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HAWAII TO RECEIVE \$1 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDS FOR VA MEDICAL CENTER AND PUNCHBOWL

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WASHINGTON -- Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye and Senate Veterans' Affairs Chairman Daniel K. Akaka announced today that more than \$1 million in federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act have been designated for VA projects in Hawaii. The Spark M. Matsunaga VA Medical Center at Tripler Medical Center and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific ("Punchbowl") will receive the funds for repairs, facility upgrades and a green energy project.

"This funding will ensure that important initiatives – such as upgrading the Veterans Medical Center – can proceed immediately," said Chairmen Inouye and Akaka. "The funding is a reflection of our commitment to support our servicemembers past and present, just as they stood by this nation during times of war and peace."

The breakdown of the Department of Veterans' Affairs stimulus funding is as follows:

• Matsunaga VA Medical Center Construction Projects	\$800,000
• Matsunaga VA Medical Center Energy Project	\$50,000
• National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific	<u>\$192,574</u>
TOTAL	\$1,042,574

