

# Dan Inouye

U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



## HAWAII TO RECEIVE NOAA AND AIRPORT GRANTS TOTALING NEARLY \$3.9 MILLION, INOUE ANNOUNCES

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**WASHINGTON --- Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye announced today that Hawaii will receive three federal grants totaling nearly \$3.9 million from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT).**

**NOAA has awarded over \$2 million to implement the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) program in Hawaii. The CZM program is a voluntary federal-state partnership that works to protect, restore, and responsibly develop the nation's diverse coastal communities and resources. This funding will provide both technical and financial assistance to Hawaii in order to implement their coastal management programs.**

**“This funding will allow Hawaii to remain a leader in comprehensive coastal management” said Chairman Inouye. “It will continue to provide Hawaii with the tools needed to balance multiple land and water uses while protecting the state’s sensitive environmental resources.”**

**From providing scientific information to coastal decision-makers, to coastal and land conservation, to ensuring adequate public access to our waterways for recreation, Hawaii’s CZM program provides a common focus for the state to address both land and water use for a healthy environment and vibrant economy.**

**In addition, Kona International Airport has been awarded \$1.3 million from DOT to repair the pavement at its air cargo apron. The Kahului Airport will also receive \$533,475 to continue the installation of a new runway lighting system.**

**“The enhancements these transportation grants allow is crucial to ensure the safety of our airports for our residents, local businesses and visitors,” said Chairman Inouye.**