. The investment we make today for the future of rural Hawaii provides, via telemedicine and telehealth connection, better access to quality health care services. I am very hopeful that through the University of Hawaii School of Medicine, the Tripler Army Medical Center's telemedicine capability and expertise will be brought to bear to improve the level of services."

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Telemedicine uses state-of-the-art technology over a high-speed optic cable to facilitate the maximum use of remote diagnosis and distance learning for medicine. In October, 1996, this technology was demonstrated to and supported by Senator Inouye. "The center will help train medical, nursing and social work students, as well as medical residents in health education, research and services," said Dr. John Westerman, CEO, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

"We are very pleased to approve this \$1.25 million loan at a low interest of 5 percent and provide a 80 percent guarantee to a \$9.5 million loan made by Central Pacific Bank under our community facilities program for the purposes of establishing a telemedicine and medical training center," said Francis J. Blanco, Hawaii Rural Development State Director. "This is a very important example of what a successful public-private partnership can do to benefit our communities."

Loan funds will be used to construct a two-story building with 18,000 square feet floor space, with a parking lot, on a 23,000 square feet lot, in Hilo, Hawaii. The building will house: a) the Hilo Family Practice Clinic, which provides training for physicians, and medical/nursing students; b) a cancer treatment and research center; c) a state-of-the-art telemedicine training network, linked to a \$500,000 telemedicine facility in West Oahu, other centers throughout the State of Hawaii, and also the world, by both fiber optic cables and satellites. These loans will bring improved health and medical education services to rural communities in Hawaii.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE WINS SENATE APPROVAL OF \$20 MILLION FOR EAST-WEST CENTER FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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DANIEL K. AKAKA

News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 19, 1997

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HAWAII CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION UNIFIED ON ISSUES

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The four members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, Senators Daniel K. Akaka and Daniel K. Inouye and Representatives Neil Abercrombie and Patsy T. Mink, well-known for their solidarity, met on June 18 and agreed to common positions on issues important to Hawaii.

The positions taken by the Hawaii Congressional delegation are:

Korean Visa Waiver Legislation - Legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate to allow Koreans traveling in tour groups to enter the United States for periods of 15 days or less without a visa. A hearing was held on the House legislation on June 17, 1997, and a hearing on the Senate legislation is scheduled in the Senate Judiciary Committee's Immigration Subcommittee on Thursday, June 26, 1997, at 2 p.m. in SD 226.

The Hawaii Congressional delegation strongly supports this legislation because it would increase business and visitor travel to Hawaii. This legislation is modeled after the highly successful Japanese visa waiver program.

Nuclear Waste Storage in the RMI - The Hawaii Congressional delegation is united in its opposition to proposals to establish a nuclear waste storage facility in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). Earlier this month the RMI government initiated a study on the feasibility of establishing a nuclear waste storage facility on one of its islands.

The Hawaii delegation's opposition to the RMI proposal is consistent with its opposition to a nuclear waste repository on Palmyra, French nuclear testing in French Polynesia, and the transshipment of nuclear waste in the Pacific. The delegation will continue to fight the RMI proposal because of the environmental risks associated with nuclear waste.

Aviation Taxes - The Hawaii Congressional delegation agreed to oppose legislation to restructure aviation taxes in a way that discriminates against Hawaii.

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Tax legislation approved by the House Ways and Means Committee would increase the departure tax from \$6 per passenger to \$15.50 and initiate a new \$2 per passenger tax for each domestic travel segment. The new \$2 tax would increase to \$3 in the year 2002. Although the current 10 percent ticket tax would decrease to 7.5 percent, the net effect of these changes would increase interisland travel costs by an estimated \$24 million annually.

Filipino World War II Veteran Benefits - The Hawaii Congressional delegation agreed to support efforts to extend veteran benefits to Filipinos who served in World War II. On July 26, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt issued an executive order which placed the Philippine Commonwealth Army under the command of General Douglas MacArthur. Following the war, Filipino veterans were granted limited benefits of half the value of benefits granted to other veterans. Of the 142,000 Filipinos who fought during World War II, 70,000 are alive today.

The delegation cautioned, however, that the cost of extending benefits to Filipinos who served during World War II will complicate the enactment of benefits legislation.

East-West Center Funding - The delegation is pleased that the State Department authorization bill, which recently passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, continues funding for the East-West Center at \$10 million for each of the next two years. They will continue to fight to maintain funding for this vital institution.

In a joint statement, the members of the Hawaii Congressional delegation declared, "Teamwork is the key to our success as a delegation. By asserting a common position on these issues, we are expressing our solidarity and increasing the likelihood that Hawaii's interests will prevail. Our island state's small size and great distance from Washington make it imperative that our delegation work closely together. We believe we have succeeded in doing so, and we are determined to continue our policy of joint consultation and common action."

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



ROBERT C. BYRD HONORS SCHOLARSHIP

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka, along with Representatives Patsy T. Mink and Neil Abercrombie, today announced the selection of 28 Hawaii recipients of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. A State Selection Committee participated with the Hawaii State Department of Education in choosing the recipients. Under the federally-funded national scholarship program, each winner will receive a \$1,121 financial award for the first year of college study. The scholarship is renewable for the next three years. The program is designed to promote student excellence and achievement by recognizing exceptionally able high school seniors who show promise of continued excellence.

The scholars from the First Congressional District are:

-- Ms. Ronna Bolante of Sacred Hearts Academy, daughter of Remedios and Ambrose Bolante of Honolulu.

-- Mr. Christopher Cha of Mid-Pacific Institute, son of Peggy Cha of Honolulu.

-- Ms. Megan Fong of Hawaii Baptist Academy, daughter of William and Judith Fong of Honolulu.

-- Mr. Stephen Goo of Punahou School, son of Milton and Frances Goo of Waipahu.

-- Ms. Melanie Hong of Iolani School, daughter of Leslie and Kimberley Hong of Honolulu.

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-- Mr. Daryl Lim of Moanalua High School, son of Eddie Lim and Tin Mu Aung of Honolulu.

-- Mr. Joseph Lui of Punahou School, son of Sam and Joanna Lui of Honolulu.

-- Ms. Malia McInnes of Iolani School, daughter of James and Amelle McInnes of Honolulu.

-- Ms. Anna Moore of Iolani School, daughter of Brian Moore and Margaret Steele of Honolulu.

-- Ms. Ann Oyama of Iolani School, daughter of Glenn and Galla Oyama of Honolulu.

-- Mr. Brad Pyles of Punahou School, son of John and Lucinda Pyles of Honolulu.

-- Mr. David Shapiro of Punahou School, son of Samuel and Patricia Shapiro of Honolulu.

-- Ms. Grace Yamamoto of Punahou School, daughter of Warren and Amy Yamamoto of Honolulu.

-- Ms. Marisa Yamane of Iolani School, daughter of Craig and Sandra Yamane of Aiea.

The scholars from the Second Congressional District are:

-- Mr. Alexander Burroughs of Kahuku High School, son of William and Lonia Burroughs of Laie.

-- Ms. Malia Coyaso of Aiea High School, daughter of Bette Uyeda of Kapolei.

-- Mr. Andre Haag of Baldwin High School, son of Kendall and Nancy Haag of Kihei.

-- Mr. Jarrett Jacinto of Kauai High School, son of Leonard and Charleen Jacinto of Lihue.

-- Ms. Bonnie Jacques of Kahuku High School, daughter of John and Kathryn Jacques of Punalu'u.

-- Mr. Nathan Kim of Baldwin High School, son of Sterling and Layne Kim of Pukalani.

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-- Ms. Katri Kokkonen of Kahuku High School, daughter of Jouko and Ruthanne Kokkonen of Laie.

-- Ms. Lauren Maeda of Iolani School, daughter of Allen and Ruth Maeda of Kailua.

-- Mr. Shane Okimoto of Waiakea High School, son of Brian and Corinne Takayama of Hilo.

-- Ms. Jamie Sato of Kailua High School, daughter of Melvin and Geraldine Sato of Kailua.

-- Mr. Bryant Smith of Kahuku High School, son of Phillip and Ruth Ann Smith of Laie.

-- Mr. Shane Suehisa of Baldwin High School, son of James and Naomi Suehisa of Kula.

-- Ms. Kacie Tokeshi of Baldwin High School, daughter of Brian and Faith Tokeshi of Wailuku.

-- Mr. Kelii Wunder of Maui High School, son of Arnold and Colleen Wunder of Pukalani.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES LIKELIKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
& THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO RECEIVE
\$291,469 GRANT TO IMPROVE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Thursday, June 26, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Education, under the Bilingual Education: Comprehensive School Grants Program, awarded a \$291,469 grant to Princess Miriam K. Likelike Elementary School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa to develop and implement a school-wide effort to reform, restructure, and upgrade the Likelike Elementary School Special Alternative Instruction Programs (SAIP) and operations in order to help limited English proficient (LEP) students improve their English proficiency.

"Project Ho'olokahi will provide assistance to over 900 LEP students in pre-kindergarten through the 5th grade and their family members, school personnel, and LEP parents from neighboring schools," stated Senator Inouye.

Project Ho'olokahi is designed to develop comprehensive school-based programs that will support all LEP children and to expand Likelike Elementary School's family-based education and support programs.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE ANNOUNCES \$5 MILLION FOR CENTER FOR
EXCELLENCE IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Committee on Armed Services recently authorized \$5,000,000 for the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, a partnership of the U.S. Pacific Command, Tripler Army Medical Center and the University of Hawaii. This initiative is included in the Fiscal Year 1998 Department of Defense (DOD) Authorization Bill.

The Center's mission is to provide education, training and research in civil-military operations, particularly operations that require international disaster management, humanitarian assistance and interagency coordination, and to make available high-quality disaster management and humanitarian assistance training to aid in disaster response.

Senator Inouye stated, "I am very pleased with the action taken by the Armed Services Committee to more than double the Center's budget and to expand its mission to include consequence management of terrorism and nuclear, biologic and chemical events. Training, education and research initiatives are critical in these areas. I look forward to continuing my work with the Center's three partners to aid the DOD in its readiness requirements and humanitarian missions, and to develop another world class area of expertise for the University of Hawaii."

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The Center will be authorized to accept defense and federal civilian agency funds, as well as funds from other sources. Also, the University of Hawaii is authorized to exercise managerial responsibilities, including the administration and allocation of funds. This measure will now go to the full Senate for consideration. It will then face a joint House-Senate conference and final Senate vote before its transmittal to the White House.

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INOUE ADDRESSSES NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION SUMMIT

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Honolulu, Hawaii -- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye returns to Hawaii this weekend, and will deliver the welcoming remarks on Sunday, June 29th at 8:30 a.m., the second day of the 1997 Native Hawaiian Education Summit to be held at the Kapiolani Community College, Ohia Cafeteria.

Additionally, Senator Inouye will join Governor Benjamin Cayetano at 2:00 p.m. for the signing of the Hawaiian language college bill. Inouye will make a few short comments about federal support, and his commitment for a federal partnership.

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INOUE ADDRESSES HILO TELEMEDICINE GROUND BREAKING
AND KEYNOTES ANNUAL KONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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MONDAY, JUNE 30, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Honolulu, Hawaii -- U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye will be on the Big Island to participate in two events on Tuesday, July 1st.

8:30 a.m. -- Key speaker at the Ground Breaking Ceremony, Hilo Medical Residency Training and Telemedicine Center, at 1190 Waiianuenue Avenue in Hilo (across from the Hilo Medical Center).

12:30 p.m. -- Keynote speaker at the Annual Kona Chamber of Commerce Annual Lunch at the Keauhou Beach Hotel. Senator will share a "Forecast for the Future."

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