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**INOUYE, AKAKA ANNOUNCE HAWAII WILL RECEIVE
\$30 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDING
FOR WEATHERIZATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS**

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WASHINGTON—Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye and Senator Daniel K. Akaka announced today that the State will receive nearly \$30 million in weatherization funding and energy efficiency grants as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

75 percent of the funding -- \$25,930,000 --will go to the State Energy Program and \$4,041,461 will go toward weatherization funding.

“The federal funding will help local residents reduce their energy bills and make their homes more energy efficient,” said Chairman Inouye and Senator Akaka. “In addition this investment will support the creation of more jobs.”

The Weatherization Assistance Program will allow an average investment of up to \$6,500 per home in energy efficiency upgrades and will be available for families making up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level – or about \$50,720 for Hawaii.

The State Energy Program funding will be available for rebates to consumers for home energy audits or other energy saving improvements; development of renewable energy projects for clean electricity generation and alternative fuels; efficiency upgrades for state and local government buildings; and other state efforts to help save families money on their energy bills.