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**SENATOR INOUE RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR LINDA LINGLE'S
ISSUANCE OF LAYOFF NOTICES**

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“Over the months that I have watched this dispute unfold and I had hoped that cooler heads would prevail and return to the bargaining table to negotiate a solution. Unfortunately that has not happened. Why should there be layoffs? The program proposed by labor unions saves money and assures that state services continue. Workers are usually laid off if they are no longer necessary. In a period of economic crisis of this nature, you need government employees to assist others,” said Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

“There are moments in our lives when political consequences could be considered. But this is a crisis that affects the lives and properties of our people. We should not make decisions to politically punish or politically enhance a group. This is a time when all of us should put our minds together, set aside differences, and work out a solution.”