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Aloha! The state of our local and national economy is on everyone's mind at the moment. At a recent meeting hosted by the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, attendees learned about federal stimulus efforts underway in District 1 and nationwide that may help to ease this current fiscal downturn.

Senator Daniel Inouye's Office reported that the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" focuses on providing both program benefits to ease the burden of working families and also employment opportunities to stimulate economic growth nationwide. For Hawaii specifically, these programs and projects include: educational pell grants; tax credits; formula program based funds for government and the private sector and agriculture disaster assistance. Additionally, this act expands competitive grant opportunities in areas such as highways, transit, ports, renewable energy and broadband technology. The City and County of Honolulu's share of stimulus funds is expected to include:

- \$19.2 million available for transportation infrastructure activities
- \$40.9 million available for county bus transit systems
- \$4,016,074 million for Homeless prevention fund
- \$1.5 million for the Waianae Small Boat Harbor
- Grants and services for the elderly, the impoverished, children and disadvantaged

The City & County of Honolulu has already worked to adopt a series of resolutions that will help to ensure the expeditious acceptance and delivering of these funds to agencies and programs already in place. In total, federal funds should supply a \$1.23 billion boost to our economy, our work force, as well as enhance the beauty and efficiency of our Hawaii.

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