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HAWAII ALLOCATED \$1.2 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka and Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye today applauded the availability of \$1,235,985 to Hawaii for a State-run rebate program for consumer purchases of new ENERGY STAR qualified home appliances. The funds were appropriated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

“These rebates will help Hawaii residents buy new, more efficient appliances – saving families money up front, and reducing electric bills over time,” said Senators Akaka and Inouye. “The purchases will stimulate the economy and the energy savings will help the environment. We strongly encourage the State to apply for and distribute these valuable rebates.”

Hawaii will select which residential ENERGY STAR qualified appliances will be eligible. Potential categories include air conditioners, washing machines, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, and water heaters.

The State will need to file an initial application with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) by August 15, 2009, followed by a full application by October 15, 2009. If the State does not want to participate, its share of the funds will be reallocated

proportionately to the remaining States and Territories. DOE anticipates that rebates should be available to consumers starting in late 2009 or early 2010. Funds must be spent by February 2012.

For more information on these and other Recovery Act related funding opportunities, visit www.energy.gov/recovery.