

Senator Dan Inouye: A Working Legacy for Kapolei

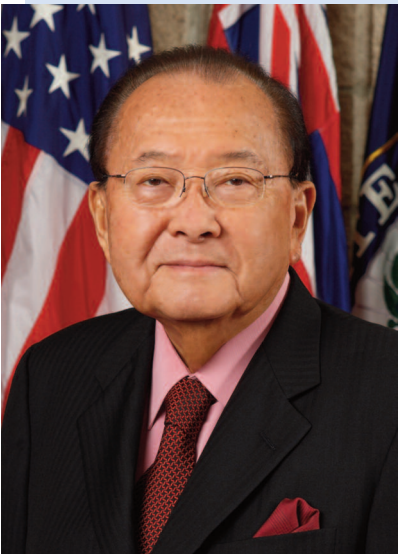
It is with great sadness and a deep sense of loss that we note the passing of Senator Daniel K. Inouye. The Senator was Hawai‘i’s champion in Washington, D.C., whose sure and steady hand has left a lasting imprint on the state and its future. That future includes the development of Kapolei, a new city that he believed would fulfill his dream of decentralizing business, government, healthcare, and post-secondary education beyond Honolulu. He spoke of that dream and its unfolding at a September 3, 2010 Kapolei Chamber of Commerce gathering. *Kapolei FYI* reported on his talk, which we re-run here in its entirety.

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James Campbell Company’s President and CEO Richard Dahl said “Senator Inouye believed in equality of opportunity for all of Hawai‘i’s people, and he worked tirelessly toward that end. In Kapolei, we could always count on his support in Washington, D.C., and he will be sorely missed. Aloha, Senator Inouye.”

His Last Gift: Honolulu Rail Transit Gets \$1.55 Billion in Federal Funding



Attendees at the Dec. 19 signing ceremony from left to right are: U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood; U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa; U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka; Federal Transit Administration Administrator Peter Rogoff; U.S. Rep. Mazie Hirono; Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle; Sen. Daniel Inouye’s widow, Irene; Honolulu City Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Honolulu City Council Chair Ernest Martin; and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) CEO Dan Grabauskas.

It was Senator Dan Inouye’s last gift to Kapolei and the City and County of Honolulu — the December 17 signing of the agreement in Washington, D.C., that secures the \$1.55 billion in federal funding for Honolulu’s rail transit system. The signing of the Full Funding Grant Agreement between the City and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the final step of the FTA’s New Starts federal funding process for the rail system, and makes \$200 million in more federal funding available in fiscal year 2012.

The ceremony was a bittersweet moment, with U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood noting, “... though sadly, Senator (Dan) Inouye cannot be here with us today, this agreement is a testament to his tireless advocacy on behalf of his state and his people.”

His congressional colleagues, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka, Senator Mazie Hirono and U.S. Representative Colleen Hanabusa paid tribute to him saying, “The full funding grant agreement for the Honolulu rail project is a living legacy for Dan Inouye. ... this is clearly his moment. ... This project honors Senator’s Inouye’s incredible legacy to our state.”

The full system is slated to be operational in 2019.



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Dan Inouye: Working for Kapolei

Not many people know that Kapolei bears the early imprint of a newly minted U.S. Representative, Dan Inouye. Growing up in plantation Hawai‘i, the young Inouye was deeply aware of what he calls an “unwritten policy” that concentrated power, money and services in downtown Honolulu.

In a speech given to the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce on September 3, 2010, the Senator recounted how, in 1959, shortly after being elected to the U.S.

House of Representatives, he decided it was time to change that by de-centralizing business, government, healthcare, and post-secondary education opportunities outside of Honolulu.

Vision of a new harbor was first step

He launched his personal crusade with a campaign to establish a harbor at Barbers Point by starting talks with the Campbell Estate. There was no doubt in Inouye’s mind that the harbor would open

up lines of commerce outside Honolulu to serve a growing O‘ahu. In 1985, the Barbers Point deep draft harbor opened, accelerating the growth of an industrial base at the nearby James Campbell Industrial Park. Today, it is the largest industrial park in Hawai‘i, and one of the major job centers in West O‘ahu, with more than 250 businesses employing about 4,000 people.

Since that time, Inouye has witnessed the unfolding of the City of Kapolei, the new city that is fulfilling his dream of a de-centralized O‘ahu. Business, government, healthcare, and education — all the sectors that were once concentrated in Honolulu — are now well established in Kapolei.

Still working for Kapolei

As the City of Kapolei has grown, so has the need for infrastructure, particularly roads and highways. The Senator has been a driving force in Washington, D.C., successfully securing federal



funding of more than \$240 million for Kapolei highway projects like the North South Road, Fort Weaver Road and the Kapolei Interchange Complex.

Inouye has also been a staunch proponent of the Honolulu Rail Transit system, which will not only help to alleviate traffic gridlock, but will connect the island and create jobs. Under his leadership, \$68 million in federal funds have been appropriated for rail transit, with another \$55 million pending in this year’s budget. All told, the entire federal share of \$1.55 billion for the project

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has the approval of the Obama administration. The project is pending the Governor's approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The Senator also announced that Kapolei will soon be the



headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). A new \$80-million FBI complex will be built on a 10-acre site at the entrance to Kalaeloa/Barbers Point harbor and will house about 400 employees.

"We cannot underestimate the crucial role Senator Inouye has played and continues to play in securing federal funding for Kapolei's development," said Richard Dahl, president and CEO of James Campbell Company. "We are extraordinarily fortunate to have him in Washington, D.C."



UH West O'ahu will play key role in Kapolei's future

In the Senator's mind, the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu is one major anchor that must be put in place to make Kapolei a complete city. With first phase funding in place and construction now underway, he is intrigued by the possibilities for this new

campus and what it will be known for. Will it be digital media and animation? Nursing and allied health care? Information sciences and cyber security?

"Whatever it is, dream big, with an eye to the future 20 years out," he said. "Please count on me as a part of your team."

Inouye is clearly pleased with Kapolei. He said, "Kapolei is a development of modern America. It is what a well-planned city should look like."

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When one door closes, another opens

When Hawaii Medical Center West closed its doors in December 2011, it left a gaping hole in West O'ahu's safety net of critical medical services, particularly its emergency department.

Fortunately for West O'ahu residents, the same doors are planned to reopen in early 2014, under new ownership and a new name. It will become The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu.

The Queen's Health Systems finalized an agreement in mid-December 2012 to acquire the former Hawaii Medical Center West campus from St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii. Queen's said the acquisition of the land and facilities and planned improvement will exceed \$70 million. The improvements will include expansion and modernization of emergency, surgical and imaging services.

"Transferring the ownership of the West O'ahu hospital assets to Queen's is an important milestone for St. Francis," said Jerry Correa, president and CEO of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.

"We recognize the critical need to reopen hospital and emergency services in West O'ahu. We believe Queen's solid track record of quality care and thorough understanding of Hawai'i's culture and the health needs

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President
The Queen's Medical Center



of the local community make it ideally suited to operate the West Hospital. We have a deep appreciation for their mission."

"The Queen's Medical Center is looking forward to working together with the West O'ahu community to open the campus as The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu to provide needed healthcare services," said Art Ushijima, president of The Queen's Medical Center. "We are committed to being good partners

and good neighbors to build a healthcare facility the people of West O'ahu will be proud to support and utilize. Founded in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, Queen's has served its mission of providing quality healthcare services for over 153 years. We look forward to serving the people of West O'ahu with the same standard of excellence that has been the foundation of our founders' values and vision."

James Campbell Company gives parklands to City and County of Honolulu

Nearly 12 acres of land valued at more than \$1.3 million have been gifted to the City and County of Honolulu as permanent parts of its park system. The City had been leasing the land from the Campbell Company.

Since 1986, the City had been leasing a 7.5-acre portion of its Kahuku District Park from the Company. Similarly, the City had been leasing the 4.3-acre Puuloa Neighborhood Park in Ewa

since 1961. The gift now gives the City clear control of the lands for the future.

In a separate transaction, the Campbell Company dedicated the 5.9-acre Kamokila Park to the City in exchange for park dedication credits benefitting the Kapolei West residential community project. The property, which is located just east of Honokai Hale, will remain in use as a park with the name Kamokila Park in perpetuity.