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## **NEARLY \$4.5 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDS WILL FIGHT INVASIVE SPECIES IN HAWAII**

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**WASHINGTON – Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye and Senator Daniel K. Akaka announced today that the State of Hawaii will receive \$4,486,000 to fight invasive plant species across the islands. The United States Department of Agriculture is distributing the funding as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Specific projects on both state and private lands will be selected by the State government.**

**“Many of our irreplaceable native forests and flora are in danger of being lost forever because of invasive species that have come to Hawaii from other parts of the world,” said Chairman Inouye and Senator Akaka. “This funding will be a big help in our battle to save our unique Hawaiian plants that exist nowhere else, while creating job opportunities for workers across the islands. We will continue our efforts to get federal funding for this serious challenge.”**