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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



## **HAWAII WILL RECEIVE \$44 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDS FOR TRANSIT INITIATIVES, INOUYE AND AKAKA ANNOUNCE**

*Additional Stimulus Funds May Be Coming for Honolulu and Kahului Airports*

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**WASHINGTON --- Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye and Senator Daniel K. Akaka announced today that Hawaii will receive nearly \$44 million for transit projects under the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, commonly known as the economic stimulus bill.**

**They also announced that Honolulu International Airport and Kahului Airport on Maui are under consideration for stimulus funding for explosive detection systems. Both airports are required to provide updated information on their explosive detection systems to the Transportation Security Administration. TSA will then evaluate the plans for readiness and cost assessments before determining if approval should be granted.**

**“Our transportation infrastructure is vital to the well-being of our state,” said Chairman Inouye and Senator Akaka. “The stimulus funds will ensure continued federal support for important transit operations in Hawaii, and also give a boost to our state economy during these tough economic times when the working men and women of Hawaii are very concerned about their jobs and family budgets.”**

**Chairman Inouye and Senator Akaka added: “We are also confident that the state administration and airport officials will do their best to provide the required documents and justifications to move forward to meet TSA’s requirements. Securing stimulus funding for detecting explosive devices that**

**may be brought into the Honolulu and Kahului airports should be a priority. Improved explosive detection systems and enhanced checkpoint screening will make us safer from those intent on doing us harm.”**

**The \$43,837,375 in stimulus transit funds that Hawaii will receive are for transportation capital improvements, rural transportation assistance, and ferry services.**