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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



PRESS ADVISORY

INOUYE VISITS MAUI AND MOLOKAI
TO DELIVER REMARKS AT THE NATIVE
HAWAIIAN HEALTH SUMMITS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1998

Honolulu, Hawaii -- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye will travel to Maui and Molokai on Saturday, January 10th to deliver remarks at the Native Hawaiian Health Summits.

9:00 am Senator Inouye will deliver remarks at the Native Hawaiian Health Summit at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center in Kahului, Maui.

1:00 pm Senator Inouye will deliver remarks at the Native Hawaiian Health Summit at the Mitchell Paule Community Center in Kaunakakai, Molokai.

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PRESS ADVISORY

INOUYE ATTENDS THE KONA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY'S BLESSING FOR THE UCHIDA
FARM PROJECT ON THE BIG ISLAND

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1998

Honolulu, Hawaii -- On Monday, January 12th at 11:00 am, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye will travel to Kona to attend the Kona Historical Society's blessing ceremony for the Uchida farm project at the Uchida Coffee Farm in Captain Cook on the Big Island.

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PRESS ADVISORY

INOUYE VISITS LANAI TO DELIVER
REMARKS AT THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN
HEALTH SUMMIT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1998

Honolulu, Hawaii -- On Wednesday, January 14th,
U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye will travel to
Lanai to deliver remarks at the Native Hawaiian
Health Summit at Lanai Elementary School at
5:30 pm.

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



PRESS ADVISORY

INOUYE TO DELIVER REMARKS
AT THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH
SUMMIT ON OAHU

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1998

Honolulu, Hawaii -- On Saturday, January 17th, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye will deliver remarks at the Native Hawaiian Health Summit on Oahu.

9:00 am Senator Inouye will deliver remarks at the Native Hawaiian Health Summit at the Kamehameha Schools Upper Campus Auditorium.

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PRESS ADVISORY

INOUYE TO DELIVER REMARKS
AT THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN
HEALTH SUMMIT ON KAUAI

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1998

Honolulu, Hawaii -- On Saturday, January 17th, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye will deliver remarks at the Native Hawaiian Health Summit on Kauai.

1:30 pm Senator Inouye will deliver remarks at the Native Hawaiian Health Summit at Kilohana Carriage House in Lihue, Kauai.

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO RECEIVE \$45 MILLION OCEANOGRAPHIC SHIP

Friday, January 16, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of the Navy informed him that the University of Hawaii at Manoa was awarded a new oceanographic ship to replace the aging Moana Wave. In the Fiscal Year 1997 U.S. Department of Defense Appropriations bill, at Senator Inouye's request \$45 million was provided for the construction of this ship.

"I am most pleased to learn from the Department of the Navy that the \$45 million oceanographic research vessel will be placed in the custody of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. This research vessel was sought by many well-known universities and oceanographic research laboratories. This decision confirms my high regard for the talent and expertise of the faculty and students at the University of Hawaii. I hope that the University of Hawaii will seriously consider home porting this vessel on the Island of Hawaii. The Big Island offers many suitable sites such as Hilo or Kawaihae Harbors to enhance the facilities and marine science operations at Keahole in Kona," said Senator Inouye.

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES NOMINEES TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

Tuesday, January 27, 1998

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. AIR FORCE ACADEMY PRINCIPAL NOMINEE:

-- Melissa Parrish of Moanalua High School, daughter of Mark and Joanne Parrish.

Alternates:

-- Brooke Carter of Hilo High School, son of Stephen and Iris Carter.

-- Keegan Maple of Hawaii Preparatory Academy, son of John and Connie Maple.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY PRINCIPAL NOMINEE:

-- Jamie Hagio of Kohala High School, son of Hiram and Noreen Hagio.

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Alternate:

- Frank Hauben of St. Joseph High School, son of Michael and Thu-Mai Hauben.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY PRINCIPAL NOMINEE:

- Errol Kaaa of Kamehameha Secondary School, son of Errol Kaaa and Debra Poentis Hiramatsu.

Alternate:

- Tracy Thornett of Punahou School, daughter of William and Susan Thornett.

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES U.S.-JAPAN CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT

Friday, January 30, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Charles Hunnicutt, informed him that the United States has reached a new aviation agreement with Japan that would allow for expanded air service opportunities between our two countries.

"I am extremely pleased with the outcome of the negotiations. My congratulations to the American negotiators. This will have a most positive impact on Hawaii's economic situation," said Senator Inouye.

This agreement lifts all restrictions on the number of flights operated and points served between the U.S. and Japan by all carriers currently serving the U.S.-Japan market which are considered incumbent carriers. These carriers include United Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Japan Airlines, and Federal Express.

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In addition, the agreement will open doors for non-incumbent carriers. Delta, American and Continental Airlines are non-incumbent passenger airlines which will be able to offer an additional 90 weekly round-trip flights between the U.S. and Japan, nearly tripling their access to this market.

Non-incumbent all-cargo carriers, UPS and Polar Air Cargo will have the opportunity to transport cargo to destinations beyond Japan. Two new non-incumbent combination carriers will be able to enter the U.S.-Japan market, one immediately and another in two years.

Non-incumbent carriers are U.S. and Japan carriers that were not designated in the 1952 bilateral agreement to serve the U.S.-Japan market, but were allowed to serve certain markets when the agreement was amended in the mid-1980s.

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL GUARD AWARD

Monday, February 2, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye will receive the Adjutants General Association of the United States' highest honor, the George Washington Freedom Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to our nation's defense and the cause of freedom. Senator Inouye will receive the award today at the National Guard Memorial, One Massachusetts Avenue, in Washington at 4pm.

During his 39 years in Congress, Senator Inouye has worked tenaciously to preserve force structure and provide adequate training resources. He has also been a staunch advocate for improving the quality of life for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve. He was a key supporter of the new dental plan.

The Adjutants General Association of the United States (AGAUS) is comprised of the National Guard commanding generals in 54 states and territories. The AGAUS established the George Washington Freedom Award in 1983. Recipients must be advocates for a strong defense and possess the exceptional leadership qualities and devotion to duty demonstrated by our first president and citizen-soldier, George Washington.

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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES NEW AMERICAN SAMOAN INTERN

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce a new addition to his Senate staff. Mr. Toetasi Fue Tuiteleleapaga is the latest participant in a unique American Samoa Internship Program initiated by Senator Inouye in 1981. Since the program's inception, there have been fifteen interns who have served in Senator Inouye's Hawaii and Washington offices. Mr. Tuiteleleapaga is the sixteenth.

Mr. Tuiteleleapaga was selected by the leaders of the American Samoa Legislature. The intent of the internship is to give Samoan students an opportunity to continue their education in the public sector, using the knowledge they have gained from their Congressional experience in their service to the people of Samoa. Mr. Tuiteleleapaga will work on issues in the U.S. Congress of importance to American Samoans and Pacific Islanders.

Mr. Tuiteleleapaga earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Upon graduation, Mr. Tuiteleleapaga served as an intern with Congressman Faleomavaega, and served as a volunteer with the Office of the Attorney General of American Samoa. He is the son of High Chief Tuiteleleapaga Peseta Fue Ioane and Mrs. Rufo Suiiaunoa Tuiteleleapaga, of Leone.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS NAFTAZ PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Thursday, February 19, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye will receive the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones' (NAFTZ) 1997 NAFTAZ Person of the Year Award for his outstanding leadership in international trade and longstanding support for the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Program. Senator Inouye will receive the award on Tuesday, February 24, 1998, at the Association's Annual Congressional Reception on Capital Hill.

Senator Inouye is a strong supporter of the Foreign-Trade Zones Program. He has introduced and supported legislation throughout the years towards the enhancement and expansion of the Program. He continues to be an unwavering advocate of free trade and fair laws under which to conduct commerce. Recently, Senator Inouye has spoken out in defense of the Jones Act and in support of U.S. flag merchant vessel operators, who are critical to our country's commerce and defense position.

The National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones is an affiliation of public and private entities that advocates the advancement of the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Program. In the twenty-five years since its formation, the NAFTAZ membership has increased from 10 foreign-trade zone representatives to a total membership of more than 700 in 1997. Recipients of the NAFTAZ Person of the Year Award must be advocates for the promotion of international trade and directly or indirectly involved with the Foreign-Trade Zones Program.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES OVERRIDE OF PRESIDENT'S VETO OF ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER

Wednesday, February 25, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the Senate voted 78 to 20, to override President Clinton's veto of 38 projects contained in the Fiscal Year 1998 Military Construction bill. The bill included \$9.5 million approved by the Congress for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies at Fort DeRussy, Hawaii. On February 5, 1998, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 347 to 69, to override the President's veto.

"The Administration apparently vetoed funding for the Asia Pacific Center facility over the objections of our military commanders based on erroneous information. The Office of Management and Budget officials believed the project could not be executed during this year because the design had not been completed, but the Navy has assured the Congress that this is not correct. The Navy is prepared to proceed as soon as funding becomes available. With this action, the Navy will no longer have to spend \$1 million annually to lease commercial space for the Center, saving that money for the taxpayers," stated, Senator Inouye.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$999,945 GRANT FOR
NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Thursday, March 5, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that Alu Like, Inc. has been selected to receive federal grants for three years by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Native Hawaiian and Nonprofit Indian Organization Child Care Grants. The \$999,945 grant will be used to develop a child care subsidy certificate program. The child care assistance will be given in the form of certificates the eligible parents can use to pay the child care provider of their choice. Formulas for determining the assistance amount and family co-payment will involve family income and size, the child's age, and the type of provider chosen.

"This grant will enable Alu Like to increase the availability and improve the quality of child care services. I am pleased that this program will provide safe and reliable child care to 280 Native Hawaiian children on Oahu," stated Senator Inouye.

In addition, all license-exempt providers selected by recipient families will receive an initial on-site visit to review health and safety requirements.

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Training and technical support will be provided as appropriate in order to qualify the provider to receive payments, and to encourage additional training leading to licensing.

The target population is Native Hawaiian families who need child care assistance in order for the parents to find and keep employment. The primary outcome is that these parents will become employed and financially independent.

Established as a non-profit service agency, Alu Like's mission is to improve the personal, family, community, and cultural well-being of the people it serves, and to foster greater awareness and pride in the Hawaiian culture emphasizing identity and positive self-image among Native Hawaiians.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$25.7 MILLION CONTRACT FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HAWAII COMBINED CENTER RADAR
APPROACH CONTROL FACILITY**

Friday, March 13, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Federal Aviation Administration, Facilities and Technologies Services Branch has awarded a \$25,723,000 million contract to Kiewit/Parsons, Kapolei, Hawaii for the design and construction of a new facility that would relocate the Diamond Head Hawaii Combined Center Radar Approach Control (CERAP) to the Honolulu Air Traffic Control Tower/Terminal Radar Approach Control at the Honolulu International Airport.

"The relocation of this essential air traffic control facility out of Diamond Head crater has been a long-standing priority of the State of Hawaii. I am pleased that the Department of Transportation has awarded the contract for the construction of this new facility at the Honolulu International Airport. At a time of state and federal cutbacks, this is indeed welcome news. This will certainly revitalize our economy by providing needed employment for Hawaii's construction industry. I am also pleased that 95% of the labor force will be from our local labor pool," stated Senator Inouye.

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"The design and construction of the new facility will be completed in July 1999. It will take approximately one year to install and test the communications and radar equipment and an additional six months to train the controllers. The CERAP at Honolulu International Airport is scheduled to be operational in January 2001," continued Inouye.

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• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE'S AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FEDERAL GRANTS FOR FERRY CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate approved an amendment to promote the use of marine ferry and high-speed marine ferry services, and to allow state-run ferry programs to apply for federal grants for the construction of ferries, and or related ferry infrastructure. Under this amendment, the State of Hawaii would be able to apply for grants to help start new ferry operations. Inouye's amendment is included in S. 1173, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997 (ISTEA II), a bill to reauthorize our nation's surface transportation program.

"The marine ferry system of the United States provides an invaluable component to the transportation requirements of our nation. Because Hawaii is an island state, I believe the viability of passenger/vehicle ferry services should be fully pursued. Marine ferries are less costly as compared to highways, bridges, and tunnels. In coastal urban centers, marine ferry service can provide cost-effective, environmentally friendly transportation to areas suffering from congestion," stated Senator Inouye.

"The problem of severe traffic congestion is a critical issue. The State is exploring mobility alternatives for Honolulu's primary urban corridor from Ewa to Downtown Honolulu. I believe that high-speed marine ferry services can be a cost-effective alternative to help alleviate much of urban Oahu's traffic problems," continued Inouye.

The amendment awaits a joint House-Senate Conference and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$3,000,000 FOR PRIMARY CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM STUDY

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$3 million to undertake a two-year major comprehensive transportation investment analysis to develop and evaluate mobility alternatives for Honolulu's primary urban corridor from Ewa to East Hawaii. This initiative is included in the Fiscal Year 1998 Supplemental Appropriations bill.

"This study would focus on the development of alternatives to increase the mobility capacity in this primary corridor. The Ewa to East Honolulu urban corridor is a critical rush-hour traffic backlog. Over 600,000 people are expected to utilize this corridor on a daily basis within the next ten years. We need to determine cost-effective alternative modes to accommodate this demand. I look forward to working with the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu to accomplish this mandate," Senator Inouye stated.

The Fiscal Year 1998 Supplemental Appropriations bill 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



INOUYE ANNOUNCES 1998 SONY STUDENT PROJECT ABROAD REPRESENTATIVE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that Richard Fujiyama, a junior at Waiakea High School, will be the Hawaii representative for this summer's Sony Student Project Abroad (SSPA) 1998. SSPA is an educational and cultural program in America and Japan for 50 American high school students. The program's objective is to recognize and encourage talented students in the fields of mathematics and science, and to foster a deeper understanding of Japan among young Americans.

Inouye says, "Richard Fujiyama is an excellent choice to represent Hawaii. He has been very active at Waiakea High School and within his community."

Richard is interested in pursuing a career in the computer sciences. He is the son of Diane Fujiyama.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE WINS \$23.2 MILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the State of Hawaii will soon receive \$11.6 million, the first of two installments of federal financial aid resulting from an Amtrak provision that was included in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation will release the funds to the State of Hawaii for various transit initiatives. The first installment of \$11.6 million will be released within a month. The second installment will be released in Fiscal Year 1999, for a total of \$23.23 million.

"At a time of state and federal cutbacks, this is indeed welcome news. This will also help to revitalize our economy, and provide needed employment in Hawaii," stated Senator Inouye.

During deliberation of the bill last year, the Senate provided \$2.3 billion in capital spending for Amtrak, the federally subsidized passenger rail service. The House had no such provision. During the House-Senate Conference, however, the conferees agreed to a "new operating loss carryback" method to save Amtrak, and pay for its capital needs. Senators from states not served by Amtrak succeeded in including a provision that carved out 1 percent of these funds for each of their states.

Under the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Amtrak must provide 1 percent, or \$11,615,000, to each "non-Amtrak state." Section 977(e)(2) of the Act defines a "non-Amtrak state," with respect to payment, as any state which does not receive intercity passenger rail service from Amtrak. The other "non-Amtrak states" include Alaska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Oklahoma, and Maine.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$2.85 MILLION FOR CRIME FIGHTING IN HAWAII

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that Hawaii was awarded \$2,855,700 to help combat and prevent crime in Hawaii. With oversight by the State Attorney General's Office, these funds will be used in Hawaii to support a host of statewide and community projects including a narcotics task force, community policing, substance abuse treatment, criminal justice records improvement, and alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders.

"This award to Hawaii is the federal government's largest single annual funding award to help the State and our communities to combat crime and make our streets and neighborhoods safe for children and families. Hawaii's law enforcement team does an outstanding job. I hope these jobs will, through specific initiatives, help to supplement and support their important efforts," said Senator Inouye.

This is Hawaii's share of the federal government's Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program, which was supported by Senator Inouye in the Fiscal Year 1998 Appropriations Bill for the U.S. Justice Department.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES HAWAII FIRM TO HELP BUILD UH RESEARCH SHIP

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that a Hawaii maritime company, Pacific Marine & Supply, is part of a national consortium that was recently awarded a \$36 million contract to design and build the new SWATH oceanographic research vessel for the University of Hawaii (UH). The announcement was made by the U.S. Naval Sea Systems Command.

When built, the new ship will join the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory Systems fleet of five research vessels owned by the Navy and operated under contract to various universities in the United States. The new Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull (SWATH) oceanographic vessel will replace the retiring MOANA WAVE research vessel operated by the UH School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST). SOEST has a long 30-year history of ocean research in the central and circum-Pacific ocean.

"I am most pleased to learn that Pacific Marine is a part of the winning bidder to build the oceanographic research vessel that will be placed in the custody of the University of Hawaii. I have confidence that together with Lockheed Marine and Ingalls Shipbuilding, they will deliver a state of the art vessel to Hawaii. I hope that the University of Hawaii will seriously consider homeporting this vessel on

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the Island of Hawaii. The Big Island offers many suitable sites such as Hilo Harbor to enhance the facilities and marine science operations at UH Hilo and at Keahole in Kona," said Senator Inouye.

In addition to Pacific Marine, the winning consortium includes team leader Lockheed Marine of California, as well as Ingalls Shipbuilding of Mississippi. Phase I of the contract involves design work on the vessel, with a follow-up Phase II option to build the vessel. Pacific Marine is a pioneer in commercializing SWATH ship technology in the United States. In 1992, it teamed up with Lockheed Martin Corporation of California to research, develop and commercialize a fast SWATH hull form variant patented by Lockheed called SLICE.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS 1998 SALUTE TO CONGRESS AWARD

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye will receive The Propeller Club of the United States' 1998 Maritime Industry Salute to Congress Award for his outstanding leadership in supporting a strong American flag merchant marine, a United States shipbuilding capability and other allied industries. Senator Inouye will receive the award on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland.

Senator Inouye is a vocal advocate for the U.S. flag merchant marine. He acted as Democratic floor leader during debate and passage of the landmark Maritime Security Act of 1996. Senator Inouye has played a major role in legislation impacting the merchant marine and shipbuilding industries in his capacity as chairman and ranking member of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee's Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine and the Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Defense. Senator Inouye also has received the Admiral of the Ocean Sea Award, the other major maritime legislative award.

The Propeller Club of the United States, founded in 1927, is an international organization of more than 10,000 members dedicated to promoting an American merchant marine, including shipyards and other allied industries, adequate to meet the requirements of national security and economic welfare of the United States. The Propeller Club of the United States also supports worthy and economically justifiable improvements for the Great Lakes, river and inland waterways, and harbors, and promotes waterborne commerce and all segments of the marine industry. There are 57 Propeller Clubs in the United States and 27 overseas.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUE ANNOUNCES OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Senator Inouye is pleased to join the U.S. General Services Administration, Region 9, in encouraging recent or soon to be college seniors to participate in GSA's Outstanding Scholar Program.

The Outstanding Scholar Program is a special hiring authority for entry-level administrative positions. Career fields include such area as Health, Safety and Environmental, Tax and Legal Jobs, Writing and Public Information, Business, Finance and Management, Personnel, Computer and Administrative Jobs, Law Enforcement and Investigative Jobs, and Professional-Related Administrative Jobs.

Details on the Outstanding Scholar Program and GSA Vacancy Announcement may be viewed on the Internet at: www.gsa.gov/regions/r9/recruitment.htm or contact your Career Service Office on campus. The closing date is May 15, 1998.

"I hope the information and job announcement will encourage our college graduates to pursue a most promising career in public service", Inouye said.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE ANNOUNCES SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES NOMINATION OF
DONNA TANOUE AS NEW FDIC CHAIR**

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the Senate Banking Committee unanimously approved the nomination of Donna A. Tanoue to serve as the Chairperson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

"I am most confident that Ms. Tanoue will provide excellent leadership, based on her business and legal expertise to the FDIC. Her professional career is clearly deserving of her nomination. Ms. Tanoue is a fresh face with unquestionable integrity, matched by her managerial skills, and her working knowledge of our financial institutions and the laws and regulations that govern them. She will serve the people of this nation with integrity, diligence and distinction," stated Senator Inouye.

The FDIC is an independent agency which insures deposits in federally insured banks and thrift institutions, and resolves and liquidates failed banking institutions.

Ms. Tanoue is currently a partner with the law firm of Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, and over the last ten years, she has concentrated her law practice in the area of banking with an emphasis on bank regulatory matters. From 1983 to 1987, Ms. Tanoue was the Commissioner of Financial Institutions for the State of Hawaii. She was the chief regulator of State-chartered financial institutions during one of the most difficult periods in the history of the State's financial services industry.

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Ms. Tanoue graduated from Kalani High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Ms. Tanoue is the daughter of Dr. Roy and Marjorie Tanoue. She is married to Kirk W. Caldwell, a real estate attorney with the law firm of Ashford & Wriston, and they have one daughter, Maya Hisako Caldwell.

Ms. Tanoue must now await final confirmation by the United States Senate.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$2,695,229 IN UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION GRANTS FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
PROGRAMS**

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the University of Hawaii, 'Aha Punana Leo, and Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate have been selected to receive \$2,695,229 in federal grants by the United States Department of Education under the Native Hawaiian Higher Education Program. The Native Hawaiian Higher Education Program provides direct grants to Native Hawaiian educational organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Native Hawaiian programs or programs of instruction conducted in the Native Hawaiian language, to enable such organizations or entities to provide a program of baccalaureate and post baccalaureate fellowship assistance to Native Hawaiian students.

"Not only do these programs provide greater educational opportunities to Native Hawaiian students, but they also provide the encouragement, guidance and support needed to dream and achieve on even higher levels. I am confident that by investing in their future we are investing in our shared future and ensuring a brighter tomorrow for all of Hawaii," stated Senator Inouye.

The University of Hawaii's Native Hawaiian Leadership Project's goal is to help Hawaiian students overcome the barriers to higher education and to increase the number of college and university graduates of Hawaiian ancestry in a variety of disciplines, at as many levels as possible. The Native Hawaiian Leadership Project will receive \$630,305 for one year.

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'Aha Punana Leo will receive \$1,032,462 for one year for its Lamaku Program. The Lamaku Program provides higher education opportunities in the form of academic and financial need-based fellowships to qualified Native Hawaiian students. The Program also provides support in the form of counseling and guidance to both award recipients and potential award recipients.

In addition, a total of \$1,032,462 will be awarded to the Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate to continue its eight year administration of various programs and build on its established record of success and innovative program design.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE APPROVES
NOMINATION OF SUSAN OKI MOLLWAY AS U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

Thursday, April 30, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the nomination of Susan Oki Mollway to serve as the fourth United States District Court Judge in Hawaii.

"I am extremely pleased that we are finally one step closer to filling the judicial vacancy on Hawaii's U.S. District Court. Ms. Mollway is most qualified for the position of United States District Judge. She will serve the State of Hawaii and the federal judiciary with reason, balance and integrity. For the last 17 years, Ms. Mollway has had a successful litigation practice. Her impressive litigation experience includes a wide array of areas from federal labor law, to contract disputes, to lender liability, and appearances before every level of the state and federal courts, as well as a successful appearance before the United States Supreme Court in 1994," said Senator Inouye.

"The delay in filling this judicial vacancy has had a harmful impact on our court system. In the past 12 months, filings of civil cases in the Hawaii District Court have increased 13% and filings of criminal cases are up 8%. The Court also expects approximately 200 asbestos and breast implant cases on remand to the District. In addition, the construction of a new 670 bed federal detention facility in Hawaii will also increase the caseload as federal authorities will have the capacity to house additional prisoners," Inouye continued.

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Less than six months after Judge Helen Gillmor took her seat in October 1994, Hawaii District Judge Harold M. Fong passed away unexpectedly in April 1995. Hawaii's U.S. District Court was again back to three judges, though the Congress had determined in 1990 that a fourth judgeship was warranted due to caseload.

Since 1986, Ms. Mollway has been a partner at the law firm of Cades, Schutte, Fleming, & Wright. She specializes in civil litigation and has handled cases involving employment discrimination, contract disputes, class actions, real estate, lender liability, copyrights and trademarks, product liability, personal injury, insurance coverage, anti-trust issues, and labor law. Ms. Mollway has also taught appellate advocacy at the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law and participated as an arbitrator with Hawaii's court-annexed arbitration program.

Ms. Mollway attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she earned a bachelor's degree and a masters in English literature, and graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, Ms. Mollway is the daughter of Eichi and Nobuko Oki. Mr. Eichi Oki served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II. Ms. Mollway is married to Daniel J. Mollway, who is the Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission. They have one son.

Ms. Mollway must now await final confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES DONNA TANOUE CONFIRMED AS NEW CHAIR OF
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**

Thursday, April 30, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that Donna A. Tanoue, by unanimous consent, late this evening was confirmed by the United States Senate as the new Chairperson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

"I wish to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Tanoue in her new capacity as the Chair of the FDIC. I am most confident that Ms. Tanoue will provide excellent leadership, and business and legal expertise to the FDIC. She will serve the people of this nation with unquestionable integrity, diligence and distinction. This is indeed a very proud day for the State of Hawaii," stated Senator Inouye.

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Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES NAVY OFFICIALLY TRANSFERS "MIGHTY MO" TO USS MISSOURI MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Monday, May 4, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce today that Secretary of the Navy Dalton signed the donation contract, officially transferring the historic battleship, USS MISSOURI to the USS MISSOURI Memorial Association (MMA).

"Arrangements are now being made to tow the majestic battleship from Bremerton, Washington to Hawaii in mid-May," stated Senator Inouye.

"This is truly a momentous day in the history of Hawaii and our nation. The USS MISSOURI will most certainly be accorded the highest honors and utmost respect she deserves when she arrives at Pearl Harbor in June," continued Inouye.

As a part of her final voyage to Hawaii, the USS MISSOURI will be towed to a mooring on the Columbia River at Astoria, Oregon, where freshwater will eliminate marine saltwater organisms that might have accumulated on the ship's hull over the years. The "Mighty Mo" will then be repainted and refurbished by the MMA. The Memorial is scheduled to open to the public in January 1999.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES SENATE APPROVES SAMOAN COMPREHENSIVE
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER**

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the Senate has authorized the establishment of a comprehensive community resource center to be utilized by American Samoans and Pacific Islanders at Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) in Honolulu. The provision is included in the Workforce Investment Partnership Act.

"This center would replicate a traditional Polynesian structure, to the greatest extent possible, while providing an atmospheric place for American Samoans and Pacific Islanders to meet, share and practice their cultural traditions. In addition, this center would establish an outreach presence in such areas as health and human services, vocational, bilingual and job skills training, business assistance, and drug abuse, domestic violence, and parental education initiatives," stated Senator Inouye.

The center would also have a recreational component for sports and athletics to provide a safe location and constructive activities for a majority of the KPT residents who are under the age of 18. It would also support the existing child care center to aid working mothers. Lastly, the center would be open to community-based economic development initiatives, such as an open marketplace which may include a cultural marketplace where the arts and crafts of the Samoans and Pacific Islanders, fresh produce, and prepared food products for consumption are sold.

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"This will be a community-based and driven center, developed for and by the residents. Their input and guidance will be most important as the center is developed to ensure that it meets their needs," continued Senator Inouye.

The bill now faces a joint House-Senate Conference, and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$135.5 MILLION
ANNUALLY FOR STATE HIGHWAYS

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Honolulu, Hawaii -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that Hawaii will receive an average of \$135.5 million each year, an increase of 7% from previous years. These funds are included in the House-Senate Conference Report, which was approved by the Senate today, on the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1998 (ISTEA II), providing authorization for highway and transit programs for six years.

At Senator Inouye's request, ISTEA II contains a provision to provide \$18 million a year nationally to promote the use of marine ferry and high-speed marine ferry services, and to allow state-run ferry programs to apply for federal grants for the construction of ferries, and or related ferry infrastructure. Under this amendment, the State of Hawaii may apply for grants to help start new ferry operations.

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Senator Inouye was also instrumental in securing expanded use of \$23 million in Amtrak funds that were designated for the State of Hawaii. This provision allows Hawaii to use its funds for intrastate passenger ferryboat service, harbor improvements, highway construction, upgrading and maintaining of intercity primary and rural air service facilities, in addition to bus and transit service.

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The Committee also approved \$200,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a reconnaissance study to develop navigation improvements in Hilo and Kahului Harbor, Hawaii.

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Other Inouye projects approved by the Committee include:

WATER PROJECTS:

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| - Honolulu Harbor | \$1,580,000 |
| - Nawiliwili Harbor | \$962,000 |
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| - Kahului Harbor | \$910,000 |
| - Project Condition Surveys | \$416,000 |
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ROBERT C. BYRD HONORS SCHOLARSHIP

Friday, June 5, 1998

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 \$1,500 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.

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- Ms. Kristine N. Yamaki of Iolani School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven S. Yamaki of Pearl City.
- Mr. Nelson Z. Ye of Kalani High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ye of Honolulu.

The scholars from the Second Congressional District are:

- Ms. Emily H. C. Chang of Punahou School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laban Chang of Kailua.
- Ms. Janelle S. Ishida of Molokai High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seizen J. Bonk of Hoolehua.
- Ms. Jill K. Kanda of Waipahu High School, daughter of Ms. Carol K. Kanda of Waipahu.
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- Ms. Katie Norman of Lahainaluna High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Norman of Lahaina.

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- Ms. Julie S. Tamura of Waiakea High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Y. Tamura of Hilo.
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**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$255 MILLION
FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR HAWAII**

Thursday, June 11, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$255 million in projects for the military in Hawaii, including \$23.5 million for the Army to acquire the 8,214 acre Kahuku Training Area on the Island of Oahu. The land is presently owned by the Campbell Estate, which will dissolve in the year 2007.

"I am quite pleased that the Committee approved funding for this most important Army acquisition. The Kahuku Training Area is one of the few parcels of land remaining which is adequate to hold military training exercises. Losing the Kahuku Training Area would have had a significant impact on the training readiness of our troops and jeopardize their status in remaining in Hawaii," said Senator Inouye.

Other Inouye projects approved by the Committee include:

Department of the Army

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| -Whole Barracks Complex Renewal at Scholfield Barracks | \$47,500,000 |
| -Family Housing (64 units) at Scholfield Barrack | \$14,700,000 |

Department of the Navy

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| -Family Housing(150 units) at Pearl Harbor Public Works Center | \$29,125,000 |
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| -Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Air Station | \$27,410,000 |
| -Sewer Outfall Extension at Pearl Harbor Naval Public Works Center | \$22,877,000 |
| -Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Marine Corps Base Hawaii | \$19,000,000 |
| -Electrical Distribution System Upgrades at Pearl Harbor Naval Station | \$18,180,000 |
| -Engineering Management Building at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard | \$11,400,000 |
| -Central Receiving Facility at Pearl Harbor Fleet and Industrial Support Center | \$ 9,730,000 |
| -Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Modernization at Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Base | \$ 8,060,000 |
| -Steam Condensation Return System at Pearl Harbor Navy Public Works Center | \$ 6,090,000 |
| -Hazardous Material/Waste Consolidation Facility at Marine Corps Base Hawaii | \$ 4,570,000 |
| -Fire Station at Wahiawa Naval Comp. and Tel. Area Station | \$ 1,970,000 |

Department of the Air Force

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| -Repair Airfield Pavement at Hickam Air Force Base | \$ 5,890,000 |
| -Replace Base Civil Engineering Maintenance Facility | \$ 5,100,000 |

The Fiscal Year 1999 Military Construction Appropriations Bill 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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INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$1.2 MILLION FOR HAWAII ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$1.2 million for important Hawaii environmental initiatives, including \$500,000 for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to continue the Ala Wai Canal Watershed Improvement Project to restore the most polluted water body in the state, and enhance the cultural and environmental quality of surrounding urbanized neighborhoods with funds previously secured by Senator Inouye. Local residents formed an advisory committee, and agency experts formed a technical panel, all with the intent of providing the opportunity for the Ala Wai watershed community, in partnership with business and government, to shape the future of the Ala Wai Canal and nearby watershed communities.

"Volunteers formed project planning committees to prioritize water quality and community enhancement projects, and to prepare project proposals for approval by the Ala Wai Advisory Committee and funding by the Hawaii Department of Health. Some of the projects under consideration include the construction of taro lo'i, stream bank stabilization and revegetation, establishment of open space and Hawaiian ceremonial plant cultivation areas, restoration of wetlands, and the development of watershed stewardship curriculum for the public schools," said Senator Inouye.

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"The Ala Wai Canal serves as an important recreational and ecological resource on Oahu, but it does not meet Clean Water Act standards with potentially unsafe levels of fecal coliforms, pesticides, metals, and other water quality contaminants," continued Inouye.

The Committee also approved \$500,000 for the EPA's Office of Sustainable Ecosystems and Communities to assist the communities on the Islands of Molokai and Maui with ongoing water quality issues associated with the rehabilitation and management of Native Hawaiian fishpond aquaculture. Over the last several years, the residents of Molokai and Maui have dedicated considerable time and energy to devising strategies for the revitalization of Native Hawaiian fishponds. Through community efforts, guidelines have been developed in the areas of reconstruction and stock management of these fishponds.

"These fishponds are a living link to ancient Hawaiian history and culture, and provide wonderful opportunities for education and community growth, as well as economic development," stated Senator Inouye.

In addition, the Committee included \$200,000 for the University of Hawaii and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to develop agriculturally based environmental clean up technologies in Hawaii. These funds will complement \$4 million secured annually by Senator Inouye in the Defense Appropriations bill to harness and develop those natural processes that break down and mitigate hazardous materials.

These initiatives are included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Veterans Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill which 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



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$2.5 MILLION TO CONTINUE
DEVELOPMENT OF SPACE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT BISHOP MUSEUM
AND FOR THE MAUNA KEA ASTRONOMY EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

Thursday, June 11, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$2.5 million to continue developing a national prototype space education curriculum by the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) and the Bishop Museum, and to begin planning and design of the Mauna Kea Astronomy Educational Center at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, which will also serve as a demonstration site for this project. The Center will include a planetarium, real-time linkages to the observatories, and conferencing and instructional facilities.

"I commend the partnership between Bishop Museum and the University of Hawaii at Hilo on this worthwhile endeavor. The Mauna Kea Astronomy Educational Center will serve as a demonstration site for the Explorers Project, as well as a gateway to Mauna Kea, which is known internationally as the best site for optical, infrared and millimeter/submillimeter astronomy, and its observatories. In addition, the Center will provide an educational link between science, modern astronomy, space education, exploration, and Polynesian/Hawaiian culture and navigational history," said Senator Inouye.

In Fiscal Year 1997, Senator Inouye obtained \$2 million for the first phase of the Bishop Museum Planetarium initiative from NASA's Academic Programs account. Of that amount, \$1 million was provided to Bishop Museum to create two dynamic multi-media programs and associated educational materials around the theme of exploration. The "Journey by Starlight" program is an interactive simulation of navigating a Hawaiian canoe from Tahiti to Hawaii. The "Eyes on the Universe" program will focus on

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modern technology and human exploration of the universe from earth and space-based observatories. Using various distribution techniques including, an interactive and evolving World Wide Web Site, video resources, and an interactive CD-ROM, an estimated 800,000 students and 500,000 families across the nation will be able to experience these two programs. These premiere programs will be featured at the Bishop Museum's new planetarium that is scheduled to open in 1999.

Last year, Senator Inouye obtained an additional \$2 million to establish a Center for Space Education at Bishop Museum. The work of this second phase expands upon the first phase of the Explorers Project, and uses additional media and techniques to reach wider audiences. The Center will produce educational programs, exhibits, curricula and other materials which will supplement existing educational methods not easily utilized by people in the Pacific Basin due to satellite positioning or economic limitations.

This initiative is included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Veterans Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill which 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



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$2 MILLION FOR
SAMOAN COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER**

Thursday, June 11, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$2 million for the planning and design of a comprehensive community resource center to be utilized by American Samoans and Pacific Islanders at Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) in Honolulu.

"I am pleased that the Committee recognized the importance of this needed facility. This center would replicate a traditional Polynesian structure, to the greatest extent possible, and provide a place for American Samoans and Pacific Islanders to meet, share and practice their cultural traditions. In addition, this center would establish an outreach presence in such areas as health and human services, vocational, bilingual and job skills training, business assistance, and drug abuse, domestic violence, and parental education initiatives," stated Senator Inouye.

The center would also have a recreational component to provide a safe location and constructive activities for the KPT residents who are under the age of 18. It would also support the existing child care center to aid working mothers. Lastly, the center would be open to community-based economic development initiatives, such as an open marketplace where the arts and crafts of the Samoans and Pacific Islanders, fresh produce, and prepared food products for consumption are sold.

"This will be a community-based and driven center, developed for and by the residents. Their input and guidance will be most important as the center is developed to ensure that it meets their needs," continued Inouye.

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The Appropriations Committee also included a provision that would expand nationwide the streamlined Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) single family down payment program. Without this program, FHA borrowers would be required to make significant up front payments due to the high cost of housing in Hawaii. This effectively eliminates borrowers who can clearly make the monthly mortgage payment. Many individuals are paying rent in an amount that is equal to or above what their mortgage payments would be, but do not have the ability to accumulate the required down payment. The Congress established a pilot program that provided the streamlined down payment requirements to Alaska and Hawaii. Last year, the Congress directed HUD to study the proposal to streamline the FHA's down payment formula and to explain its impact on the continental United States. Further, the Committee approved an increase in the current FHA single family mortgage loan limits.

These initiatives are included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Veterans Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill which will now go to the full Senate for consideration. It will then face a joint House-Senate Conference, and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$4.5 MILLION FOR
PACIFIC BASIN AGRICULTURAL CENTER
ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII**

Friday, June 12, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$4.5 million for the planning, site selection and design of the U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center in Hilo, Hawaii. This Center will address the critical research needs of crop production in Hawaii and the Pacific, will help farmers prepare these products for local markets or for export, and will develop sanitation methods to meet export requirements.

"I am pleased the Committee recognized that the Pacific Basin is an extremely important region for tropical and subtropical agricultural production, processing and trade, which faces unique challenges that cannot be compared with temperate zone agriculture. Last year, the Subcommittee directed the Agricultural Research Service to assess the feasibility of expanding its mission in Hawaii by establishing a U.S. Basin Agricultural Research Center to serve the state and the entire U.S.-affiliated Pacific Basin. The Center will serve Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and the other U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands, and define this region's role in the U.S. agriculture industry" said Senator Inouye.

"The Island of Hawaii and its economy will certainly benefit from this initiative, allowing for new and exciting job opportunities on the Big Island. Additionally, the agriculture industry for the entire state will be supported by the highest levels of agricultural research available," continued Inouye.

This initiative is included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Agriculture Appropriations bill which 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



INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$8.9 MILLION FOR HAWAII AGRICULTURE INITIATIVES

Friday, June 12, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$8,996,800 for important Hawaii agriculture initiatives, including \$400,000 for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to develop an effective detection and control program to prevent the inadvertent introduction of brown tree snakes (BTS) into Hawaii and other parts of the United States. This funding will complement existing annual funding of more than \$2.5 million supported by Senator Inouye in the budgets of the Defense and Interior Departments.

"Native to Indonesia, the Solomon Islands, New Guinea and Australia, the BTS was accidentally introduced on the Island of Guam about 50 years ago, causing enormous economic, biological, and cultural damage including: the extinction of 9 of 11 native forest bird species; attacks on commercial poultry operations and on domesticated animals; electrical power outages approximately every four days; and serious medical problems from BTS bites particularly in infants. At least six live BTS have been captured in Hawaii. The introduction of the BTS to Hawaii will no doubt, wreak havoc on our state's fragile forest ecosystem. I am pleased that the Committee approved funding to support an aggressive BTS detection and control program," stated Senator Inouye.

The Committee also approved \$300,000 for APHIS to establish and operate a Wildlife Services (WS) State Office in Hawaii.

"Given the devastating impact on agriculture and the natural environment to the region by alien animal pests, I am pleased that the Committee supports increased on-site coordination of alien animal prevention and control activities in Hawaii and the U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands. Having a WS State Office for Hawaii and the Pacific region would provide direct involvement in the prevention of brown tree snake introduction, protection of

the region's unprecedented level of endangered species, as well as the protection of public health and safety of our island community," said Senator Inouye.

In addition, the Committee approved \$200,000 for a plant materials center to help Native Hawaiians develop native plant nurseries, and help with the revegetation effort on Kahoolawe. These initiatives are included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Inouye's initiatives also include:

Program Continuations:

- Tropical and Subtropical Research \$2,724,000

This program is the main research effort in developing and promoting tropical and subtropical agriculture, and is a partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and American universities in the tropics including: Hawaii, Guam, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

- Tropical Aquaculture Research \$1,603,000

With increasing emphasis on the health benefits of seafood, there are significant economic benefits that will accrue with the expansion of U.S. aquaculture. Hawaii offers a unique (and relatively isolated) year-round natural laboratory in which to develop and test nutrition and pest management strategies that will further the growth of the Hawaii and U.S. aquaculture industry. No other place in the country has the natural environment and the professional expertise needed to support the development of aquaculture in the tropical and subtropical United States. This work is conducted at the Oceanic Institute at Makapuu, with planned expansions of hatcheries and training facilities on Molokai and the Big Island.

- Sugarcane and Diversified Crop Research \$945,000

Though many of Hawaii's sugar plantations have ceased operations, there is a need to maintain the competitive position of the three remaining plantations and to assist in the transition of dislocated workers interested in diversified agricultural alternatives. In view of these challenges, the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC), formerly the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association, has appropriately redirected some of its resources to activities which support the diversification of Hawaii agriculture while maintaining its commitment to the remaining sugarcane production enterprises. At the direction of Senator Inouye, the Congress continues to annually assist in the operations of HARC's Aiea Experiment Station.

- Agricultural Development in the American Pacific \$564,000

This is annual funding obtained by Senator Inouye for sustainable agricultural development in the American Pacific region. This project is the primary means for the research, extension and instruction programs of the land-grant institutions within the American-affiliated Pacific to collaborate on agricultural and human resource development of island communities in the region while maintaining cultural, social, economic, and environmental integrity.

- Pineapple Research \$296,000

This is the fifth year of funding to help the Hawaii pineapple industry develop pest resistant pineapple varieties. The nematode resistance in pineapple project has a unique blend of industry participation and a rigorous review process established by the University of Hawaii, HARC, and the USDA. Considerable progress has been made on establishing tissue culture processes that have minimal variability and on identifying nematode resistant genes. This type of cutting edge work provides excellent opportunities to greatly reduce pesticide use in production agriculture.

- Papaya Research \$296,000

This is fifth year funding to develop and implement a program to combat the papaya ringspot virus plaguing the papaya industry on the Big Island. Again, the University of Hawaii, HARC, and the USDA, working with Hawaii papaya growers, have developed two genetically resistant papaya varieties. Seeds for these new varieties are now being distributed to farmers.

- Minor Crop Pest Control \$281,000

Senator Inouye seeks this support annually to develop and implement cost effective and environmentally safe methods to control insects, weeds and other pests prominent in small scale farms in Hawaii. Without these low cost, environmentally safe disease and insect control strategies, Hawaii's agriculture will not be competitive in global markets.

- Floriculture Research \$250,000

This is funding that Senator Inouye has obtained for the last several years to help Hawaii's nursery farmers develop disease resistant and new varieties of flowers. University of Hawaii

researchers, working closely with Hawaii flower growers, have made significant progress on continued development of new flower varieties that enable global competitiveness. These new and beautiful varieties help to reduce cost by often being disease and insect resistant, thereby reducing production cost.

- Molokai Agricultural Development and Conservation \$250,000

For the past seven years, Senator Inouye has assisted Hawaiian Homestead farmers on Molokai, through the Molokai Agriculture Community Committee (MACC), to expand diversified agriculture and ranching opportunities through joint planning with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The MACC has encouraged community-based and directed agricultural projects with federal matching funds provided on a competitive basis. To date, more than 80 family farms have benefitted from this program. Recently, the program is progressing from individual projects to a community project for the establishment of a slaughter and processing plant.

- Non-toxic Fruit Fly Control \$242,600

This is annual funding obtained by Senator Inouye to develop effective nontoxic methods to control tephritid fruit flies. Tephritid fruit flies are one of the most damaging agricultural pests, infesting more than 200 varieties of fruit. Development of nontoxic fruit fly management tools having minimal impact on the natural environment is important to those areas of the country where these pests are not established. In Hawaii, where alien pests have become established, export of untreated fruits to mainland and overseas markets are restricted and, in many instances, these pests are so damaging that they preclude production even for local consumption. The Agricultural Research Service and the University of Hawaii have collaborated on the development and evaluation of currently acceptable or novel non-toxic fruit fly control strategies.

- Animal Damage Control \$240,000

This is annual funding obtained by Senator Inouye for the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center to assist with rodent control in sugarcane and macadamia nut crops. Rodents in sugarcane and macadamia orchards continue to impede production and constantly raise public health concerns.

- Subterranean Termite Research \$143,200

Senator Inouye's efforts have provided annual funding to University of Hawaii scientists to develop and implement

alternative methods to control and prevent termite damage to homes and other structures. Subterranean termites cause the greatest economic damage to homes and other structures in Hawaii compared to any other pest. With increasing environmental concerns, especially ozone depletion due to fumigation control methods, as well as concerns for public health and safety, there is a continuing need to develop safe methods to control this devastating pest. This project has developed effective termite barriers used in construction, as well as promising naturally occurring control methods.

- Agricultural Diversification and Specialty Crops \$131,000

Diversification of agriculture through commercialization of specialty crops has gained added importance in Hawaii agriculture's global competitive strategy. The downsizing of sugarcane has resulted in an unprecedented release of resources that makes diversification possible. This continuing project focuses on high value niche markets for relatively unknown agricultural products, and production and marketing systems, including medicinal/pharmaceutical crops, a naturally occurring low-caloric sweetener, plant products that go into making Hawaiian flower leis and other adornments, and the high pressure processing of Hawaii's tropical fruits.

- Multi-Cropping Strategies for Aquaculture \$127,000

Continued annual support for aquaculture research and development targeted to the Island of Molokai. This project addresses development of aquacultural enterprises consistent with sustainable stewardship of land and water and the retention of community and cultural values. The Molokai community has identified the specific task of restoring historic fishponds. The community is seeking maximum efficiency in producing both marketable and subsistence products that can reduce the demand on natural stocks.

The Fiscal Year 1999 Agriculture Appropriations bill 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



INOUYE ANNOUNCES ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL CLEARS SENATE HURDLE

Thursday, June 18, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate approved funding requests for Hawaii energy and water projects, including \$1 million to begin planning and design for the marine mammal research and education center to be located at the Natural Energy Laboratory in Keahole on the Island of Hawaii.

"I am quite pleased that my colleagues in the Senate approved funding for this important project for the Island of Hawaii. The Center will utilize and integrate various energy technologies developed at the Natural Energy Laboratory, resulting in applications of energy, biological, and marine mammal research. It will also be an excellent opportunity for the children of Hawaii to have hands-on experience in science and technology," said Senator Inouye.

In addition, \$200,000 was provided for the Bureau of Reclamation to work with the appropriate federal, state and local government agencies in Hawaii to develop a plan to increase the delivery efficiency of water and irrigation systems once operated and maintained by sugarcane plantations.

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The Senate also approved \$200,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a reconnaissance study to develop navigation improvements in Hilo and Kahului Harbor, Hawaii.

Further, the Senate approved \$1 million to begin planning and design for the Plant Biotechnology Center in light of Hawaii's biodiversity and the wealth that this genetic diversity offers for unique applications of biotechnologies ranging from enhanced food supplies, reduced reliance on pesticides and herbicides, and cost effective environmental remediation tools.

Other Inouye projects approved by the Senate include:

WATER PROJECTS:

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| - Honolulu Harbor | \$1,580,000 |
| - Nawiliwili Harbor | \$962,000 |
| - Barbers Point Harbor | \$916,000 |
| - Kahului Harbor | \$910,000 |
| - Project Condition Surveys | \$416,000 |
| - Maalaea Harbor | \$400,000 |
| - Wailupe Stream Flood Control Study | \$358,000 |
| - Port Allen Harbor | \$292,000 |
| - Iao Stream Flood Control | \$270,000 |
| - Inspection of Completed Works | \$262,000 |
| - Barbers Point Harbor Modification | \$136,000 |
| - Honolulu Harbor Modifications | \$125,000 |
| - Ala Wai Canal | \$100,000 |
| - Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor | \$100,000 |

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The Fiscal Year 1999 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill will now face a joint House-Senate Conference and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.

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• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$1.177 MILLION GRANT FOR THE
STATEWIDE AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM**

Monday, June 22, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded a \$1,177,508 million grant to the John A. Burns School of Medicine and Ke Ola O Hawaii, a community based multi-professional training program, to continue its Statewide Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program.

"I am pleased that this much needed program will continue to improve the supply, distribution, quality, and efficiency of personnel who provide health services to areas in the State of Hawaii with serious unmet health care needs. The AHEC Program is central to fostering quality health professional education during our State's difficult economic times," said Senator Inouye.

The AHEC Program is guided by three goals. The first is to develop academic and community partnerships as the foundation of organizational capacity and infrastructure in the AHEC system. The second is to implement community based health professions education in primary care for Hawaii's underserved populations. The final goal is to improve primary care to Hawaii's underserved populations by expanding health services, improving recruitment and retention of providers, continuing education, and community health education.

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In three years, the AHEC Program has trained 355 health profession students, from four professional schools, through rotations in 15 primary care settings. Hawaii's two AHECs include: AHEC I, which serves the Islands of Hawaii, Maui, Lanai, and Molokai and AHEC II, which serves the Islands of Kauai and Oahu.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE ANNOUNCES SENATE CONFIRMATION OF
SUSAN OKI MOLLWAY AS HAWAII'S NEW U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

Monday, June 22, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye is pleased to announce that Susan Oki Mollway was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a United States District Court Judge.

"This is indeed welcome news for the State of Hawaii. I wish to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Oki Mollway in her new and challenging endeavor. She is most qualified for the position of United States District Court Judge. Her leadership and legal expertise will be of great benefit in her new capacity as a federal court judge. She will, no doubt, represent the people of Hawaii and our nation with much integrity. I am pleased to have played a role in her appointment," said Senator Inouye.

Less than six months after Judge Helen Gillmore took her seat in October 1994, Hawaii District Judge Harold M. Fong passed away unexpectedly in April 1995. Hawaii's U.S. District Court was again back to three judges, though the Congress had determined in 1990 that a fourth judgeship was warranted due to caseload.

Since 1986, Ms. Mollway has been a partner at the law firm of Cades, Schutte, Fleming, & Wright. She specializes in civil litigation and has handled cases involving employment discrimination, contract disputes, class actions, real estate, lender liability, copyrights and trademarks, product liability, personal injury, insurance coverage, anti-trust issues, and labor law. Ms. Mollway also taught appellate advocacy at the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law and participated as an arbitrator with Hawaii's court-annexed arbitration program.

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Ms. Mollway attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she earned a bachelor's degree and a masters in English literature, and graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, Ms. Mollway is the daughter of Eichi and Nobuko Oki. Mr. Eichi Oki served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II. Ms. Mollway is married to Daniel J. Mollway, who is the Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission. They have one son.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$25 MILLION FOR EAST-WEST CENTER

Tuesday, June 23, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary approved \$25 million for the East-West Center for Fiscal Year 1999.

"I am very pleased that the Subcommittee recognized the urgent need to continue support of the East-West Center by concurring with my request for increased funding over last year's appropriation. This will enable the Center to maintain its core infrastructure and overhead, and still serve the United States' long term interests by promoting understanding and relationships between and among the peoples of the United States, Asia and the Pacific Rim. Events such as the Tiananmen Square incident in Beijing in 1989, the North Korean nuclear weapons showdown in 1993-1994, and the current Asian financial crisis, have forced the United States to focus more resources and attention on this region of the world. At this time, the East-West Center is providing its expertise and assistance in analyzing and recommending changes to help address the economic problems in Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia," said Senator Inouye.

"For the past 38 years, the East-West Center has played a pivotal role in this most important region of the world. Over 53,000 Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders from over 60 nations and territories have participated in

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the East-West Center's education, research and conference programs. Presidents, prime ministers, ambassadors, and distinguished scholars and statesmen from all parts of the region have used the Center as a forum to advance international cooperation. The Center has become one of the most highly respected institutions in the region, and has developed a vast network of influential government officials, educators, journalists, and business people," continued Inouye.

The East-West Center was established by the Congress in 1960 to improve mutual understanding and cooperation among the governments and peoples of the Asia-Pacific region and the United States. The Center is a vehicle for the United States to engage in constructive involvement in Asia and the Pacific through education, dialogue, research, and outreach.

The Congress and governmental agencies, such as the U.S. Department of State and the Agency for International Development, turn to the Center for advice and information. The Center was one of the early institutions involved in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) process. With the closing of the Agency for International Development in the region, the East-West Center is a vitally important and cost effective means to remain engaged in this dynamic region of the world.

Upon approval by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the measure will be considered by the full Senate. It will then face a joint House-Senate Conference and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$14.780 MILLION FOR HAWAII OCEAN RESOURCES
AND MARINE RESEARCH INITIATIVES**

Tuesday, June 23, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary approved \$14.780 million for important Hawaii ocean resources and marine research initiatives. These initiatives are included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations bill.

Inouye requests approved by the Subcommittee include:

- Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory (HURL) \$3,000,000

The HURL is the nation's only program dedicated to underwater research using advanced technology. The six regional National Undersea Research Program Centers focus their efforts on ocean research to build sustainable fisheries, maintain ecosystem health, utilize non-living resources, and apply advanced underwater technologies. The HURL's unique accomplishments include work related to the observation platform for the Loihi seamount, an active hotspot volcano southeast of the Island of Hawaii. Loihi is the only readily accessible submarine volcano in the world.

- Pelagic Fisheries Research Program (PFRP) and Management \$2,900,000

This funding for PFRP will continue Pacific tuna research and management. This program is more important today in light of the increased fishing activity the Pacific Insular Area Fishery Agreements (PIAFA), authorized by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, are expected to generate. The PFRP was established in 1992 in conjunction with the inclusion of highly migratory species in the Magnuson Act, and is authorized by the Central, Western, South Pacific Fisheries Act. PFRP's mandate is to

conduct research on fisheries for highly migratory species in support of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's (WESPAC) efforts to manage these important resources. It is the only U.S. program whose sole responsibility is research on highly migratory species. The PFRP initiated its first project in 1993 and has since initiated 35 projects dealing with all aspects of fisheries for highly migratory species. Demand for seafood products is on the increase and some experts predict that the catch of highly migratory species will double in the next 10 years. The PFRP has also gained global recognition for both quality and breadth of its studies. Of the amount recommended, \$400,000 will be used for swordfish research in the Pacific.

- Tsunami Hazard Mitigation \$2,300,000
(Shared with west coast states)

Administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, this program is important to the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii Oregon and Washington to coordinate, develop and implement the tsunami mitigation plan: federal/state activities, deploy tsunami detection buoys, produce tsunami inundation maps, produce tsunami mitigation products and upgrade seismic networks.

- Marine Minerals Technology Center \$1,800,000
(Shared with Alaska and Mississippi)

The Marine Minerals Research Center (MMRC), a joint venture project between the University of Hawaii, the University of Mississippi and the University of Alaska will continue its valuable work. Of the \$1.8 million, the University of Hawaii will receive \$600,000 to examine deep ocean mineral resources, provide training in all facets of marine resources development, and link academia with industry for underwater technology development and environmental protection and remediation. The MMRC is the only government sponsored university research program in the United States that addresses sustainable development of seabed minerals.

- Coral Reef Research and Management \$1,230,000

These funds will be used to preserve the health and stability of the coral reef ecosystems through scientific study, research and management. Coral reefs in Hawaii are without a doubt the most extensive in the United States, and those in the leeward chain are the least impacted by human activities. The reefs in the main Hawaiian Islands provide an excellent natural laboratory for the study of coral reef ecosystems. Many outstanding scientists

have come to the University of Hawaii to study reefs and reef organisms. \$230,000 of these funds will be used by the WESPAC for the development of a fisheries management plan, including coral reef essential fish habitat information and geographic information system; review and improvement of data collection systems for coral reef resources and ecosystem conservation and management; and coral reef fishery plan team expenses.

- Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery \$1,000,000

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will continue measures to increase the endangered monk seal population. The Hawaiian monk seal is a highly endangered marine animal found entirely around the Hawaiian Islands. The population, which consists of about 1,500 animals, has declined by at least 60% since the late 1950s. Human disturbances and shark predation have been major factors affecting Hawaiian monk seal populations. Other human threats including direct interactions with commercial fishing operations, depletion of monk seal prey by commercial fishing, entanglement in fishing nets and other debris, pollution from human activities and abandoned equipment, and entrapment in deteriorating bulkheads. Other natural factors impeding population growth include die-offs due to disease or natural biotoxins, attacks on female and juvenile seals by aggressive adult male seals. The NMFS is responsible for the study and management required for the biological recovery of this species.

- Hawaii Sustainable Fisheries Development (HFD) \$750,000

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Upon approval by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the measure will be considered by the full Senate. It will then face a joint House-Senate Conference and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES SENATE PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT
TO CREATE FORD ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Tuesday, June 23, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate adopted an amendment calling upon the Secretary of Defense to submit, no later than December 1, 1998, a plan for the development of Ford Island as an innovative public-private partnership, as well as proposed legislation to carry out these initiatives.

The plan would incorporate a development strategy using both appropriated federal funds and one or more public/private partnerships with a potential of between \$550 - \$650 million for military housing and active duty requirements, as well as a home for the USS MISSOURI, a Navy museum and promenade. The submission date of December 1, 1998 to the President and the House and Senate Defense Committees will allow Senator Inouye to pursue the legislation in early 1999. This amendment is included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

"I am very pleased that my colleagues in the Senate recognized the importance of developing new and innovative ways of building communities and attractions of value to our military families and residents alike. The development of Ford Island is an exciting opportunity for the Navy, in partnership with Hawaii's businesses. We will certainly benefit from this initiative, allowing for new and exciting job opportunities, as well as a long-term future for the Navy at Pearl Harbor. This amendment is an important first step," stated Senator Inouye.

Upon approval by the full Senate, the amendment will face a joint House-Senate Conference and final House and Senate vote before its transmittal to the White House.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUE ANNOUNCES \$750,000 FOR THE
NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURE & ARTS PROGRAM**

Thursday, June 25, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$750,000 for the Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program (NHCAP) within the National Park Service's National Recreation and Preservation Program. This initiative is included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

"I am very pleased that the Committee recognized the importance I place on this needed program to preserve Native Hawaiian heritage. The Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program was created to provide a greater sense of cultural awareness and ethnic pride essential to the survival of the Native Hawaiian people," said Senator Inouye.

The NHCAP's present efforts are devoted to establishing cultural learning centers on each of the islands of Hawaii at sites of cultural and historic significance to Native Hawaiians. The centers' educational programs focus on Native Hawaiian traditions, arts and language, and serve to fulfill the NHCAP's mission to disseminate the cultural research that has been completed by the program. The centers will be required to develop public and private sector partners and a business plan to attain financial self-sufficiency. Currently three sites have been identified: the Hawaii Maritime Center on the Island of Oahu, and the Greenwell Botanical Center and Waipio Valley, both on the Island of Hawaii.

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In addition to the cultural learning centers, the NHCAP continues to focus on the historical and cultural significance of Polynesian voyaging traditions. Long before western cultures mastered the seas, the ancient Polynesians deftly navigated the enormous expanse of the Pacific Ocean. This aspect of the program includes plans for future educational voyages tracking historical routes by ancient Pacific mariners, and the installation of the *Hawaiiloa*, the voyaging canoe built under cooperative agreement with the Park Service, at Bishop Museum as the centerpiece of an interactive educational program.

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

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$2.6 MILLION FOR BROWN TREE SNAKE
CONTROL AND \$4.6 MILLION FOR
KAAPAHU LAND ACQUISITION FOR HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK**

Thursday, June 25, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$2.6 million in the Interior Department's Budget to continue and expand use of existing techniques to control brown tree snakes and prevent their introduction to Hawaii, while at the same time conducting additional research to develop and implement new and better control methods. This funding is a \$1 million increase over last year's allocation, and is in addition to another \$1 million that Senator Inouye obtains each year in the Defense Department's budget for brown tree snake control.

"I wish to thank the Committee for its continued support for brown tree snake control. High densities of snakes occur in many urban areas on Guam where cargo is loaded for transport by air and sea to other Pacific islands. The brown tree snake has caused the extinction of 9 of 11 native bird species on Guam. It has also caused power outages, damaged agricultural interests by preying on poultry, killed many pets, and injured numerous children with its venomous bite. Dispersal has been documented by snakes discovered in Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and even in the continental United States. Current techniques offer no known method for ridding Guam of its well-established snake population. Hawaii is home to more than one-third of the United States' endangered birds and plants, for this reason, it is imperative to continue to control and eradicate this ecological threat," stated Senator Inouye.

In recognition of the major threat brown tree snakes pose to our ecology, economy and population, the Congress authorized a cooperative program to control brown tree snakes. Representatives from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, and the Interior, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Territory of Guam, and the State of Hawaii formed the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee to develop an integrated pest management approach to address the problem. The Control Committee approved the Brown Tree Snake Control Plan that outlines an integrated, 5-year program designed to continue and enhance efforts to deal with this dangerous pest.

In addition, Senator Inouye secured \$4.6 million for the National Park Service to acquire 1484 acres of land on the southeast part of the Island of Maui for addition to Haleakala National Park. The property, known as Kaapahu, is contiguous to the park and stretches from the 4000 foot elevation to sea level.

"The Kaapahu parcel is a wonderful addition to Haleakala National Park. The combined archaeological, historic, biologic and aquatic resources on this property are unrivaled in the State. For example, Alele stream on the property boasts a complete native fresh water community, including all five varieties of the native fish *Oopu*, the endemic shrimp *Opae kuahiwi*, and two native freshwater snails *Hihiwai* and *Hapawai*. The coastal portion of the property has excellent examples of heiau, terraced taro loi, Native Hawaiian house sites, and portions of the historic "King's Highway" trail. I am extremely pleased that these amazing resources will be protected by the National Park Service for locals and visitors alike to enjoy for generations to come," said Senator Inouye.

In addition, \$2.5 million was provided for the acquisition of Palmyra Atoll. The atoll lies approximately 960 miles south of Honolulu and provides nesting habitat for hundreds of thousands of seabirds as well as threatened green sea turtles. Palmyra Atoll is at the top of the Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) land acquisition priority list. The total acquisition cost is expected to be in the range of \$15-\$20 million. However, the FWS and The Nature Conservancy are working to establish a public-private partnership to contribute toward the total purchase price.

The Committee also approved \$250,000 to improve the water system at Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge to support the protection of endangered Hawaiian waterbirds on the Island of Kauai. Further, \$500,000 was provided to the FWS for endangered species recovery efforts in cooperation with private landowners in Hawaii.

These provisions are included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, which will now go to the full Senate for consideration. It will then face a joint House-Senate Conference and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.

Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$1.7 MILLION FOR HAWAII PROJECTS
AND \$32.9 MILLION FOR AMERICAN SAMOA**

Thursday, June 25, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that the Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$1.735 million for important Hawaii initiatives, including \$500,000 to continue the work of the Hawaii Forests and Communities Initiatives (HFCI) to address forestry opportunities in the wake of sugar plantation closures, as well as native hardwood forest restoration as contemplated under the Hawaii Tropical Forest Recovery Act.

"I wish to thank the Committee for its continued support of the Hawaii Forests and Communities Initiatives. The HFCI has become the catalyst for bringing federal, state, private and community interests together to build a sustainable forestry industry in Hawaii. In addition, HFCI's major marketing effort for Hawaii's forest products has added value and jobs to our local economy," stated Senator Inouye.

The Committee also approved \$500,000 to establish a cooperative program between the Hawaii Volcanoes Observatory on the Big Island and the University of Hawaii at Hilo. The program will investigate volcanic processes with the objective of developing new technologies to improve the ability to forecast potentially damaging and life-threatening volcanic eruptions in the United States.

"I am pleased that the Committee approved funding for this important partnership. The consortium will bring together the most knowledgeable professionals in the volcanology field and further our progress toward developing the

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technology necessary to protect the lives and property of our citizens living near potentially active volcanoes," stated Senator Inouye.

At the request of Senator Inouye and the Administration, the Committee approved a \$275,000 increase in the budget for park operations at the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The additional \$275,000 will allow for an additional resource management specialist to provide long-term solutions for unwelcome alien plant species and pay for utility and repair costs associated with maintaining the insect quarantine research facility.

Also at the request of Senator Inouye and the Administration, the Committee approved a \$240,000 increase in the budget for park operations at Puuhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park on the Big Island. Funding would provide an ongoing program of alien plant eradication and native plant reintroduction and will allow for the monitoring of resource conditions to deal effectively with threats that are impacting the resources. Funding will also allow for the implementation of an integrated pest management program, a cave management program, and will strengthen vegetative management throughout the park.

In addition, the Committee included \$120,000 to install a network of six seismometer stations and related telemetry equipment to monitor volcanic earthquakes on East Maui. Further, \$100,000 was approved to begin the planning and preliminary work for a monitoring well for Molokai's Kualapuu aquifer to assist the State Water Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands manage this precious water resource.

The Committee also approved \$32.964 million to continue funding American Samoa's government operations, infrastructure and capital improvement projects. \$22.824 million is for the operational needs of the American Samoa Government, and \$10.14 million is for badly needed construction of public works.

These provisions are included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, which will now go to the full Senate for consideration. It will face a joint House-Senate Conference and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$25 MILLION FOR EAST-WEST CENTER

Friday, June 26, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$25 million for the East-West Center. This initiative is included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations bill.

"I am very pleased that the Committee recognized the urgent need to continue support of the East-West Center by concurring with my request for increased funding over last year's appropriation. This will enable the Center to maintain its core infrastructure and overhead, and still serve the United States' long term interests by promoting understanding and relationships between and among the peoples of the United States, Asia and the Pacific Rim. Events such as the Tiananmen Square incident in Beijing in 1989, the North Korean nuclear weapons showdown in 1993-1994, and the current Asian financial crisis, have forced the United States to focus more resources and attention on this region of the world. At this time, the East-West Center is providing its expertise and assistance in analyzing and recommending changes to help address the economic problems in Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia," said Senator Inouye.

"For the past 38 years, the East-West Center has played a pivotal role in this most important region of the world. More than 53,000 Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders from more than 60 nations and territories have participated

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in the East-West Center's education, research and conference programs. Presidents, prime ministers, ambassadors, and distinguished scholars and statesmen from all parts of the region have used the Center as a forum to advance international cooperation. The Center has become one of the most highly respected institutions in the region, and has developed a vast network of influential government officials, educators, journalists, and business people," continued Inouye.

The East-West Center was established by the Congress in 1960 to improve mutual understanding and cooperation among the governments and peoples of the Asia-Pacific region and the United States. The Center is a vehicle for the United States to engage in constructive involvement in Asia and the Pacific through education, dialogue, research, and outreach.

The Congress and governmental agencies, such as the U.S. Department of State and the Agency for International Development, turn to the Center for advice and information. The Center was one of the early institutions involved in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) process. With the closing of the Agency for International Development in the region, the East-West Center is a vitally important and cost effective means to remain engaged in this dynamic region of the world.

The measure will now be considered by the full Senate. It will then face a joint House-Senate Conference and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.

• Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



**INOUYE ANNOUNCES \$14.780 MILLION FOR HAWAII OCEAN RESOURCES
AND MARINE RESEARCH INITIATIVES**

Friday, June 26, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved \$14.780 million for important Hawaii ocean resources and marine research initiatives. These initiatives are included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations bill.

Inouye requests approved by the Committee include:

- Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory (HURL) \$3,000,000

The HURL is the nation's only program dedicated to underwater research using advanced technology. The six regional National Undersea Research Program Centers focus their efforts on ocean research to build sustainable fisheries, maintain ecosystem health, utilize non-living resources, and apply advanced underwater technologies. The HURL's unique accomplishments include work related to the observation platform for the Loihi seamount, an active hotspot volcano southeast of the Island of Hawaii. Loihi is the only readily accessible submarine volcano in the world.

- Pelagic Fisheries Research Program (PFRP) and Management \$2,900,000

This funding for PFRP will continue Pacific tuna research and management. This program is more important today in light of the increased fishing activity the Pacific Insular Area Fishery Agreements (PIAFA), authorized by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, are expected to generate. The PFRP was established in 1992 in conjunction with the inclusion of highly migratory species in the Magnuson Act, and is authorized by the Central, Western, South Pacific Fisheries Act. PFRP's mandate is to conduct research on fisheries for highly migratory species in support of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management

Council's (WESPAC) efforts to manage these important resources. It is the only U.S. program whose sole responsibility is research on highly migratory species. The PFRP initiated its first project in 1993 and has since initiated 35 projects dealing with all aspects of fisheries for highly migratory species. Demand for seafood products is on the increase and some experts predict that the catch of highly migratory species will double in the next 10 years. The PFRP has also gained global recognition for both quality and breadth of its studies. Of the amount recommended, \$400,000 will be used for swordfish research in the Pacific.

- Tsunami Hazard Mitigation \$2,300,000
(Shared with west coast states)

Administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, this program is important to the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington to coordinate, develop and implement the tsunami mitigation plan: federal/state activities, deploy tsunami detection buoys, produce tsunami inundation maps, produce tsunami mitigation products and upgrade seismic networks.

- Marine Minerals Technology Center \$1,800,000
(Shared with Alaska and Mississippi)

The Marine Minerals Research Center (MMRC), a joint venture project between the University of Hawaii, the University of Mississippi and the University of Alaska will continue its valuable work. Of the \$1.8 million, the University of Hawaii will receive \$600,000 to examine deep ocean mineral resources, provide training in all facets of marine resources development, and link academia with industry for underwater technology development and environmental protection and remediation. The MMRC is the only government sponsored university research program in the United States that addresses sustainable development of seabed minerals.

- Coral Reef Research and Management \$1,230,000

These funds will be used to preserve the health and stability of the coral reef ecosystems through scientific study, research and management. Coral reefs in Hawaii are without a doubt the most extensive in the United States, and those in the leeward chain are the least impacted by human activities. The reefs in the main Hawaiian Islands provide an excellent natural laboratory for the study of coral reef ecosystems. Many outstanding scientists have come to the University of Hawaii to study reefs and reef organisms. \$230,000 of these funds will be used by the WESPAC

for the development of a fisheries management plan, including coral reef essential fish habitat information and geographic information system; review and improvement of data collection systems for coral reef resources and ecosystem conservation and management; and coral reef fishery plan team expenses.

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Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



INOUYE ANNOUNCES MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL PASSES THE SENATE

Friday, June 26, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that the Senate approved \$255 million in projects for the military in Hawaii, including \$23.5 million for the Army to acquire the 8,214 acre Kahuku Training Area on the Island of Oahu. The land is presently owned by the Campbell Estate, which will dissolve in the year 2007.

"I am quite pleased that the Senate approved funding for this most important Army acquisition. The Kahuku Training Area is one of the few parcels of land remaining which is adequate to hold military training exercises. Losing the Kahuku Training Area would have had a significant impact on the training readiness of our troops and jeopardize their status in remaining in Hawaii," said Senator Inouye.

Other Inouye projects approved by the Senate include:

Department of the Army

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| -Whole Barracks Complex Renewal at Scholfield Barracks | \$47,500,000 |
| -Family Housing (64 units) at Scholfield Barrack | \$14,700,000 |

Department of the Navy

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| -Family Housing(150 units) at Pearl Harbor Public Works Center | \$29,125,000 |
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| -Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Air Station | \$27,410,000 |
| -Sewer Outfall Extension at Pearl Harbor Naval Public Works Center | \$22,877,000 |
| -Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Marine Corps Base Hawaii | \$19,000,000 |
| -Electrical Distribution System Upgrades at Pearl Harbor Naval Station | \$18,180,000 |
| -Engineering Management Building at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard | \$11,400,000 |
| -Central Receiving Facility at Pearl Harbor Fleet and Industrial Support Center | \$ 9,730,000 |
| -Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Modernization at Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Base | \$ 8,060,000 |
| -Steam Condensation Return System at Pearl Harbor Navy Public Works Center | \$ 6,090,000 |
| -Hazardous Material/Waste Consolidation Facility at Marine Corps Base Hawaii | \$ 4,570,000 |
| -Fire Station at Wahiawa Naval Comp. and Tel. Area Station | \$ 1,970,000 |

Department of the Air Force

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| -Repair Airfield Pavement at Hickam Air Force Base | \$ 5,890,000 |
| -Replace Base Civil Engineering Maintenance Facility | \$ 5,100,000 |

The Fiscal Year 1999 Military Construction Appropriations Bill will now face a joint House-Senate Conference and final House and Senate votes before its transmittal to the White House.